

# Objectives and exemptions according to article 4 WFD

## Conclusions



# Presentations

- 2<sup>nd</sup> cycle Interpretation of exemptions (4.4., 4,5, and 4.7) for and possibilities to develop approaches for 3<sup>rd</sup> cycle
- Consequences of the Weser court ruling
  - For permitting
  - For setting objectives in RBMP:s

Experiences or thoughts of setting objectives and identify measures in protected areas according to art 4.1 c,

- Habitat directives
- Drinking water directive



# Discussion

- Justification of exemptions
  - Expedited deadlines
  - Less stringent objectives
- How to handle measures planned to be done after 2027?
- Usage of 4.4 natural conditions after 2027 – methodes
- Impact of Weser judgement
- Coordination with other directives



# Conclusions

- National guidelines needed
  - Justifications important
  - More use of article 4.5 less stringent objectives
  - Pragmatic handling of measures after 2027
- Adoption of legislation after Weser
  - Where should decisions be taken?
  - Reference level
  - Waterbody size
  - Is WFD a dead hand or are the burdens not correctly divided between sectors in legislation?

