

NPI Name: Bankside reprofiling

NPI Code: ABR

NPI Payment: Year 1: Actual costs

NPI Aim(s): To encourage bank stabilisation, protect water quality and reduce the risk of bank erosion. A reprofiled bank can create new habitats.

Scheme Applicability: Wider – EFS(W) Higher – EFS(H) Group – EFS(G)

This NPI is: Permanent Rotational

NPI Description and Outcome: 'Bankside reprofiling' is eligible where it will maintain and enhance the landscape and biodiversity value of EFS(H) sites and is included in the site specific Remedial Management Plan (ssRMP). This NPI will encourage bank stabilisation, protect water quality and reduce the risk of bank erosion. A reprofiled bank can create new aquatic and semi-aquatic habitats.

Length Permitted: **Minimum** 1 m **Maximum** Not Applicable*

*DAERA reserves the right to limit a Higher Level agreement value where it considers appropriate to ensure value for money.

Pre-approval documentation:

You must apply for and receive written pre-approval for all capital items which are paid on an actual cost basis (see EFS Terms and Conditions).

Requirements and Controls:

Code	Non-productive investment requirements (capital works)	Control type ¹		
		Admin	CwRS	OTSC
ABR1C	The claim form, invoices and receipts must be returned by the end of Year 1.	✓		
ABR2C	Invoices and receipts must meet the required Specification.	✓		
ABR3C	The claimed 'Bankside reprofiling' must be completed in the correct location in the field(s) where it has been approved.	✓		✓
ABR4C	The claimed 'Bankside reprofiling' must be completed to the Specification detailed below.	✓		✓
ABR5C	Field records must be kept detailing Integrated Pest Management (IPM) requirements, date(s) completed and location of the 'Bankside reprofiling'.	✓		

¹ The possible control types for each requirement may be:
'Admin' – administrative checks, 'CwRS' – Control with Remote Sensing, 'OTSC' – On-the-Spot Check

Specification:

- 'Bankside reprofiling' must be carried out between 1st September - 28th /29th February;
- Excess spoil must be spread thinly on top of the bank or in the field(s) next to the bank; and
- 'Bankside reprofiling' must be completed as detailed in the ssRMP.

Rivers Agency Consent:

Consent from Rivers Agency is required if the bankside reprofiling is to be carried out on a maintained watercourse. An application form for consent to carry out the work can be downloaded from the link below:

<https://www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/publications/schedule-6-application-consent-undertake-works-watercourse>

This permission and any accompanying conditions must be included in your application.

Loughs Agency permit:

Within the Foyle and Carlingford areas, any in stream or bank works on rivers which may impact on the river bed material from the freshwater portion of any river may require a permit

issued under Article 46 and 47 of the Foyle Fisheries Act (Northern Ireland) 1952. An application form and further information can be downloaded from the link below:
<http://www.loughs-agency.org/application-for-section-4647-permit/>

This permit and any accompanying conditions must be included in your application, where applicable. In addition any such works will require Loughs Agency supervision/inspection.

Further Advice:

Any in-channel features such as gravel beds, riffles and natural meanders should be maintained.

All health and safety guidelines should be adhered to when bankside reprofiling is being completed. For further information on Health and Safety guidelines, please check the attached link to the Health and Safety Executive NI:

<http://www.hseni.gov.uk/guidance/industries/agriculture-3-column.htm>