



Wick Harbour Authority

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY STATEMENT

The objective and aim of Wick Harbour Authority's Environmental Policy is to maintain a balance between the commercial, recreational, and environmental interests within the port's statutory limits and areas of its jurisdiction, ensuring a sustainable and commercially viable port.

WHA is committed to the continuous improvement of its environmental performance by fulfilling duties relating to conservation, regulation and enhancement of Wick Harbour, whilst complying with all relevant UK and international legislation and regulatory standards. In implementing this policy, Wick Harbour Authority shall ensure the following:

1. Environmental Management

- Endorse the principles contained in the European Sea Ports Organisations Environmental Code of Practice and shall work towards best practice from ISO 14001 Environmental standard.
- Assess, control, and mitigate environmental risk for all port operations.
- Conduct regular environmental reviews and audits to identify areas for improvement.
- Ensure environmental sustainability is a key consideration within the port's procurement policy for the business.
- Record and report all significant environmental occurrences.
- Publish environmental performance within its annual report.

2. Resource Management

- Continue to monitor and where possible reduce resource consumption.
- Seek opportunity to apply innovative technology to reduce emissions and energy consumption.

3. Waste Management

- Continue to assess recycling, re-use and waste minimisation opportunities and remain compliant with the MCA Port Waste Management Plan requirements.

4. Pollution Prevention & Control

- Ensure that contingency plans and controls are in place and regularly reviewed and tested, and to endeavour to prevent spills of oils, chemicals or other potentially contaminating materials.
- Pursue good house-keeping policies to ensure tidiness around the port.
- It is WHA's policy for the "polluter" to pay the cost of clean-up and disposal following land and marine based incidents.

5. This policy will be reviewed annually or following any required changes.

Robert Silverwood – Chair, WHA
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