



Forth Ports Limited – Scotland Marine Environment and Sustainability Policy

As part of Forth Ports Limited the Marine Department is committed to fulfilling its' environmental duties as required by the Harbours Act 1964 and other relevant legislation. Ports are required by Government policy to adopt an appropriate balance between conservation of the environment and enabling sustainable economic growth.

Forth Ports Marine Department provide Navigation and Conservancy in the Firths of Forth and Tay and Pilotage and Towage services in the Firth of Forth. To fulfil its' commitment to continual environmental improvement Forth Ports Marine Department aim to set, implement and regularly review the following objectives:-

- Ensure that all of our activities at least match legal & other requirements and where possible exceed these requirements.
- Undertake and regulate marine movements in such a way as to safeguard water users, the marine and adjacent land environment and local communities.
- Regularly exercise contingency plans (whether pollution prevention or emergency plans) and where appropriate implement any lessons learnt from these exercises.
- Where required, undertake appropriate assessments under the Habitats Directive for new projects.
- Where appropriate, consult with relevant statutory authorities, regulators and stakeholders, where there are areas of common interest.
- Maintain membership of the Forth Estuary Forum and Tay Estuary Forum and take an active role in the management of these organisations and the initiatives they develop.
- Ensure that all waste is disposed of responsibly, or where practical recycled or re-used
- Communicate this Environmental Policy to all staff and provide guidance and appropriate training where necessary.
- Review this Policy at regular intervals.

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