

# Water management and protection in Sweden *present status*

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## Reports commissioned by the Government

- **Report on Sweden's most important ecosystem services**  
(Swedish Environmental Protection Agency & Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management)
- **Reports on Green Infrastructure** (Swedish Environmental Protection Agency)
- **Inquire report: Making the value of ecosystem services visible** (Analysis of actions and methods to better value ecosystem services and to improve the knowledge base)

# All Party Committee on Environmental Objectives

- Advises the Government on how the generational goal and the environmental quality objectives can be achieved in a way that is cost-effective in economic terms.
- Strategies to achieve the generational goal and more than one of the environmental quality objectives
- The Committee will focus on issues affecting several policy areas or interests in society.
- Several investigation topics, examples:
  - How do we achieve a clearer and more effective governance in the water sector?
  - How do we work with the protection, management and restoration of water bodies?
  - How do we achieve a sustainable nutrient loading on water?



# Government investigation on water legislation

When implementing the Environmental Code in Sweden 1999, the former water act was not integrated with the same legislative principals.

**Consequence:** most of the permissions given according to the Water act are more less permanent based on their old premises.

**Based on:** the Swedish Environmental Quality Objectives, Water Framework Directive, Swedish Parliament petition.....

**Government** decided Directives for a Swedish Public Enquiry

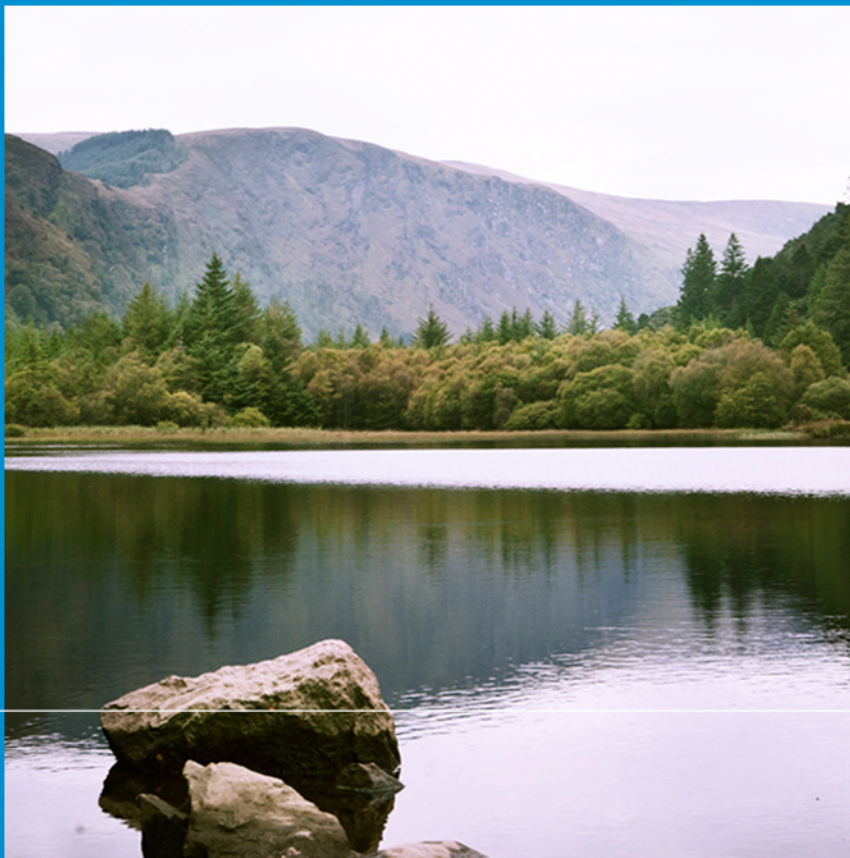
**Objective:** a modern Swedish legislation for water use

**Time limit:** 31 may 2014

**Investigator:** Judge Henrik Löv, Land and Environment Court of Appeal

Suggests that

- All dams and abstractions shall have a new permission – if the County Administrative Board decides it (Authority for Inspection and Control)
- Old permissions shall be terminated
- Permissions shall have a timelimit
- General regulations can be used for needed environmental improvements
- Environmental report shall be delivered by the water uses



# Thank you!

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