Are you going to reinforce or re-

profile a new section of river bank

using materials such as rip-rap and

log revetments restricted to the

bank toe (i.e. should be submerged

during normal flow conditions) and

biodegradable geo-textiles?

Apply online or by

Will you be removing sediment from

a) within 10 metres upstream of a

weir, or b) within 10 metres upstream

or downstream of a closed culvert?

Yes

This work can go

ahead without requiring

prior permission from SEPA

but must comply with the

requirements of the GBR 12 (for

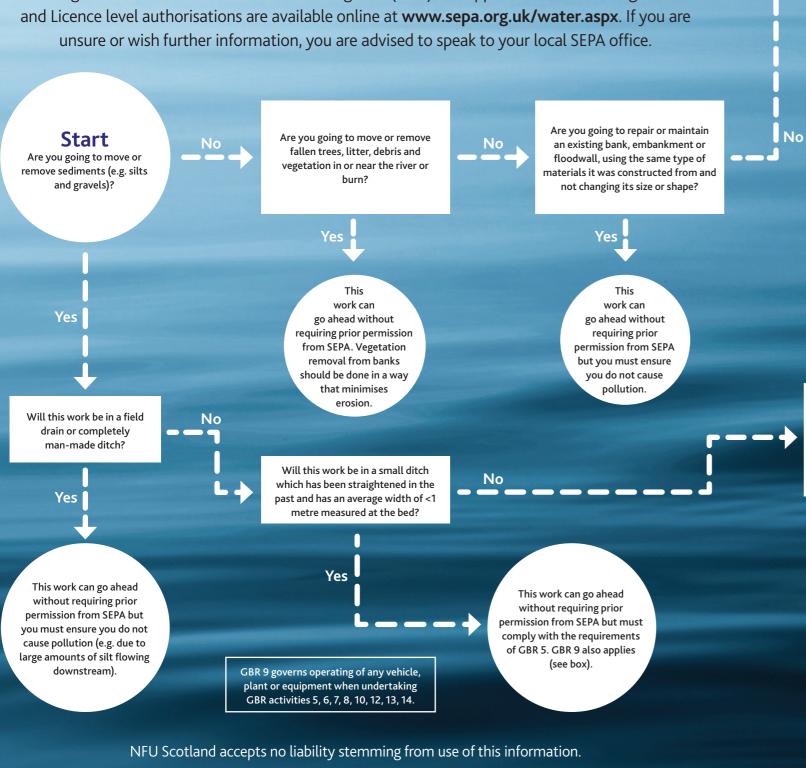
the weir) or 13 (for the closed

culvert). GBR 9 also applies

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Follow the flowchart to understand what level of authorisation, if any, you require. Further details, including the conditions of each General Binding Rule (GBR) and application forms for registration and Licence level authorisations are available online at www.sepa.org.uk/water.aspx. If you are unsure or wish further information, you are advised to speak to your local SEPA office.



Yes Boulder placements metres or less - this in a river or burn, occupying work can go ahead without less than 10 per cent of the channel requiring prior permission from width - this work can go ahead without SEPA but must comply with the requiring prior permission from SEPA but requirements of the GBR 8. GBR 9 also must comply with the requirements of the applies (see box). GBR 14. GBR 9 also applies (see box). More than 10 metres to 50 metres - SEPA Bed reinforcement 10 metres or less in Registration level authorisation required. length downstream of closed culverts - SEPA Apply online or by paper. Registration level authorisation required. More than 50 metres - SEPA Licence Apply online or by paper. level authorisation required.

No

Will you be removing sediment from a) within 10 metres either side of a bridge, or b) a canal or lade, or c) an open culvert no more than two metres wide, or d) individual and discrete areas of exposed sediment such as gravel bars within a length of river or burn not exceeding one kilometre, or e) a previously straightened burn or river up to five metres in width with a silty bed?

Are you going to

place or reinforce

structures (e.g.

boulders) in

watercourses?

All other in-stream structures - SEPA

Licence level authorisation required. Apply online or by paper

> All other dredging work in rivers, burns and lochs requires a SEPA Licence level authorisation. Apply online or by paper. It may be possible for groups of farmers to collectively apply for one licence (sharing the cost) to cover works in a longer length of

with your

local SEPA office to

establish what, if any,

level of authorisation is

required for the work

you propose to

carry out.

**SEPA Registration** level authorisation required. Apply online

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