

Rights of the Bristol Avon and Bioregion

1. Right to exist, thrive, and evolve naturally

To maintain the river's entire life cycle absolutely without obstructions or extractions that detrimentally affect ecological function where reasonably practical

2. Right to flow sustainably

Through naturally functioning patterns that support the resilience of the river's ecosystem where reasonably practical

3. Right not to be polluted

To maintain good ecological health absolutely and be free from detrimental levels of known and emerging pollutants

4. Right to biodiversity integrity

To promote good biological health through the existence and flourishing of diverse species and unique habitats

5. Right to regeneration and restoration

To recover to full ecological function and be resilient to the ecological threats caused by human-derived climate instability

6. Right to cultural and community connection

To recognise the value and interconnectedness of all living entities, including human, with the river and the bioregion

7. Right to representation and advocacy

To have an active and influential voice to speak on behalf of the river and to uphold the river's rights