Historical (or grandparenting)

- Calculate total allowable load
- Decide the point in time that rights are to be allocated
- Benchmark individual discharges that were occurring at that point in time
- Grant the allocation right.
  - If the total historical discharges are greater than the total load, implement reductions by regulating each landowner or buy-back

Averaging per hectare

- Calculate total allowable load
- Decide what land is included in the average
- Divide up by the area of the catchment, to give an average discharge per hectare

Averaging per sector

- Calculate total allowable load
- Decide on the land use sectors
- Decide what proportion of the total load each sector is allocated
- Divide the sector allocation amongst the number of landholders or hectares in each sector

Averaging by natural capital

- Calculate total allowable load
- Decide which form of natural capital measure will be used
  - And how this relates to discharges of nitrogen or phosphorus
- Decide how much of the total load each 'natural capital class' is allocated
- Work out what 'natural capital classes' each land holder has
- Allocate each landholder based on their land