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**SHIPPING, PORTS, HARBOURS AND FERRIES**

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				Marine transport disruptions due to severe weather. Opportunities for greater low carbon transportation.		
	The three major ports are all successful and are expanding to capture diversification opportunities.  There are issues with a number of smaller harbours where there is a mismatch between value to the local community, cost of upkeep and revenue.	All local ports are highly interconnected with other sectors by their nature.	All the major ports operate to high environmental standards.	Reducing carbon emissions is included in each of the ports environmental policy.	All the ports have comprehensive management systems ranging from boards of directors and trustees, to control by Aberdeenshire Council.	Ian Hay EGCP
<a href="http://www.fraserburgh-harbour.co.uk/">Fraserburgh Harbour</a>	Fraserburgh harbour is the UK's largest Nephrops landing port. It is a pivotal to the local economy, anchoring a wide range of fisheries, maritime and ancillary businesses It was selected in 2019 as the O&M base for MOWEL. Brexit and restrictions caused by COVID19 are causing severe disruption to the seafood export trade. It is not known if this will be long term.	The harbour is very community-orientated. A harbour users group meets regularly	Fraserburgh harbour has a comprehensive Environmental Policy and is firmly committed to supporting marine litter projects (eg TTPT & KIMO)	Opportunities for greater low carbon transportation.	Fraserburgh Harbour is a trust port and is governed by Fraserburgh Harbour Commissioners, an independent statutory body created by its own legislation responsible for holding, managing, maintaining and developing the Port of Fraserburgh. All profits are reinvested into the port.	Ian Hay EGCP
<a href="#">Cairnbulg Harbour</a>	Recommendation That a review is undertaken to understand the financial and management status of small harbours				Recommendation That a review is undertaken to understand the financial and management status of small harbours	Ian Hay EGCP
<a href="https://www.peterheadport.co.uk/">Peterhead Harbour</a>	Peterhead Harbour is the focal point for the town's economy through both the fishing industry and the oil supply sector. A study by SE in 2017 valued the economic impact of the port at £800M pa  Brexit and restrictions caused by COVID19 are currently causing disruption to fishing and seafood processing It is not known if this will be long term.	Peterhead Port Authority undertakes regular engagement with and support for community projects and activity	Peterhead is the only port in Scotland with the EcoPorts/PERS (Port Environmental Review System) accreditation, issued by the European Sea Ports Organisation to recognise high environmental performance. PERS is audited by Lloyd's Register and renewed every two years.  PPA is strongly supportive of marine litter projects (eg TPTT, KIMO)		Peterhead is a trust port and is governed by the board of Peterhead Port Authority	Ian Hay EGCP
<a href="#">Boddam Harbour</a>	Recommendation That a review is undertaken to understand the financial and management status of small harbours				Recommendation That a review is undertaken to understand the financial and management status of small harbours	Ian Hay EGCP
<a href="#">Port Errol</a>	Recommendation That a review is undertaken to understand the financial and management status of small harbours				Recommendation That a review is undertaken to understand the financial and management status of small harbours	Ian Hay EGCP
<a href="#">Collieston Harbour</a>	In 2008 EGCP published a report highlighting the issues surrounding the sustainable funding of small harbours. This still needs to be addressed as there is a major mismatch between their ability to gain funds and their value to the local area. (IH)					Ian Hay EGCP
Aberdeen Harbour				Policy under the Aberdeen Local Development Plan 2017: Policy B5 Aberdeen Harbour. The existing Aberdeen Harbour area is subject to a Development Framework which explores how a greater mix of uses at the harbour can be delivered.  And as Policy B4 Aberdeen Harbours in the Proposed Aberdeen Local Development Plan.		Alison Leslie. Aberdeen City Council Sustainability
	The expansion of Aberdeen harbour at Nigg Bay is continuing		Aberdeen is one of two ports in Scotland which are part of a European environmental initiative, EcoPorts, with accreditations including ISO 45001 (2018) and ISO 14001 (2018)	Work has been done in Aberdeen to investigate cold ironing, supplying electricity while in port so that ships don't use generators. This may be considered in the future.	Has a long-established trust port structure with a board of non-executive and executive directors	Ian Hay EGCP
<a href="#">Nigg Bay</a>				A Development Framework has been prepared for the harbour at Bay of Nigg and its surrounding area. Under Supplementary Guidance – Aberdeen Local Development Plan 2017. <a href="https://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/sites/default/files/nigg_bay_developframework_draft_28072015.pdf">https://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/sites/default/files/nigg_bay_developframework_draft_28072015.pdf</a>		Alison Leslie. Aberdeen City Council Sustainability





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Awareness of historic character of many of the region's harbour, including that some are designated. Dredging can also have an impact on the historic environment, where there are buried remains (of wrecks, earlier harbours etc)					Making sure any harbour redevelopment or dredging plans take account of the historic environment in any proposals.	Tara Murray Aberdeenshire Council Climate Change
Oil & Gas cables; offshore windfarm cables		Possible benefits as no take zones. Negative impact on fishing industry although some benefit from protection work.				Ian Hay EGCP
RMP should consider identifying suitable areas for land fall of submarine cables and integrate with spatial priorities for submarine cables within Local Development Plans.	Recommendation The RMP should consider suitable places for cable landfall			Recommendation That the RMP considers the benefits of renewable energy when making decisions.		Ian Hay EGCP

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RMP should consider engaging on a proactive basis to ensure that the operational requirements of defence are taken into account in the development of marine plans.					<b>Recommendation This is agreed although a minor impact in this area</b>	<b>Ian Hay EGCP</b>
Awareness of impacts of offshore development on the historic environment.					Making sure any offshore development plans take account of the historic environment in any proposals.	Tara Murray Aberdeenshire Council Climate Change

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RMP should consider if areas of aggregate or mineral resource require any degree of safeguarding.	Aggregate extraction is covered by marine licensing. There are probably no such areas in the region.	Local marine aggregate has been used for building coastal defences at Montrose.	Any reactivation of licences would require fresh permissions and an Environmental Impact Assessment.			Ian Hay EGCP

**Table 3 MAJOR DEVELOPMENT SITES AND FOUR KEY ISSUE THEMES IN THE NATIONAL MARINE PLAN**

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MAJOR DEVELOPMENT SITES						
Aberdeen South harbour	<b>Recommendation That the RMP works with Aberdeen harbour to maximise sustainable development</b>	<b>Recommendation That the RMP resists moves to introduce small pleasure boats to the area to issues with Dolphins</b>			<b>Recommendation That the RMP works closely with Aberdeen harbour</b>	Ian Hay EGCP
Accord Project <a href="https://pale-blu.com/acorn/">https://pale-blu.com/acorn/</a>						
Developer contributions for coastal infrastructure and/or mitigation	Drives Local Authorities to invest and create opportunities		Mitigation of impacts elsewhere in area e.g. net gain ( <a href="#">link</a> )			Ian Hay EGCP
<b>Energy Transition Zones</b>	Aberdeen City Council has allocated two sites in its Proposed Local Development Plan for an Energy Transition Zone (ETZ) adjacent to Aberdeen Harbour South. This is also a candidate project for the National Planning Framework 4.	This project will be independent to but enjoy proximity benefits of its location adjacent to Aberdeen Harbour South.	The main focus of the ETZ is to support the development and delivery of renewable energy technologies.	The project should benefit meeting the National Climate Change targets		Louise Napier Aberdeen City Council City Growth
	<b>Recommendation: Refer to the ETZ in the RMP. Show it spatially on maps.</b>	<b>Recommendation: Show spatial links between ETZ, Harbour and offshore wind.</b>				<b>Louise Napier Aberdeen City Council City Growth</b>
<b>Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) at Peterhead</b>	There are a number of CCS projects being progressed across Aberdeenshire.	Interaction with Peterhead Power Plant and the use of existing gas infrastructure	CCS will reduce emissions.	CCS will reduce emissions.		Louise Napier Aberdeen City Council City Growth