

Freshwater Studies

- *intersex in roach (Rutilus rutilus) in River Lea, North-east London;*
- *oestrogenic effects in fish in River Aire, Northern England;*
- *feminisation found in gudgeon (Gobio gobio), although to a lesser extent than in roach.*
- *17 beta-oestradiol, ethinyloestradiol, nonylphenol.*



Assessing Risks

How big an issue is this?

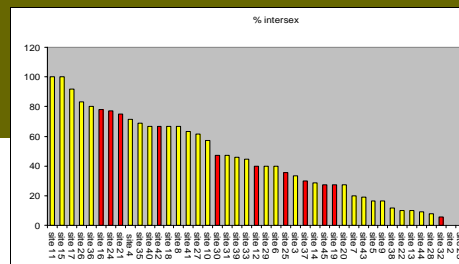
- Prioritise discharges:
 - steroid hazard (PNEC)
 - dilution of effluents (PEC)
 - used database of sewage works >10,000 pe
- identified STW sites:
 - 142 high risk
 - 191 medium risk
 - 132 low risk
- used to target fish survey in 2002/3



Risk Assessment - 2002/3 fish survey

Summary:

- 46 sites; 38 (80%) had feminised male fish
- 40% of males were intersex
- most sites had greater than 30% incidence
- Intersex, measurable effect in many English Rivers, similar to existing data



Top Predator Studies – Pike *Esox lucius*

