



# Water Resources Act 1991

## 1991 CHAPTER 57

### PART II

#### WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

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#### ABSTRACTION AND IMPOUNDING

##### *Modification of licences*

#### **53 Modification in pursuance of proposals under section 52.**

- (1) Subject to the following provisions of this section, where the [F1appropriate agency] has formulated any proposals under section 52 above with respect to any licence under this Chapter, it may—
  - (a) if the proposals are for the revocation of the licence, revoke the licence; and
  - (b) if the proposals are proposals for varying the licence, vary the licence in accordance with those proposals or, with the consent of the holder of the licence, in any other way.
- (2) The [F1appropriate agency] shall not proceed with any proposals formulated under section 52 above before the end of the period specified, in accordance with subsection (7) of that section, for the purposes in relation to those proposals of subsection (6) of that section.
- (3) If no notice under subsection (4) below is given to the [F1appropriate agency] before the end of the period mentioned in subsection (2) above, the [F1appropriate agency] may proceed with the proposals.
- (4) If the holder of the licence gives notice to the [F1appropriate agency] objecting to the proposals before the end of the period mentioned in subsection (2) above, the

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[<sup>F1</sup>appropriate agency] shall refer the proposals to the Secretary of State, with a copy of the notice of objection.

- (5) Where the [<sup>F1</sup>appropriate agency] proceeds with any proposals under subsection (3) above and the proposals are proposals for varying the licence, the provisions of sections 38(3), 39(1) and (2) and 40 above shall apply (with the necessary modifications) to any action of the [<sup>F1</sup>appropriate agency] in proceeding with the proposals as they apply to the action of the [<sup>F1</sup>appropriate agency] in dealing with an application for a licence.

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**Textual Amendments**

- F1** Words in ss. 53-57 substituted (1.4.2013) by [The Natural Resources Body for Wales \(Functions\) Order 2013 \(S.I. 2013/755\)](#), art. 1(2), **Sch. 2 para. 270(i)** (with Sch. 7)
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**Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

- C1** S. 53 applied (with modifications) (1.4.2006) by [Water Resources \(Abstraction and Impounding\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/641\)](#), regs. 1(2), **19(2)**

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