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Foreword

Peterhead Port - Forging Ahead

The Maritime Industry is the "beating 90% of goods moving by sea. Ports play a critical role in the overall supply chain and represent the arteries that facilitate the movement of goods and people to markets both near and far, as well as providing sustainable opportunities for local businesses and communities to grow and thrive. At Peterhead Port, we have been enabling this for over 400 years and our heritage has developed from humble beginnings in 1593 as a base for fishing and trading into one of the largest and most successful fish landing ports in Europe, with landings valued at £220 million and weighing

170,000 tonnes in 2022. Fishing naturally continues to run rich and deep within our DNA, alongside the Oil and Gas Industry that we have been supporting successfully for more than 50 years, and will continue to do so over many more decades to heart" of global economic trade, with over come. At the same time, our sights are turned towards the new energy transition opportunities that are so vitally required not only here in the UK but worldwide, in the race to decarbonise our environment.

Location, location, location, they say is everything, and Peterhead Port is in the geographic sweet spot to facilitate and support the new energy transition opportunities. The Port is the preferred import terminal for the Acorn carbon capture and storage project, and stands ready to support offshore wind projects from ScotWind's 30GW of offshore generating capacity to the potential of green hydrogen and clean fuel exports.

Peterhead already offers extensive quays, deep water berthing, an efficient port experience and access to a highly skilled and experienced supply chain

across the marine sector. Further port developments are being planned to meet the emerging needs of these new sectors.

Excitingly, at the time of writing, Investment Zones have been earmarked for the North East of Scotland and Peterhead has been named as one of the areas that will benefit from this. Our location thus represents a significant value proposition and an efficient base for all of our stakeholders to maximise their potential. As we continue to shape our future and look ahead, we are determined in fulfilling our ethos of being a "Gateway to a Sea of Opportunities".

On behalf of the Board and Management of Peterhead Port, I hope that this handbook will be a useful source of information and that you will continue to be a part of our exciting journey as we forge ahead.

Gavin Thain Convenor of **Peterhead Port Authority**





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History, they say, repeats itself. And so it is at the Port of Peterhead, which has a history of success building on success. That history has been based on Peterhead's enviable location, sheltered position and excellent infrastructure - as well as on the Port's ability to anticipate and meet customer needs, to embrace opportunities, and to invest and innovate in the interests of the Port operations, the town and the community.

The Port of Peterhead started with fishing, more than 400 years ago. Today it capture and storage, and the production, remains the UK's largest fishing port and market and one of the largest in Europe. Fifty years ago, in response to the emergence of the North Sea oil & gas industry, Peterhead expanded and

adapted its facilities quickly, to serve a whole new range of interests and

And now? The Port of Peterhead is beginning a new chapter. As the world focuses on decarbonisation and as North Sea oil & gas activities slowly begin their inevitable decline, the Port is preparing to embrace the challenges and opportunities presented by the energy transition: offshore oil & gas decommissioning, offshore wind and renewables, carbon transport and supply of the low-carbon fuels of the future.

Stephen Patterson, CFO of the Port of Peterhead, says: "The whole landscape and horizon has changed for us. We played a huge role in the oil & gas transition from the 1970s. Now we believe our role is becoming even more important

in providing the services and facilities that Aberdeen, Aberdeen International Airport, support the energy transition. We can't stand still. We are taking a detailed look at where we need to go, working on an in-depth masterplan.

"At the same time, we never forget that fishing is the heritage of Peterhead. The Port has seen over 400 years of fishing and trading - it's in our DNA. That has grown into Peterhead being the number one landing port in the UK and one of the largest in Europe. We are building on that Government announced that the NESGF and making sure we don't lose sight of the importance and value of that business."

Peterhead Port Authority was a partner in the consortium behind the North East Scotland Green Freeport (NESGF) proposals, alongside the Port of

Aberdeen City Council and Aberdeenshire Council. The Green Freeport submission was based on exciting ambitions for innovation, investment and job creation around Net Zero, regeneration, innovation, and food and drink exports, while playing a leading role in the global energy transition.

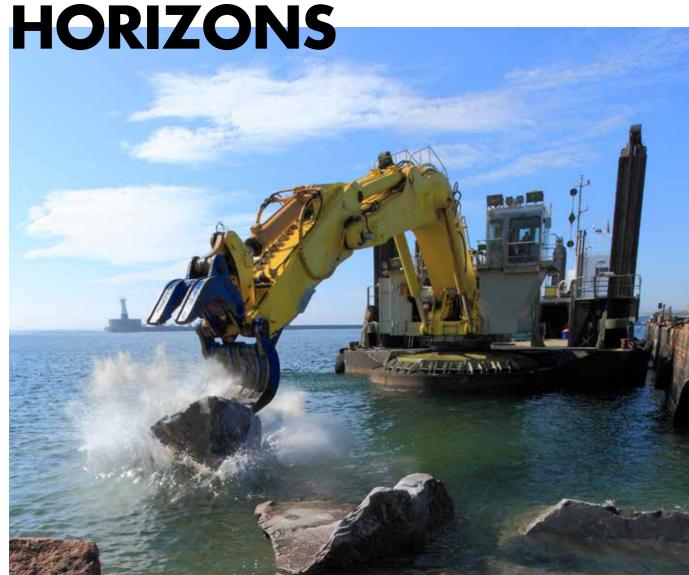
There was huge disappointment when the Scottish Government and UK bid was unsuccessful; but nevertheless, Peterhead and the wider region is determined to press forward with the ideas and opportunities that the Freeport

The facts and figures

- The Port of Peterhead has more than 3 km of berthing space with depths of up to 14 metres.
- 365 days a year.
- Peterhead reached a record
- support and services for the port and associated services for the

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bid highlighted, building on the work undertaken by the consortium.

to give the North East of Scotland the position it deserves through Green Freeport status but it didn't happen," says Authority and its appointed Board has of organisations closer together, including decisions and investments as it seeks some that didn't have relationships before, and it helped to identify where the of commercial customers, leisure users, opportunities are and the strengths of the the town, the local community and other region."

A few months after the Green Freeport decision, the UK Government granted the Officer, says: "The Port is like a family North East Scotland, including Peterhead, heirloom, to be passed from one Investment Zone status. Backed by an investment package worth £80 million over five years, this is a significant vote of confidence in the region.

An event organised by Peterhead Port Authority in spring 2023 further underlined long-term for the community. " the sense of optimism and excitement at the opportunities ahead.

More than 200 people attended 'Peterhead Port: Embracing the Energy Transition Opportunity', a full-day session of presentations and discussions which was hosted at the Score Group's premises in the town. The discussions were around oil & gas decommissioning, offshore wind and renewables, carbon capture and storage, green hydrogen and skills and employability.

This has led to the re-energising of the Peterhead Energy Transition Forum, which pulls together 12 key local stakeholders and is coordinated by Keith Mackie, Peterhead Port Authority's Head of Business Development - Energy Transition.

Trust Port

Peterhead is a Trust Port, a status that is "We worked very closely with Aberdeen fundamental to its way of working and its view of success. With no shareholders expecting a quick return, the Port to develop the Port in the best interests stakeholders.

> Stephen Paterson, Chief Financial generation to the next. Our role is to add value during our custodianship, always being aware of our role at the heart of the community. This Port isn't about return on investment for shareholders - the focus is

"The Trust Port model is the right one for us. We have to keep that jewel polished and hand it over to the next generation in an even better condition than when we received it." Stephen Paterson Chief Finacial Officer Peterhead Port Authority







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Peterhead Port Authority has a record of ambitious investment - however, its investment decisions are always rooted in detailed analysis, careful planning and consideration of all stakeholders, from commercial interests to the local community.

"We are first and foremost a Trust Port, which means that we work closely with all local stakeholders in planning our developments and operations," says Keith Royal HaskoningDHV was engaged to Mackie, Head of Business Development - carry out a detailed study into the way Energy Transition.

The largest recent investment by the Port Authority was a £51 million development which was centred around a new £9 million state-of-the-art fish market opened in 2018 by the then Prince of Wales - now King Charles. The project also included dredging of the inner harbour from 3.5 metres to 6.5 metres, strengthening of surrounding quaysides, widening of the inner harbour entrance from 10.5 metres to 16.5 metres and lengthening the lift bridge, Queenie Bridge, to improve access to and navigation in the inner harbour.

While fishing took the 'headlines' in this development, the investment also brought benefits across all of the Port's operations, creating a new deepwater quay at Merchants Quay, where the old

fish market had been demolished, and reclaiming land adjacent to Smith Quay to triple the space available there to 48,000 square metres.

Now, as the Port Authority looks to the opportunities of the energy transition, a major master-planning exercise is under way. "The Port must get its offering ready," says Stephen Paterson, Chief Financial Officer.

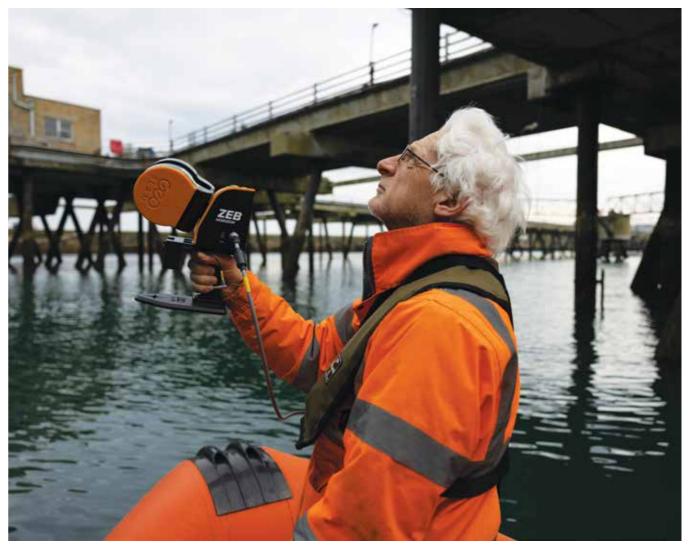
forward for the Port of Peterhead; the study presented various scenarios and opportunities for expanding existing facilities and building new ones to accommodate the demands ahead.

Among these, the focus is on the tanker jetty on the southern side of the harbour. Situated next to the ASCO South Base, it was used as an oil jetty for feeding the nearby power station until the power station was converted to gas; as a key facility in the Acorn carbon capture and storage proposals, it could accommodate CO² vessels of up to 250 metres in length. The Port Authority is examining what will be needed in terms of upgrading and refurbishing it to handle ships bringing in CO² from the Scottish Cluster (industry in the Central Belt) and elsewhere.

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Surveying the tanker jett





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be targeting and the opportunities, and mapped Peterhead against the competition. We have some major projects under consideration.

to the local community - to be a driver of jobs and economic prosperity while also protecting what the town enjoys, including the lido beach. So part of our masterplan exercise is about analysing what we do now, how we can do this better and how we might reorganise some operations to maximise the space we have. Another important point is that we are seeking to grow our customer base, not replace it."

These are exciting times, with 'generational opportunities', says Paterson. "While it assesses the options for extending quays, deepening berths, reclaiming land and building new infrastructure, the Port Authority is committed to striking the right balance between commercial and community interests."

Decarbonisation in the harbour

As part of the masterplan exercise, the Port Authority has carried out a study into baseline emissions in the Port. This "We have identified the areas we should information will be used to set a Net Zero strategy for the Port.

Peterhead Port Authority has already installed solar panels on the fish market and new ice factory, moved to electric "As a Trust Port, our key responsibility is vehicles, switched to LED lighting and is installing and upgrading provision of shore power for fishing vessels.

The fishing sector

Investment in Peterhead's busy fishing sector didn't stop at the new fish market. In July 2022, Peterhead Port Authority assumed ownership of Peterhead Ice Company, committing to keep two ageing ice factories going while embarking on a £3.5 million new ice factory, with support from Marine Fund Scotland.

The new factory will be more accessible for all vessels and is fitted with a system that will use at least 30% less power per tonne of ice produced. Solar power will provide a portion of the factory's needs, further reducing the Port's carbon footprint.

Marina upgrade

Peterhead Port Authority owns and operates Peterhead Bay Marina, which is at the south-west corner of the Port.

The marina has a great reputation as one of the best and most friendly marinas in the area. Welcoming more than 1,000 overnight vessel calls a year, it has a total of 160 berths - 20 for visitors and the rest rented out on an annual basis.

A major refurbishment was carried out at the marina administration building in winter 2022-23, to upgrade facilities including toilets, showers and laundry

"We welcome hundreds of vessels to the marina and 2022 was our busiest year ever," says Ray Paterson, Marine Operations Director. "The marina brings in money for Peterhead's shops and restaurants, benefiting the wider community."

INS 110 Peterhead leads the way as top fishing port Quality anaguantity

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Recent years have seen record volumes of fish landed in Peterhead and sold in the fish market, a success story that has been backed by huge investment in a new state-of-the-art fish market and related facilities and services.

Within Peterhead, the fishing industry includes primary and secondary processing, smoking, storage, freezing, transport, imports and exports.

A wide range of support services includes fishing net manufacturers and

repair services, ships' carpenters, painters, electricians and marine engineering companies.

In 2022, sales of white fish, pelagic fish and shellfish reached a record £220 million in value. The sector represents more than half of Peterhead Port Authority's business and there is every indication that fishing will continue to strengthen in the coming years.

"For every box of fish landed, you are talking about fishermen, crew, labour taking the fish off the boat, the fish market staff and labour taking the fish off the market, buyers, processors, packaging specialists and transport - until finally you get to the staff at the supermarket or industry, continued uninterrupted. restaurant, and the consumers.

So that box of fish requires a very complex supply chain network to reach its final destination in the highest quality condition," says Peter Duncan, Head of Fishing/Commercial at Peterhead Port Authority.

to serve, protect and grow the fishing business, not just for the Port but for Peterhead and the wider community."

An example of that commitment was when the Port Authority stepped in to

take ownership of Peterhead Ice Company in 2022 to ensure that the supply of ice, required across the fishing

Peterhead is recognised for offering top quality and choice to buyers. It is, says Duncan, all about confidence: "The vessels know they can land and sell the fish and the buyers know they can buy the fish they need. The market has space and we have implemented an incredibly "As a port, we hold a huge responsibility efficient operation. All of this brings in more and more buyers which, in turn, ensures that Peterhead Fish Market attracts more fish and higher prices."

The stats

2021 landings Fish and shellfish landed: Pelagic fish: 110,021 tonnes Shellfish: 9,659 tonnes

Total value: £195 million

2022 landingsFish and shellfish landed: White fish: 50,307 tonnes



From the air: Peterhead's fish market is at the centre of the Port's activitie

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"We are not just dealing with fish, it is food. Our hygiene standards must be second to none." Peter Duncan Head of Fishing/Commercial Peterhead Port Authority

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Fish market

week and has capacity for 10,000 boxes. movement of fish through the landing, It was opened in June 2018, following investment of £9 million in the market and £42 million in associated harbour works. This market building itself provides 80% more floor space than its predecessor.

Equipped with the latest refrigeration and computer technology, the market is designed to enable good access for boats on the quayside, with covered landing canopies for discharging fish, and food," says Duncan. "Our hygiene

for articulated lorries on the shoreside, to Peterhead Fish Market is open five days a allow for the swift, efficient and hygienic auction and loadout process.

Quality standards are crucial, from an uninterrupted cold supply chain to extensive cleaning every day. Health and safety, compliance and maintenance are all digitally recorded, monitored and tracked. Daily start-up checks are carried out on equipment and facilities.

"We are not just dealing with fish, it is standards must be second to none. We have an extensive cleaning regime carried out by a highly trained team. Once the fish

is sold, the entire market is cleaned for the next market landings. We must be able to demonstrate that the cleaning teams have been trained to use the cleaning chemicals correctly and safely; we monitor and update training records in traceability. real time and constantly monitor them."

Peterhead is the first port to receive the Responsible Fishing Ports Scheme (RFPS) certification from Seafish. Independently audited, RFPS certification provides assurance to buyers and sellers of seafood that ports are acting in a responsible manner. It demonstrates that

Peterhead has been assessed and meets the set standards on food safety and structural integrity, the Port and the working environment, care for the environment, care of the catch and

"We also hold BRCGS Global Food Safety Standard, which is recognised by the Global Food Safety Initiative, and we are working through the Marine Stewardship Council certificate of competence process," says Duncan.

The cold chain must be intact, he explains – from vessel to auction to transport to processors. The market remains chilled below 4 degrees

centigrade. "We keep track of all the fish coming in and the temperature when it was unloaded into the market."

This is balanced with a commitment to reduce electricity consumption. The market is fitted with solar panels on the roof; electricity generation and usage are closely monitored to identify where efficiencies and savings could be made.

Peter Duncan is undoubtedly proud of the market and its operations. "We have an excellent team in place and a great system in place. Everyone knows their

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job and our task is to enable them to do those jobs to their full extent with maximum efficiency.

"We believe that if fishermen are out at sea risking their lives to catch fish, they deserve the best environment to sell their product. Being a former fisherman myself, accountability, the industry is flourishing. I understand that."

The Port's roots in fishing go back to the 1400s and the Port of Peterhead was officially established in the 1600s. It already had the benefit of a sheltered position on the North East coast and a breakwater was built to establish the Port as a place of refuge that never closed.

Market time

The fish market is operational 24/7 and the auction opens at 7.00am Monday to Friday and, as the auction progresses, the Scotland, the project will provide a floor clears rapidly as the sold boxes are loaded out. There can be as many as 50 different species for sale across a range of pelagic (mackerel, herring and blue sizes and categories.

By 9am the auction is usually finished; the market is completely clear by 11am, with all the fish taken away for processing, packaging and onward selling.

The market is then immediately washed further expansion. down ready for the next landings, which start at 12pm.

Because of the local buying power, fish also arrives by lorry from across Scotland, installation of a sophisticated and auto-Ireland and elsewhere to be sold at the market. This includes fish landed at smaller harbours at Scrabster, Ullapool,

Mallaig, Lochinver, Shetland and Orkney.

The fishing industry is sustainable for the future, says Peter Duncan, Head of Fishing of Peterhead Port Authority. "With the science and technology and the whole drive for more transparency and We are certainly supporting and steering that - fishing is in our DNA and will remain a vital part of our future, there is no doubt

Denholm £30 million investment

Denholm Seafoods is investing £30 million in a new mackerel and herring processing facility and cold store upgrade in Peterhead.

One of the largest ever investments by a wild-caught fish processing company in state-of-the-art fish handling and storage system which will benefit the Scottish whiting) fleet and provide opportunities to develop new markets, says Denholm.

The construction of a new 12,000 square metre cold store is due for completion in 2023, with the potential for

The refurbishment of the processing facility will significantly increase freezing and storage capacity and includes the mated fish processing system designed and supplied by Skaginn 3X. Due for completion in 2024, the upgrade will deliver significant savings in energy and packaging costs, as well as enabling

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greater volumes of fish to be handled, savs Denholm.

The project has been supported by £2.8 million of funding under Defra's (Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs) £100 million UK Seafood fund and £1.2 million from Marine Fund Scotland.

Ice factory

In July 2022, Peterhead Port Authority assumed ownership of Peterhead Ice Company. Now it is building a new ice factory next to the fish market to replace two older privately owned factories.

"The previous company announced it was shutting down so Peterhead Port Authority stepped in to keep the two existing ice factories going, while

Peterhead is a significant pelagic port with regular landings by many of the UK's largest fishing vessels.







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immediately committing to replacing them
Stock assessments look bright with a new ice plant," says Stephen Paterson, Chief Financial Officer. "We wanted to provide a factory that is more accessible for all vessels and have invested in a system that will use at least 30% less power per tonne of ice produced - while also installing solar power to provide for some of the energy needs."

The factory represents a £3.5 million investment, with support from Marine Fund Scotland.

"It is essential to maintain this service and the new facility also helps us to reduce the Port's carbon footprint," says Paterson.

Added value

Peterhead's added-value sector goes far beyond producing fresh and frozen bread- Government is also set to boost fish crumbed or battered fillets, fishcakes and volumes at Peterhead. A new landing fish pies. The sector also supplies products for use in pharmaceuticals, cosmetics, fish meal, fertiliser and pet foods.

Brexit changes

A large volume of fish landed and sold at Peterhead is exported into Europe, and Brexit brought challenges with new requirements for inspections and documentation before the fish could be transported into the European Union.

In response, Aberdeenshire Council's environmental team has set up an office at the Peterhead Fish Market, in order to do onsite inspections, certifications, approvals of shipments and all associated capacity and facilities in response to paperwork so that the fish can be shipped healthy stocks and the new landing direct from the market.

The town of Peterhead's heritage and culture has been built around fish - "and you still feel that", says Stephen Paterson. "We have made substantial investments in the sector. To use the term 'fit for purpose' would be a disservice - it is far better than that."

After handling the highest ever value of fish through the Port in 2022, Peterhead is expecting to beat that record in 2023.

"Stock assessments are very positive. Most of the species we handle are sustainable and quotas are going up, showing that stock management programmes have been successful. For example, we are seeing plenty of larger cod again - that species has turned around."

A change in rules from the Scottish obligation has been introduced as part of guota and vessel licence requirements, to ensure that boats benefiting from Scottish quota land a minimum proportion of that quota into Scotland. "This ensures that Scotland gets the economic value in terms of processing, transport and other added value," says Paterson. "The minimum landed is 30% of quota in 2023, and this will rise to 40% in 2024 and 55% in 2025.

"This change has led to some significant investment by pelagic fish companies in Peterhead. Lunar, Denholm and Northbay Pelagic have all expanded and invested heavily in throughput obligations.'

"Stock assessments are very positive. Most of the species we handle are sustainable and quotas are going up, showing that stock management programmes have been successful." Stephen Paterson Chief Financial Officer Peterhead Port Authority

Deck Hands course

Peterhead Port Authority has sponsored the Deck Hands course at the Scottish Maritime Academy for the past decade. "This is to encourage school leavers into the maritime sector," says Paterson. "The course is important for the fishing sector as well as offshore and other areas of maritime transport.



The Energy Transition:

Focusing on the task ahead

In spring 2023, Peterhead Port Authority held an event that would pull together speculation, conversation and even some prevarication, to create a strong, coordinated focus on the task ahead: Energy Transition.

More than 200 people attended 'Peterhead Port: Embracing the Energy Transition Opportunity' – a day of presentations and discussions led by Peterhead Port Authority in partnership with Invest Aberdeen and the NSTA and hosted at the Score Group site. The event considered the future prospects for oil & gas decommissioning, offshore wind and renewables, carbon capture and storage, green hydrogen, and skills and employability.

As a direct result, the Peterhead Energy Transition Forum has been re-energised. Coordinated by Keith Mackie, Peterhead Port Authority's Head of Business Development – Energy Transition, its members are Aberdeenshire Council,

Above: A key focus in pursuing Energy Transition opportui is on adapting infrastructu and transferring skills. ASCO, Dales Engineering Services, the JBS Group, Maritime Developments Ltd, Norsea Group, Score Group, the Scottish Maritime Academy, Storegga, SSE Thermal and SSEN Transition.

"We have pulled these companies together into a collective with the Port at the centre and with an objective to promote Peterhead as an energy hub," says Mackie. "We aim to keep this a tight and focused forum. We saw a need for bringing all the industries together to talk about the energy transition opportunities and challenges and were delighted to have more than 200 people from the industry, ports and logistics sector attending. The event has generated a lot of interest and has put Peterhead on the map in terms of our strengths and opportunities in the region, and we are capitalising on that.'

The mood is positive and that feeds into the UK Government's overall strategy of Net Zero by 2040, he adds. "Although we were disappointed that the North East Scotland Green Freeport did not get the go-ahead, we have the new Investment Zone coming up which could be a very

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interesting development. We are also working hard to maintain our profile and pitch in a consistent manner to generate ongoing awareness in Westminster.

"Peterhead certainly has a role to play in the UK's decarbonisation. We keep things simple in terms of customers dealing with us, keeping things uncluttered and minimising any red tape. Aberdeenshire Council is 100% supportive of the road we are forging and is a very close and valued partner. We have the space to grow and we have partners prepared to facilitate that as well."

The focus is on adapting infrastructure and transferring skills. Peterhead has already provided support and services for offshore wind developments, including Equinor's Hywind project, the world's first floating wind farm, and the Port is at the heart of the Acorn carbon capture and storage plans.

The Port Authority commissioned Royal HaskoningDHV to carry out a study into how Peterhead can be adapted and scaled up as a multi-sector port. "There are a great many opportunities arising from sectors such as offshore wind, hydrogen, carbon capture and storage, alternative fuels and decommissioning," says Mackie.

praise from ASCO, whose Group Sustainability Manager, Thuy-Tien Le Guen Dang, says: "In light of the scale of

fuels, and other sectors, Peterhead has the potential to be a leading energy hub. ASCO is committed to adapting to the evolving market, actively supporting wind projects, engaging with hydrogen and alternative fuel producers, and collaborating with Storegga on project Acorn. With a willingness to explore new opportunities, we are eager to play a key role in shaping the energy transition."

"As a company, ASCO helps to provide resilience in Peterhead because we are not focused on only one market."

Mike Ramsay, ASCO's general manager, Northern UK, adds: "What are Peterhead's strengths? The large area we all aspects." have here, with the infrastructure, logistics and supply chain in place and the fact that all this can be easily diversified or The Energy Transition event has earned transitioned into something else.

"The energy transition will bring opportunities for smaller companies too. Once a vessel is in port, there is a likely need for food supplies, welfare, hotels, security staff, traffic management,

exciting opportunities in wind, alternative logistics, training, welding, fabrication and many other related services."

> Chris Bell, manager of the Scottish Maritime Academy, joined the skills and training panel at the event.

"It was important for me to articulate that the Academy can cater for any direction the Port goes in," he says. "We can obviously support the fishing industry and traditional maritime activities. But if we are going to see an increase in offshore wind farm vessels, carbon capture or hydrogen, then the training and capabilities at the Scottish Maritime Academy can be readily adapted. The level of training we can offer will cater for

So where does Peterhead go from here? First of all, it's important to emphasise that traditional North Sea oil & gas activities may be in decline but they are certainly not disappearing. The Port will continue to offer its services as a vital

logistics and support hub for the offshore summit hosted by local MP David Duguid sector for many more decades to come.

"When North Sea oil & gas first started, it was expected to be a short-term thing and most people were not looking further
East of Scotland. ahead than 20 years," says Chief Financial Officer Stephen Paterson "As technology for the energy transition and can help developed and prices made it more economically viable, so it continued. Five effectively - this project is critical in years ago we started to see evidence that helping reduce greenhouse gas the North Sea basin is maturing and in long-term decline, and that is irreversible. But as a port we are still committed - and regulator North Sea Transition Authority perfectly placed – to support the industry as it progresses."

Peterhead has high hopes for its participation in Scotland's carbon capture that." plans with the recent announcement of support from the UK Government of the so-called Scottish Cluster, which will enable huge industrial partners to decarbonise by storing CO2 in redundant oil reservoirs in the North Sea.

In July 2023, CFO Stephen Paterson was among a delegation of energy sector leaders who attended a special business

in the House of Commons to discuss the challenges and opportunities that the Energy Transition can bring to the North

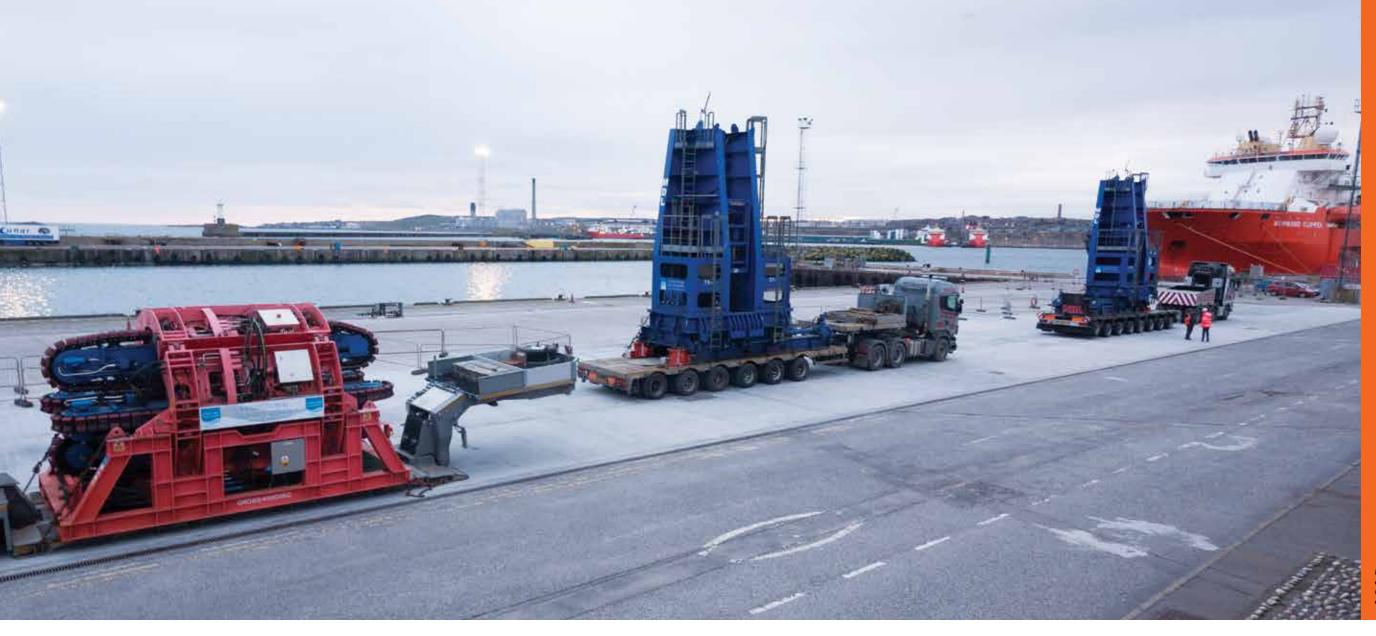
"We are in a geographic sweet spot businesses make the transition fairly emissions," he says.

As Stuart Payne, CEO of the energy (NSTA) said at Westminster, "The scale of the prize with the energy transition is huge - and Peterhead Port could help deliver

Peterhead offers modern infrastructure, including long, deep, sheltered quays with extensive laydown space - together with more than 50 years of experience

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All of that adds up to consistently smooth and successful operations across hydrogen highway from Scotland to logistics, subsea, renewables and oil & gas decommissioning.

The North East of Scotland has a very strong case to be a UK centre for the energy transition, says Paterson. "With our ability to serve sectors such as carbon capture, green hydrogen production, low-carbon aviation fuels, etc., we could be a significant contributor to the UK's Net Zero journey.

"For example, the Port of Peterhead expects to be increasingly busy during the construction of upcoming offshore wind farms. We are looking at a whole new Industrial Revolution for Scotland. I am confident that Peterhead sits in a particular golden spot geographically: for offshore wind construction and O&M in the future, as well as for the Acorn carbon capture proposals based on the Scottish Cluster.'

Hydrogen highway

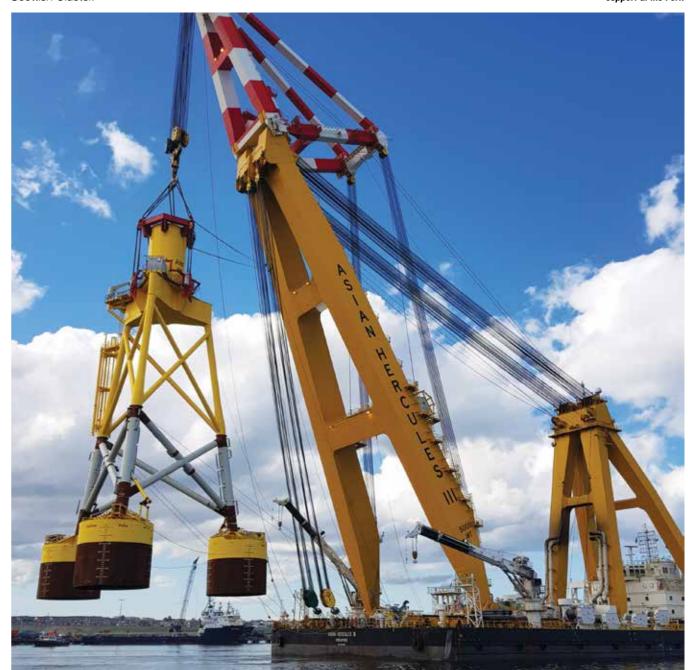
During 2023, Peterhead Port Authority joined a project that aims to create a Rotterdam.

Also part of the consortium were Axens, Chiyoda, EnQuest, ERM, Koole Terminals, the Port of Rotterdam, the Scottish Government, Shetland Islands Council, Storegga and the Net Zero Technology

Engineering studies will be carried out in advance of a pilot project aimed at demonstrating that liquid hydrogen can be transported at scale - as a precursor to large-scale exports.

"We are looking at a whole new Industrial Revolution for Scotland. I am confident that Peterhead sits in a particular golden spot geographically..." Stephen Paterson Chief Financial Officer Peterhead Port Authority

Offshore wind deployme





Offshore

Expertise and experience

Location is everything when it comes to the offshore oil & gas sector. As the most north easterly deepwater port on the Scottish mainland, Peterhead's important role in supporting the North Sea oil & gas other areas where oil can't be replaced sector was clear from the start.

In the decades since the emergence of the North Sea oil & gas industry in the late 1960s, Peterhead has maintained and built on its position as a key hub in the development, logistics, servicing and Authority. maintenance of the offshore oil & gas and subsea sectors and its facilities and skills are still very much in demand.

What is the offshore sector looking for? Safety, above all; and then efficiency, expertise, flexibility, cost-effectiveness, easy access, cooperation and collaboration. Peterhead combines all of these virtues, with key players working together to deliver the very specific and highquality services required by this demanding set of clients.

Peterhead provides deepwater access and berths, and round-the-clock straightforward access with no vessel delays waiting for tides or locks. There is plenty of space for marshalling equipment and cargo, to store heavy project cargo, and to carry out operations such as fabrication of spool pieces and other offshore equipment.

While the North Sea oil & gas sector is facing an inevitable decline, in recent years its operators have made huge efforts to reduce their own carbon foot-

print as well as that of the product they are creating.

There are growing numbers of alternative energy sources, but there are for example, in the petrochemical and pharmaceutical sectors. "We still see a healthy industry here for some years to come," says Stephen Paterson, Chief Financial Officer at Peterhead Port

Equipped with more than 50 years of knowledge and experience in offshore energy exploration and production, Peterhead is well placed to support fields that are continuing to yield oil for longer than previously expected.

Oil & gas decommissioning

Peterhead and its Port users are looking increasingly to oil & gas decommissioning. "We are seeing a steady swing from operations to decommissioning and this very much forms part of our plans to support the energy transition," says Paterson.

"Decommissioning has become a much more regular feature of what we do and will increase over the coming years, perhaps peaking in ten years' time. To the untrained eye, it doesn't look very different - we are handling subsea and platform equipment as in the past decades. The same type of items that went out from here are coming back, and there is a lot of business. it to come.

"The beauty of Peterhead is that the infrastructure and equipment we need to bring all of this back is the same as when it went out. Some items need specialised facilities elsewhere for the next stage in processing, but much can be cleaned and processed on the quayside here. The focus of decommissioning is lowest cost and maximum re-use.'

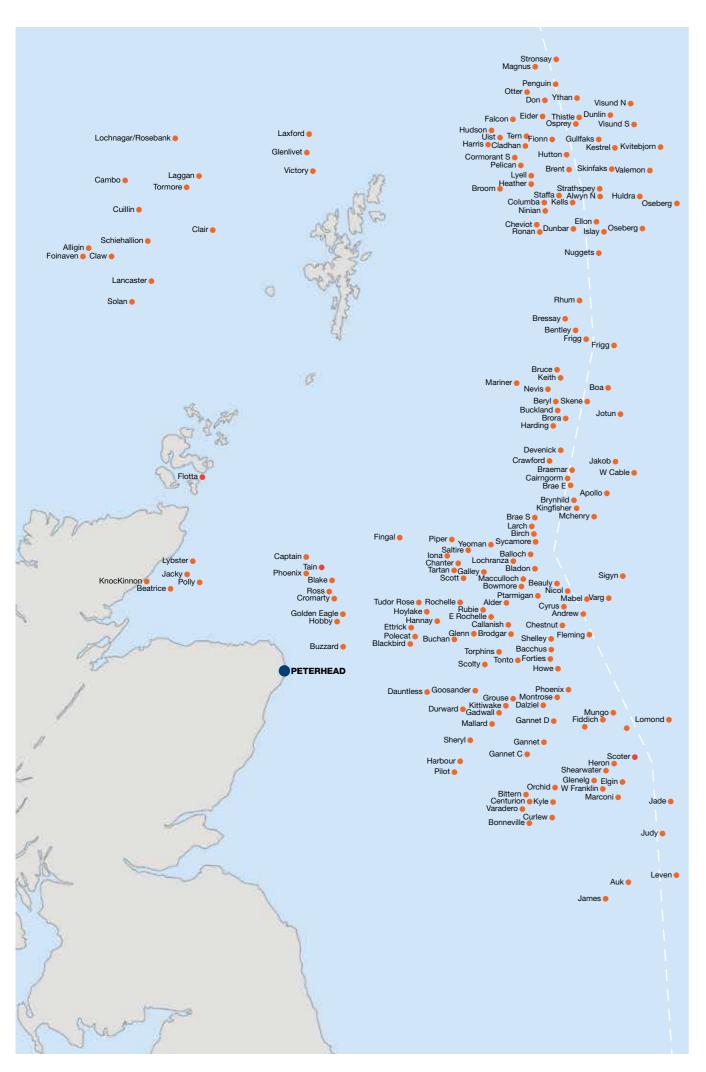
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ASCO UK: service, flexibility, opportunity, resilience

ASCO, the global integrated materials and logistics management company for the energy industry, opened its Peterhead offshore supply base in 1974. The Peterhead South Base remains a busy private offshore support facility, handling hundreds of thousands of tonnes of deck cargo and a regular flow of vessel turnarounds every year.

Now, after half a century of experience servicing the oil & gas sector, ASCO is diversifying - adapting its skills and facilities to match the needs of the energy transition. Based on its enviable expertise in offshore logistics and ideal location, ASCO is perfectly placed to serve the needs of the offshore wind and renewable energy sector, of alternative and future fuel operations, and of the rapidly emerging carbon capture/CO² shipping

At the same time, ASCO is stepping up its oil & gas related activities in the form of increased decommissioning, as North Sea fields come to the end of their life - and, of course, continuing to support the





operations that continue to extract oil and gas.

"We can provide the required services for all the opportunities that come with the energy transition and throughout the whole lifecycle, from commissioning to decommissioning," says Mike Ramsay, ASCO's general manager, Northern UK.

close to offshore assets in the UK North Sea, remains a key 'selling point'. From here, ASCO UK has offered a comprehensive one-stop-shop of logistics and materials services, including warehousing, bulk storage, fuel provision, ship cranes, used the South Base to unload agency services, operations and marine coordination, heavy lifting and technical support.

The 20-acre site provides mixed laydown, warehousing and office accommodation, in addition to 14 berths with water depths of between 6 and 14 metres water depth at the North Base. ship agency services, including crew

As it looks to the future, ASCO has carried out a study with consultancy firm Arup to see how the Peterhead base can ASCO is that we operate from various be transformed to be a multiuser facility suitable to support cross-sector operations. "We are looking at the optimum layout to serve decommissioning, renewables, bunkering and CO² shipping," says Thuy-Tien Le Guen Dang, group sustainability manager for ASCO. "Arup presented us with different scenarios, and renewables markets. we are working with stakeholders to find the best way to configure the base."

In the new sectors being targeted, the South Base is already building on its experiences.

Offshore wind

The foundation structures for the Aberdeen Bay Wind Farm were brought into the Peterhead base, and from there ASCO UK also provided management services and support for the construction phase. The base has also recently worked on the Moray East offshore wind farm and The Peterhead base's strategic location, provided construction support to many other developments, including Beatrice, Moray West, Neart Na Gaoithe and Seagreen.

> The 25,000-tonne Asian Hercules III, one of the world's biggest floating 1,800-tonne steel jacket foundations, for pump, lighting and other work to be carried out before deployment by Vattenfall on the Aberdeen Bay Wind

ASCO UK supported the construction of the Seagreen wind farm from the Ports 7.5 metres below chart datum, with up to of Peterhead and Montrose – providing transfer, during the construction phase of the project. "One of the strengths of ports and we can coordinate this, with Peterhead acting as the hub," says Mike Ramsay.

> The South Base also provides berthing, support and ship agency services for crew change vessels, which is clearly applicable across both oil & gas and

Oil & gas decommissioning

Oil & gas decommissioning work is well under way, with a series of fields ceasing production. Across the North Sea, activity is starting to drop off – although, having said that, production will continue at high-value fields for some years to come.

The South Base does not handle entire platforms or structures for dismantling, but handles a regular flow of pipelines,

ASCO Peterhead Facts & figures

- all berths at South Base and also at ASCO's North Base jetty.
- The North breakwater guayside accommodates vessels up to 250
- including marine gas oil, diesel and
- as well as pipeyards at Dales Industrial Estate all sites are close

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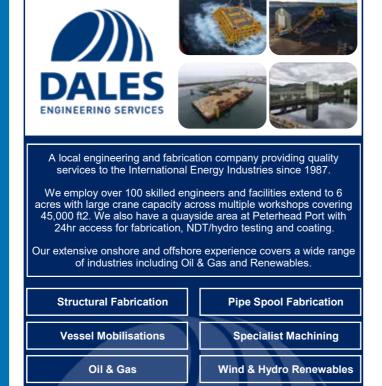
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cables and other subsea plant and equipment, which tends to be brought ashore before the topside is dealt with. "These items have always come in through ASCO for repair or replacement, or when wells have closed, and this will be the same," says Mike Ramsay. "The value we offer is that we can provide an end-to-end service. Contaminated items or materials are wrapped, protected and delivered to specialist solution providers. On the base, we will clean other items and put them back into the supply chain or send them for scrap."

CO² shipping

ASCO UK and carbon capture, transport, and storage specialist Storegga have signed an MoU to explore collaborative opportunities, focusing on the Acorn project. The project plans to utilise the Peterhead Port jetty, adjacent to ASCO's South Base, for importing CO² from dedicated carriers. ASCO's agreement with Storegga will encompass an exploration of a suite of logistics and materials management services, including delivering environmental solutions and quayside services, dedicated warehouse provisions, and environmental services for for 40 years. At a time when the drive the project's ambition of storing CO² in depleted North Sea gas fields.

Score Group: supporting the energy transition

Peterhead-based Score Group is a global specialist in valves, fuel systems and accessories, and component manufacture, providing complex engineering solutions to customers across multiple markets - including offshore and onshore energy as well as defence, aerospace, utilities and nuclear.

Founded in Peterhead in 1982, Score has taken its expertise around the world. It now has facilities in more than 30 locations across five continents and is fast becoming a market leader in emissions abatement.

Score's commitment to the energy transition was demonstrated when it hosted the "Peterhead Port: Embracing the Energy Transition Opportunity" event at its Wellbank site, conveniently situated on the Port's boundary.

Speaking at the event, which was attended by more than 200 people, Score Group commercial director lan Davidson said: "We are very proud to have been sustainability benefits to our customers towards sustainability has never been more pertinent, we are reflecting on our practices over the past four decades and looking forward to how we can improve on these throughout the next 40 years

"We are very proud to have been delivering environmental solutions and sustainability benefits to our customers for 40 years." Ian Davidson Score Group Commercial Director

and beyond. Score is deeply committed to protecting the environment through the continual enhancement of our own performance and to supporting our customer to achieve their own Net Zero targets."

Ensuring that four decades of experience in valve management services are fully utilised in the drive to Net Zero, Score recently launched a full-cycle programme to find and eliminate client emissions. The Emissions Elimination Program (EEP) has been specifically developed to help operators achieve their sustainability goals, and aims to tackle some of industry's biggest challenges.

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The four-stage EEP process works to detect and quantify emissions at source. interpreting data to inform a customised repair and mitigation plan to maximise emissions reduction. Several clients have already made substantial financial savings operator expanded its site to take in the and significantly reduced their emissions through the program – one major operator the demolition of the old fish market. eliminated 18 tonnes of emissions in just seven days as a direct result of implementing the EEP.

Score's extensive engineering knowledge and specialist testing facilities operational space, to create an mean the company is ideally placed to help industry accelerate its efforts to reach square metres. Net Zero. The world's largest independent service company, Score also supplies valves to support new and emerging fuels water, mud and other bulk products, such as LNG, hydrogen, and ammonia as well as the requirements of carbon capture, utilisation, and storage.

The company's expertise is underpinned by a strong commitment to training. At any one time, the company provides over 250 apprenticeship opportunities at locations across the globe; demonstrating its dedication to the decommissioning projects, mainly on development of a skilled next-generation workforce that is well-equipped to work throughout the energy transition and beyond.

The NorSea Group, Norway's leading supplier of base services and integrated logistics systems to the oil and gas industry, set up operations at Peterhead in 2014. It has expanded rapidly since then.

NorSea UK first operated at Smith Quay, an all-weather deepwater berth created in a £32 million development project by Peterhead Port Authority. Four years later, in November 2018, the adjacent Merchants Quay, vacated after This provides a total of 300 metres of quayside, while a major land reclamation at Smith Embankment provided an additional 30,000 square metres of operational and laydown base of 60,000

NorSea invested £2 million in two 1,500 well as marine fuels, the base provides warehousing, craneage, plant and equipment, supports crew changes, and provides stevedoring and heavy lift

Decommissioning

NorSeaUK has worked in partnership with Phoenix Decom to carry out redundant subsea infrastructure. This included quayside cleaning of NORM radiation. The aim is always to minimise the amount of waste going to landfill.



Renewables:

Powering ahead

The Port of Peterhead is gearing up to support an offshore wind farm construction boom. Many of the skills that have built up in serving the offshore oil & gas sector are readily transferrable, and the Port also has the space and the comprehensive supply chain to make the most of the opportunities.

Much of what was learned in the North Sea oil & gas sector is now being used in the development and support of wind farms and other renewables projects – for example, a deep understanding of seabed conditions, wave patterns, wind and climate.

Peterhead is exceptionally well placed to play its part in supporting developments and providing O&M (operations and maintenance) services.

The Port has already provided the base for Equinor's Hywind project, the world's first floating wind farm, which is

just off Peterhead. Hywind is based on a spar buoy design and its great stability is provided by gravity. The floating wind turbines are moored to the seabed with multiple mooring lines and anchors, in much the same way that a floating oil platform is moored.

ASCO UK provided management services and support for the construction phase of Hywind. The base has also recently worked on the Moray East offshore wind farm.

As a report from the British Ports
Association noted in June 2023: "The
scale of offshore wind planned through
ScotWind and INTOG (Innovation and
Targeted Oil and Gas) leasing rounds
will mean a continuing and expanded
demand for space in ports around the
Scottish coast."

The latest round of INTOG offshore wind leases takes Scotland's offshore wind developments to a whole new level.

INTOG is focused on using floating wind power to electrify oil and gas infrastructure in the North Sea to

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decarbonise the industry's production energy and on innovation and technology.

The background to this is that the UK regulator for the oil & gas industry, the North Sea Transition Authority (NSTA), requires the industry to reach a Net Zero target by 2050 – and has worked with Crown Estate Scotland to deliver a new round of offshore wind leases.

The projects submitted were required to have the aim of decarbonising oil & gas infrastructure as their main purpose

Above: Handling onshore wind







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technologies, with a focus on hydrogen production.

The successful bidders were announced aware that energy sources will likely in March 2023 - five Innovation sites and eight Targeted Oil and Gas sites. Three sites already have project names - Green Ports are being asked for more services, Volt and Cenos (both Flotation Energy and extended guays, deeper water and more Vårgrønn) and Salamander (Ørsted, Simply Blue Group and Subsea 7). All three are located pretty much on Peterhead's doorstep.

"When you look at the map for INTOG, for construction and O&M in the future, our ideal location is obvious," says Stephen Paterson, Chief Financial Officer of Peterhead Port Authority. "It is the same reasons that Peterhead developed to serve the oil & gas industry - our strategic location is worth a lot in terms of saving time, fuel, vessel costs and overall efficiency. For example, how commercially construction support, handling anchor attractive and viable is it for the supply chain to deliver all the components within the timescale being considered? It can't all be done at once. The Scottish Government has provided for 30GW but there is no way that the investors are all going to deliver at the same time - it's a supply and demand issue. If everyone wants the same equipment and resources support this sector further, the Port

We have to be cognisant of that.

"At the same time, we need to be evolve further. Might there be more tidal or In June 2023, there were wave energy projects, or more hydrogen? land space but there are few guarantees and mostly agreements are fairly shortterm. Hence we have to think carefully about our long-term investments to ensure optimal utilisation whilst providing maximum flexibility for future uses."

Paterson says: "We do not see Peterhead as a major manufacturing hub port because we do not have the extensive amount of quayside space that would be required. However, we can handle assembly on a smaller scale and are perfectly placed to handle chains, piles, cables, etc."

The momentum is building up to demonstrate that Peterhead is the 'go to' port for the sector. In June 2023, there were 38 port calls by vessels in the offshore wind fleet, relating to surveying, supplies, crew changes and ship repair.

Among the plans being made to Authority is installing two new pontoons for accommodating crew transfer vessels (CTV) in the inner harbour.

and/or to incorporate innovation and new at the same time, costs will inevitably rise. The momentum is building up to demonstrate that Peterhead is the 'go to' Port for the sector. 38 port calls by vessels in the offshore wind fleet...

On dry land

The focus is not all offshore - Peterhead also supports onshore wind farm developments and upgrading of the power handling and transmission network. A giant transformer destined for the new onshore substation supporting the 950MW Moray East offshore wind farm was shipped into Peterhead in October 2019. Measuring almost 12 metres long and weighing 260 tonnes, the transformer was moved by heavy lift specialist Allelys. After unloading at the Port, it was transported 35 miles by road, in a 70-metre convoy complete with police escort.

> The Scottish Government has provided for 30GW of new offshore wind developments
>
> - and the Port of Peterhead is perfectly



Preparing for Scotland's only

Carbon capture cluster

Handling imports of CO² for permanent storage in the offshore Acorn site represents a massive opportunity for Peterhead.

Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) is not a new idea - but it has now become a reality rather than a concept. For Peterhead, the focus is on the Acorn project at St Fergus, and the development through Peterhead, crucial to reducing of Scotland's carbon capture cluster.

The Acorn consortium has singled out the Port as the key location for the transfer of millions of tonnes of CO², thanks to its location close to St Fergus and existing North Sea pipelines and infrastructure. There would be some satisfaction in making use of redundant oil & gas pipelines and equipment to enable a project that could make a massive contribution to decarbonisation in the years to come.

The Scottish Cluster, recently given the go-ahead by the UK Government, is the lynchpin not only of this major CCS project but also for proposals for local production of hydrogen and other low-carbon technologies, which can all

With the potential to address up to 9 million tonnes of CO2 that currently come from the top emitting sectors, the Scottish Cluster also establishes a very large CO² transportation and storage solution

support Scotland, the UK and Europe to meet their Net Zero goals.

With the potential to address up to 9 million tonnes of CO² that currently come Cluster also establishes a very large CO² transportation and storage solution. This includes the potential for shipping CO² industrial emissions from industrial sites around the UK which can capture their emissions but have no local access to CO² storage facilities. There is also significant potential to import large quantities of CO² from industrial sites in Europe for storage under the North Sea. The Scottish Cluster approval provides the framework for the transport and storage of CO² in Scotland and support agreements with major emitters.

There are two main sources here: the industrial heartland around Scotland's Central Belt, including petrochemicals in Grangemouth, and Peterhead Power Station, recognised as the biggest industrial polluter in Scotland.

Once the St Fergus facility is built, it will be able to receive CO² by land, pipeline or sea, opening up access to industrial clusters elsewhere, with the opportunity to ship CO² around the coast of the UK to and gas infrastructure to transport Peterhead.

Low-carbon power station

SSE Thermal and Equinor have submitted plans to build a new low-carbon power station at Peterhead. The gas-powered 910MW Peterhead Carbon Capture Power Station would become Scotland's first power station equipped with a carbon storage. capture plant to remove CO² from its emissions. The power station is expected to capture an average 1.5 million tonnes

of CO² a year, which would represent at least five per cent of the UK Government's 2030 target for CCS. It would connect into the Scottish Cluster's CO² transport from the top emitting sectors, the Scottish and storage infrastructure and the Acorn CCS project.

> Other ambitious 'spin-offs' from this project include largescale green hydrogen production using offshore wind power, with the added possibility of producing e-methanol as a clean aviation fuel.

The CCS plans include the use of the tanker jetty on the southern side of Peterhead Port, which could accommodate CO² vessels of up to 250 metres in length. The former oil jetty will be upgraded and refurbished to handle ships bringing in CO² captured from industry in the Central Belt and

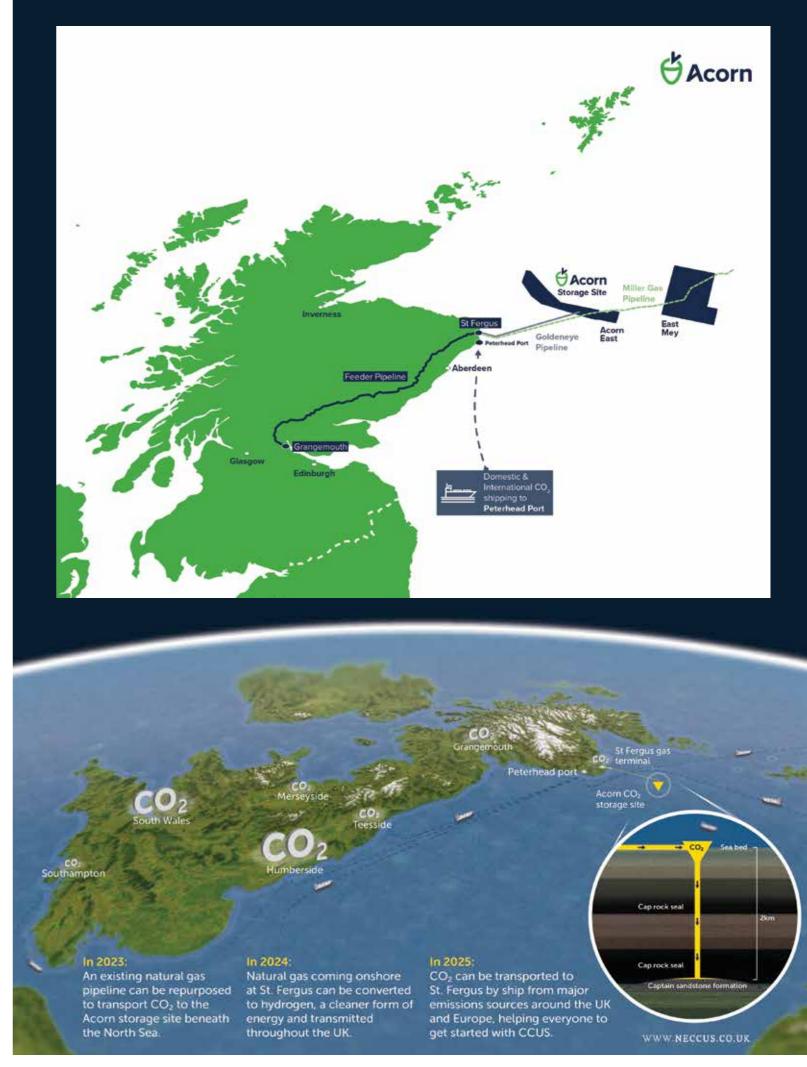
Acorn with mighty ambitions

Acorn is a joint venture focusing on decarbonisation and bringing together Storegga, Shell UK, Harbour Energy and North Sea Midstream Partners.

Acorn's developments focus on two

Acorn CCS is a CO2 transportation and storage system which reuses legacy oil captured industrial CO² emissions from the Scottish Cluster, to permanent storage 1.5 miles under the North Sea.

Acorn Hydrogen, next to the St Fergus gas terminal, will turn North Sea natural gas into clean-burning hydrogen. CO² emissions from that process will be captured and sent to Acorn's geological





Scottish Maritime Academy: Finding, training, encouraging the...

Skilled workers of tomorrow

Where will tomorrow's skilled seafarers and maritime workers come from? Will there be enough? How can the young generation be encouraged to consider a career in fishing, maritime, offshore wind or related sectors? And what skills will be needed to handle tomorrow's technologies anyway? These are across the maritime sector.

Naturally, companies operating in Peterhead's fishing, offshore and wider maritime/logistics sectors focus on the same questions. Fortunately, they also have answers on the doorstep, in the form of the Scottish Maritime Academy.

Officially the Peterhead campus of the larger North East Scotland College (NESCOL), the Scottish Maritime exclusively in maritime-related training, both mandatory and voluntary.

Coastguard Agency) approved Certificate scheme. of Competence (CoC) training for people

entering or working in the fishing industry to Merchant Navy Training Board (MNTB) Deck Officer Cadet training,

Chris Bell, manager of the Scottish Maritime Academy, says: "It is becoming harder to recruit to the maritime sector that is a national issue. We offer a wide range of maritime courses and have the questions that are dominating the agenda flexibility to deliver training as required by employers. We work closely with the industry as well as with schools to encourage young people to consider a maritime career, deliver the training that's required - including part-time, distance and hybrid opportunities - and help match employers with suitable candidates for vacancies."

There is a constant flow of students through the college on both short-term Academy is a centre of excellence dealing and longer courses. Students can spend three days on an introduction to commercial fishing course, or three Courses range from MCA (Maritime and years on the MNTB Deck Cadet training

Deck Officer Class 1 and Class 2 (fishing) courses last 12 weeks each run once a year and three times a year

The Trainee Deckhand course is also 12 weeks, and covers the entry-level

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training to enter the Merchant Navy, offshore supply and standby vessel fleet, or fishing industry. "Most trainees on this course do not have jobs and receive a fee waiver. Others want to change career and pay a fee. But regardless, renewable energy companies are sweeping them up, as they really need crew for supporting offshore wind farm developments," says Chris Bell. "The course provides trainees for the fishing industry, too, where demand is also increasing. Part of my

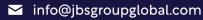
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job is to ensure the trainees don't all go on the same route, by encouraging them towards different sectors. These courses have been sponsored by Peterhead Port Authority for more than a decade and this helps ensure we have access to the latest designed to their exact specification. equipment and training aids."

He describes shipping companies as 'direct stakeholders' in the Academy. "If they need crew, we can give them crew. We often have fishing skippers coming to us seeking new hands. It is becoming more challenging to hire overseas crew, so there is more demand for local people. That is where the Trainee Deckhand course really continues to serve its purpose."

As well as the National Progression Award (NPA) in Maritime Studies, trainees can work towards STCW (Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping) safety training and Seafish safety certificates.

The wide range of courses on offer also includes Efficient Deckhand, ECDIS (Electronic Chart Display & Information Systems) training, GMDSS radio training, firefighting, health & safety and first aid.

Students come from all over the UK and overseas to study at the Scottish Maritime Academy, generally staying in hotels or bed-and-breakfast facilities in town. However, various solutions are being considered to create a more 'campus feel' at the Academy.

The MCA has also approved a hybrid version of some training courses, which enables students to study partly from home, onboard ship or in a shipyard.

Meeting specific needs

Peterhead Port Authority works closely with the Scottish Maritime Academy. PPA's pilots train in the Academy's simulator, using visuals that have been

PPA uses the simulator for refresher training as well as for planning the handling and passage of new or more challenging vessels visiting the Port.

"The simulator is in demand from shipping companies for ship handling courses for mates and masters," says Chris Bell. "That is the beauty of this place – any company can come to us with their requirements, and we are adept in accommodating that. For example, we assisted Port of Aberdeen by providing linesman training using the simulator, to meet the needs of the new South Harbour S4 year (aged about 15), within the development."

Fishing sector

The Academy's reputation is reflected in the fact that its Class 1 and 2 fishing courses attract trainees from all over the country. Seafish funding is available for many of the people accessing the Academy's training courses.

The Academy is gearing up for changes in regulations from the MCA which will make training for fishermen more aligned with Merchant Navy training.

This will involve an overhaul of Class 1 (for working on boats upwards of 24 metres in length) and Class 2 (boats 16.5 metres or longer), with a big focus on safety. In addition, new mandatory training is expected to be introduced for small fishing boats between 7 metres and 16.5 metres.

The School Links system gives pupils the opportunity to achieve national qualifications while continuing to study school-based courses. In this case, they attend the Maritime Academy one day a week for a year...

Starting early

How do we get young people involved in the maritime industry with its numerous and various career opportunities? The Scottish Maritime Academy has an answer to that question. It offers a Maritime Skills course for pupils in the Scottish 'School Links' programme.

The School Links system gives pupils the opportunity to achieve national qualifications while continuing to study school-based courses. In this case, they attend the Maritime Academy one day a week for a year, to learn the key skills required to progress to a job in the maritime sector.

"Part of my role is going to the schools to promote this course," says Chris Bell. "We have five schools involved this year, which is more than we have ever had before. We continue to develop the course in line with the future - to include, for example, renewables."

> The Scottish Maritime Academy offers a wide range of courses including ECDIS (Electronic Chart Display & Information ns) trainina and GMDSS radio traini





Smooth operator:

Safety, efficiency and effectiveness

Fishing vessels of all shapes and sizes arriving to land fish around the clock; offshore supply, service and crew vessels serving the busy oil & gas and wind farm sectors; huge vessels and barges bringing and Vessel Traffic Services (VTS) is offshore structures and components in and out; cruise ships calling in as part of a precisely timed schedule, international yachts visiting the recently upgraded marina facility; and even the £200 million polar science vessel the RRS Sir David Attenborough... Peterhead Port Authority is equipped and ready to handle them all.

As the statutory harbour, pilotage and conservancy authority for the Port of Peterhead, the Port Authority has a wide range of duties and responsibilities.

First and foremost - ensuring and promoting safe and efficient navigation. That priority encompasses security, environmental protection, and

coordinating and balancing the needs of a wide range of port users, including commercial shipping and leisure craft.

From the Port Control Centre, pilotage organised 24 hours a day, based on close cooperation with tug operators, ships' agents, stevedores and the wider port community.

As the Port gears up for the energy transition, the marine operations team is planning accordingly.

"More vessels and different types of vessels will mean more demand on our skilled VTS operators and expert pilots," says Ray Paterson, Peterhead Port Authority's Marine Operations Director. "We are also carefully watching the developments around new fuels and propulsion technology. Many of the enquiries we receive now reflect the change from oil & gas related activity to decommissioning, renewables and carbon capture.

"This brings new challenges, particularly as wind farm structures become ever

larger and the demand for port services increases. We have had enquiries about larger vessels for the 'walk to work' system where crew live out at sea with a gangway access to the structure they are working on. We dealt with the pressures with the boom in oil & gas, and we will be ready for the next chapter."

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While customers using the Port obviously have their HSE policies and processes in place, the Port Authority has its own standard set of rules which must be signed up to and adhered to by everyone who comes onsite

Vessel Traffic Services

All Port traffic, even small boats, must report into the VTS. Peterhead handles more than 8,000 commercial vessel movements and 7,000 fishing boat movements each year - ensuring that the various needs of all these busy vessels are met and therefore requires careful coordination.

"We have a team of six highly skilled and experienced VTS operators, all with V103 Maritime and Coastguard Agency approved certification which is refreshed and updated every three years," says Ray Paterson. "VTS provides a 24/7 service. They are supported by highly capable boatmen who also work on a 24/7 rota, mainly crewing the pilot boats."

Pilotage

Peterhead Port Authority employs five highly qualified and experienced pilots. They all have in-depth, detailed

knowledge of the harbour and its approaches, which is vital when guiding vessels in and out in all weathers and sea conditions.

Pilotage is compulsory for any vessel over 3,500 gt, unless the Master or Mate holds a Pilotage Exemption Certificate (PEC). However, a pilot will be provided if requested for any vessel under that size in times of bad weather or poor visibility, for example.

The pilot boarding area is two miles East-South-East of the South Breakwater light and the average duration of each pilotage act is just 50 minutes. In poor weather, a vessel may be permitted to come inside the breakwater to allow the pilot to board - but larger vessels will always be required to take on a pilot outside the breakwaters, before entering the Port.

For the inner harbours, pilotage is compulsory for all vessels over 200 gt, and a pilot is also required for some specific cases - for example, tankers carrying oil in bulk as cargo, vessels

carrying more than 100 tonnes of hazardous cargoes or dangerous goods, or vessels carrying IMO Class 1 category explosives.

In every case, a detailed pilotage passage and manoeuvring plan is drawn up in advance and agreed with the vessel Master, based on the pilot's experience and the tidal and weather conditions at the time.

Peterhead Port Authority works closely with the Scottish Maritime Academy, using the academy's simulator for regular ongoing pilot training as well as when preparing for an unusual or more challenging vessel call.

"We can simulate the pilotage, towage and handling of abnormal or particularly challenging vessels at the college, which is extremely valuable," says Ray Paterson. "For example, recently we had a series of processes in place, the Port Authority has very large barges being towed in, carrying its own standard set of rules which must wind farm foundations that required welding and other work in the Port before being taken out for installation."

Dredging

Peterhead Port Authority is responsible for monitoring and maintaining water depths in the approaches and inside the harbour, to ensure the safe passage and berthing of vessels within the Port.

Third party contractors are employed to carry out regular hydrographic surveying so that any issues with silting can be quickly identified and remedied. Only low levels of maintenance dredging are generally required.

Health, Safety and Environment

Peterhead Port Authority has a strong focus on and commitment to excellent Health, Safety and Environmental standards.

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The 129-metre RRS Sir David Attenborough, operated by the British Antarctic Survey, called into Peterhead in July 2023.

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one who comes onsite. This is vital to ensure that all operations in the Port are carried out safely, to protect contractors, employees and the public.

Peterhead has the ISO 45001 health & • Water quality is monitored inside the safety accreditation, which underlines this harbour, with an annual report from ongoing commitment.

EcoPorts accreditation

Peterhead is the only port in Scotland with collected and treated. the EcoPorts/PERS (Port Environmental Review System) accreditation, issued by the European Sea Ports Organisation (ESPO) to recognise high environmental performance.

EcoPorts accreditation is verified by Lloyd's Register every two years, enabling • Vessels are encouraged to separate objective monitoring and measuring of marine and shoreside operations.

Peterhead is committed to reducing its carbon footprint and environmental impact across the Port.

- Approximately 80% of the electricity provided to the Port is from renewable sources and the strategy is to increase this to 100%. Following this switch in 2018, the Port has reduced its carbon footprint by 75%.
- The fish market has solar panels across
- The Port has steadily switched over to LED lighting.
- The Port Authority provides ship-toshore power so that fishing vessels can

be signed up to and adhered to by every- 'plug in' to onshore power and switch off their engines in port. The power provided is from renewable sources.

- Electricity and water usage is measured and monitored.
- When ships are washed down in the repair area, contaminated water is
- A recycling facility provides for the crushing of old oil drums and filters from fishing vessels
- Bins are provided for waste from vessels and are regularly collected by specialist waste disposal contractors.
- recyclable from general waste, and bins are supplied for this.
- The Port Authority carries out maritime resilience exercises on a regular basis, working with port users, emergency services and other agencies, to test how the Port would respond to any pollution or emergency.

Trust Port commitments

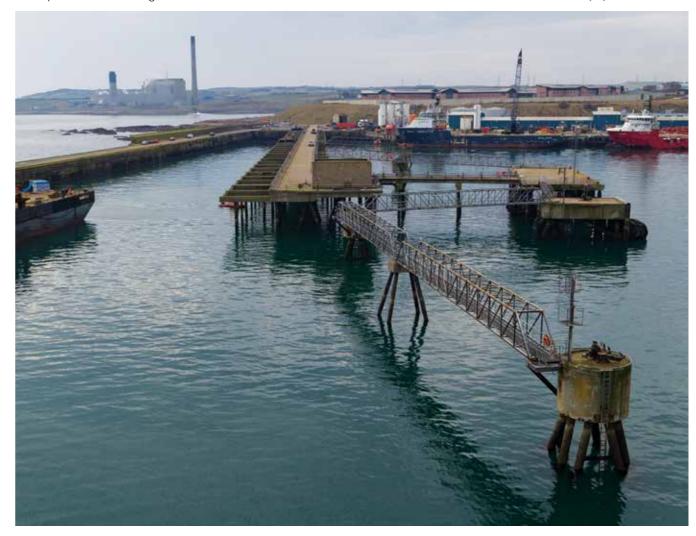
It's all in the name: Peterhead Port Authority is a Trust Port, and that means that all stakeholders, including port users, the town and the community, should trust the organisation to make the right choices

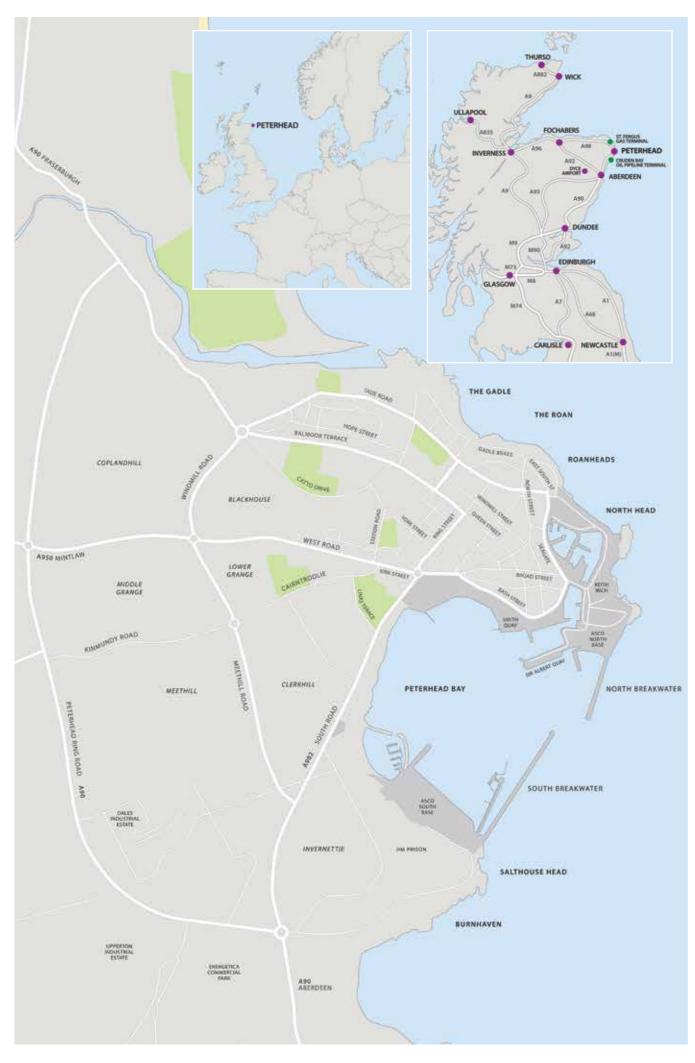
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- balancing their needs safely and fairly, and protecting and enhancing the Port for future generations

Port User Group meetings held twice a year are open to anyone - from commercial shipping to beach lovers. "Anyone who has an interest can come to the meetings to question our actions and find out what we have done," says Ray Paterson. "An example recently was creating a separation zone marked with buoys to keep swimmers safe, well away from leisure craft using the marina and any commercial Port traffic. With the growing popularity of open-water swimming, it was imperative that we took steps to protect all those using the harbour."

The Tanker Jetty could be





Peterhead:

connected

rail and air - and its connections have radically improved, thanks to one of the largest infrastructure projects ever undertaken in Scotland.

The newly built Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route, or Aberdeen bypass, part of Transport Scotland's commitment to improving travel in the North-East, has significantly increased local and national connectivity for businesses and slashed journey times south of Peterhead.

In addition, the A90 has been dualled and upgraded along its length between Aberdeen and Ellon, enabling faster, smoother road journeys to and from Peterhead and much greater certainty on travel times.

Air

Aberdeen Airport is situated at Dyce, on the northwest side of the city, and is therefore easily accessed by road from the Port of Peterhead.

There are numerous regular scheduled flights linking Aberdeen with London airports, regional UK airports and key European hubs.

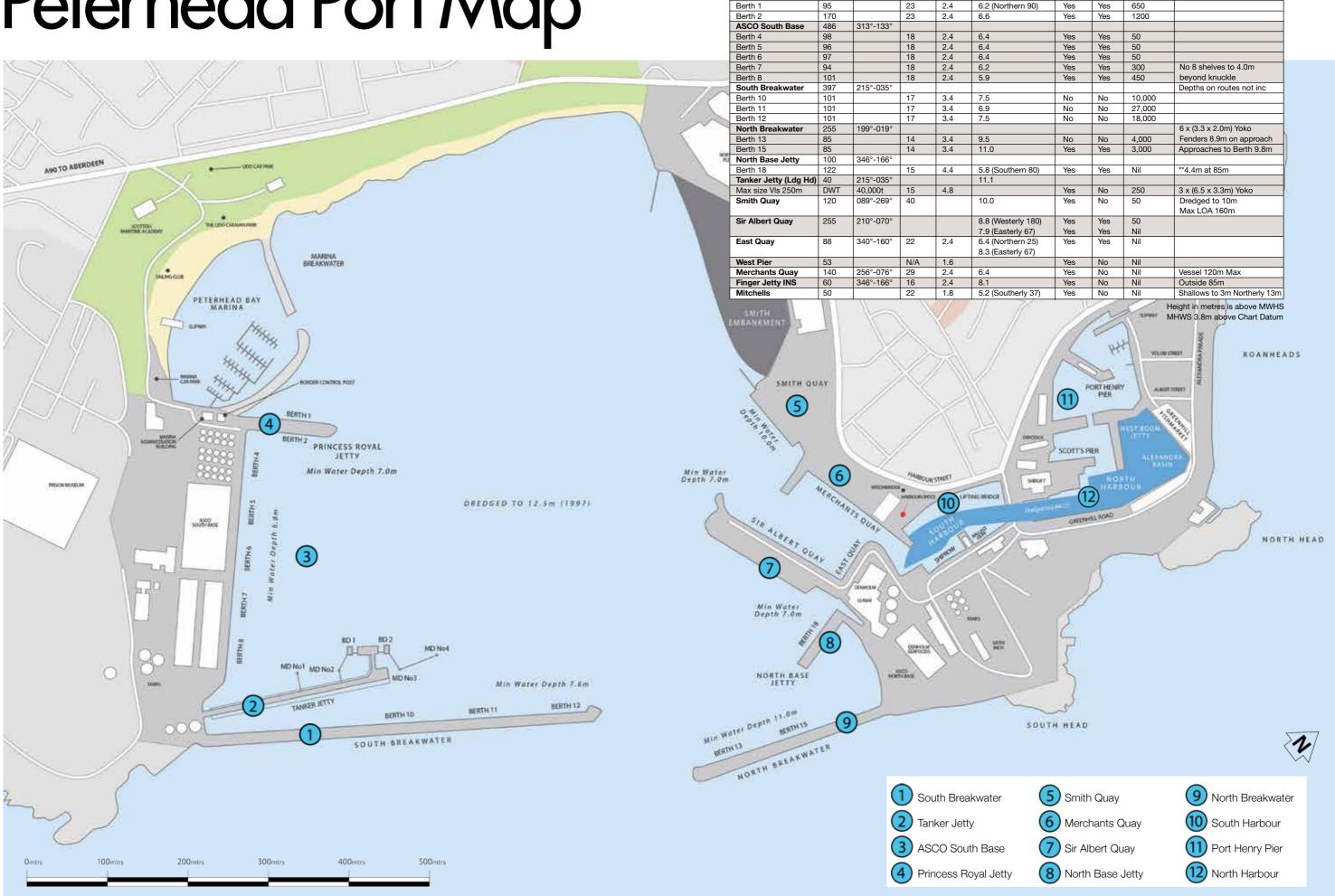
The airport is also the major centre for helicopters involved in oil industry support work including transporting personnel to and from platforms in the North Sea.

Peterhead has good connections by road, Aberdeen Railway Station is linked to all major cities around the UK. Thanks to high-speed trains, the 878 km journey between Aberdeen and London is covered in seven hours. There are regular local rail services between Aberdeen and Dyce, which is a strategically important economic hub for the region as well as being the location of the airport.

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Peterhead Port Map



Berth Name and numbers

Princess Royal Jetty 173

Length metres Bearing

223°-043°

Height Least metre depth metres below chart datum

Explosives (Kg)

Cargo VIs max LOA 90m

Fuel

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Quay Facts

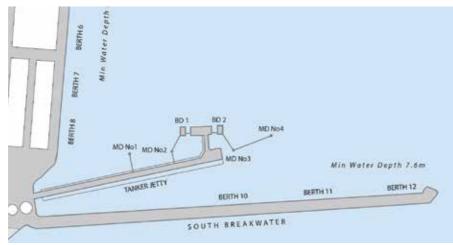


South Breakwater

The granite-built South Breakwater provides three berths. Fuel, fresh water, bulk chemicals and cement are available by road tanker. The berths are used by commercial shipping and as general layby

South Breakwater is part of South Base which acts as the centre of ASCO's Peterhead operations. It has a total of 11 berths across the South Base, South Breakwater and Princess Royal Jetty.





South Breakwater Length 397 metres

Bearing

Remarks Depths on route not included

Berth 10 Length

Width 17 metres Height above MHWS

Least depth

below chart datum 7.5 metres Fresh water

Fuel

Explosives

Berth 11 Length

Width

17 metres **Height above MHWS**

3.4 metres Least depth below chart datum

6.5 metres Fresh water Fuel

Explosives

Berth 12

Length 101 metres Width

17 metres **Height above MHWS**

Least depth below chart datum

7.5 metres Fresh water

Explosives

Fuel

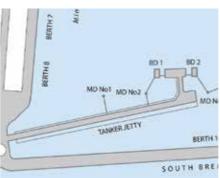
Tanker Jetty

The Tanker Jetty was originally designed to accommodate oil tankers of up to 40,000 dwt, with a draft of 11 metres and total of 10 berths across the South Base length of 280 metres, delivering fuel oil to Quay, South Breakwater and Princess Peterhead Power Station.

It is also used for servicing North Sea supply vessels, diving support vessels, survey vessels and cruise ships and also of vessels supplying and servicing the for other activities such as crew changes offshore oil & gas sector. It offers both and layby.

The jetty is used for demonstrating or testing remotely operated vehicles (ROVs) and other equipment.





Tanker Jetty Length 40 metres Bearing

215°-035 Maximum vessel size

280 metre length 40 000 DWT

Width 15 metres

Height above MHWS 4.8 metres

Fresh water

Fuel

Yes - road tanker

Explosives

Remarks

3 x (6.5 x 3.3 metre) Yokohama Fenders



ASCO South Base

The South Base acts as the centre of ASCO's Peterhead operations. It has a Royal Jetty.

The South Base was designed to enable the fast and efficient turnaround covered and open storage; its berths are protected by purpose-made Balmoral fenders. The South Base Quay has five berths including Berth 8 which incorporates a 200 tonne heavy lift pad. Chemical contractors are represented at the base for the supply of mud and cement materials. Fresh water is available for loading at up to 100 tonnes per hour.





Bearing

Height above MHWS Least depth below chart datum

Fresh water **Explosives**

Width Height above MHWS Least depth

below chart datum 6.4 metres Fresh water Fuel

Explosives

486 metres

Berth 4 Length

98 metres

18 metres

2.4 metres

Width

Fuel

Berth 5

Length

97 metres Width 18 metres

Berth 6

Length

Height above MHWS Least depth below chart datum 6.4 metres Fresh water

Fuel Explosives 50 Kg

Berth 7 Length 94 metres

Width 18 metres

Height above MHWS 2.4 metres Least depth below chart datum

6.2 metres Fresh water

Fuel Explosives

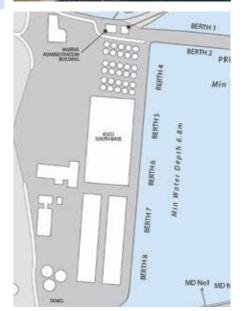
Rerth 8 Length 101 metres Width

Height above MHWS 2.4 metre Least depth

below chart datum Fresh water

Fuel Explosives 450 Kg

Remarks Shelves to 4.0 metres beyond the knuckle





Princess Royal Jetty

The Princess Royal Jetty was built to meet increasing demand for berthing of offshore oil & gas support vessels. The depth of up to seven metres, all serviced with fuel and water. Berth 2, on the eastern side, are operated by ASCO within the South Base. Berth 1, on the western side, is operated by Peterhead Port Authority and can handle vessels up to 90 metres LOA. It is available for the handling of bulk and general cargoes including fertiliser, grain, peat and frozen

A Border Control Post is located at the Princess Royal Jetty where there is also a weighbridge and sampling gantry for use in handling grain or fertiliser in bulk.





Berth 2

Length

Width

23 metres

Least depth

6.6 metres

Fuel

Fresh water

Explosives

Height above MHWS

below chart datum

Princess Royal Jetty Length 173 metres **Bearing** 223°-043°

Remarks Cargo vessels maximum LOA 90 metres

Berth 1 Length 95 metres Width

Height above MHWS 2.4 metres Least depth

below chart datum

6.2 metres Northern 90 metre Fresh water

Fuel

Explosive

Smith Quay (120 metres long x 40 metres wide) accommodates vessels up to 160 metres long. It provides a minimum 173-metre-long jetty has one berth with a water depth of 10 metres. The berth has a 500 tonne heavy lift pad and 11,000 square metres of adjacent storage area.

Smith Quay

It was designed to handle a broad range of trades including pelagic fish and subsea vessels. The site is ideal for quayside fabrication and larger scale mobilisation projects.

The working area was extended to 43,000 square metres and fuel tanks with guayside bunkering completed in 2018.





Smith Quay Length Bearing 089°-269 Length to Dolphin Least depth below chart datum 10.0 metr

Fresh water Fuel

Explosives Remarks

Dredged to 10 metres maximun at LOA 160 metres



Merchants Quay

Merchants Quay offers a berth length of 140 metres and is a commercial quay operated by NorSea UK Limited. Maximum vessel size is 120 metres. The berth is supported by 16,000 square metres working area and an adjacent weighbridge. It is used for a mix of subsea projects, decommissioning activity, offshore wind survey vessels and handling bulk agricultural products.





Merchants Quay Length Bearing

Least depth below chart datum 7.8 metres Fresh water Fuel

Explosives

W side 85 metres F side 60 metres Bearing

Width Height above MHWS Least depth below chart datum Fresh water Fuel

Explosives



Sir Albert Quay

Sir Albert Quay, including East Quay, provides 340 metres of all-weather deepwater berthing. It is used by larger white fish and pelagic fishing vessels and for handling bulk cargoes, oil imports and other trades.

Sheltered deepwater berthing and heavy lift capability make Sir Albert Quay one of the best facilities in north-east Scotland for the subsea industry. Quayside fabrication projects can also be accommodated. It has eight metres water depth and the quay is 30 metres wide.

East Quay is situated at the east end of Sir Albert Quay. A processing factory, freezing facilities and a cold store are located on the quay and large volumes of pelagic fish landings take place in this area. A grain sampling gantry is also available.





East Quay

Length

Width

6.4 metres

Fuel

Fresh water

Explosives

8.3 metres

Fuel Explosives

Fresh water

Height above MHWS

Northern least depth

Easterley least depth

below chart datum

Easterly 67 metres

below chart datum

Northern 25 metres

88 metres

Sir Albert Quay Length

255 metres

Westerley least depth below chart datum

8.8 metres Westerley 180 metres Fresh water

Fuel **Explosives**

Easterley least depth below chart datum

7.9 metres Easterly 75 metres Fresh water

Fuel

Explosives

North Base Jetty

The North Base Jetty is leased by Lunar and one berth may be available to support third party berthing requirements.





North Base Jetty Length

100 metres Bearing

Berth 18 Lenath 122 metres 15 metres Least depth

below chart datun Southern 80 metres Fresh water

Fuel **Explosives**



North Breakwater

The North Breakwater has a 17 metre wide working area and minimum depth alongside of up to 14 metres. The breakwater also incorporates a purposebuilt rig mooring system. Yokohama fenders are available for deployment when required.

Vessels of up to 250 metres in length and 96,000 dwt have been handled at the breakwater. The North Breakwater is protected by a wave wall and is part of ASCO North Base.





North Breakwater Length 255 metres Bearing

Berth 13 Length Width **Height above MHWS** Least depth below chart datum Fresh water Fuel

Explosives

Length Width 14 metres Height above MHWS 3.4 metre Least depth below chart datur 11 metres Fresh water

Berth 15

Fuel **Explosives**

Remarks 3 x (3.3 x 2.0 metre) Yokohama Fenders 8.9 metres on approach Approaches to berth 9.8 metres



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South Harbour

South Harbour is a 350 metre working quay with minimum depth of three metres. Harbour offers 740 metres of quay with Deeper drafted vessels can enter on high water spring tides. The maximum length of vessel which can enter South Harbour is 80 metres.

A flake ice factory is located on the East side of South Harbour, while the Port here, which is also home to a tube ice Control Tower and harbour administration factory and a number of engineering offices are situated on West Pier at the entrance to South Harbour.

There is a navigation channel 6.2 metres Chart Datum from South Harbour and North Harbour.





West Pier Length 53 metres Width

Height above Fresh water

Fuel Explosives

Width 22 metres Least depth below chart datum 5.2 metres Southerly 37 metres Fresh water

Length

Fuel Explosive



Port Henry

Accessed via North Harbour, Port Henry water depths varying from two to three metres Chart Datum.

The ship repair slipway, capable of handling four vessels up to 30 metres long and 7.2 metres beam, is located workshops. There is a working marina for small fishing boats.





North Harbour

of quay.

North Harbour is entered from South

lifting bridge restricting vessels to a

(Queenie Bridge) which is spanned by a

16.5 metres beam and has 720 metres

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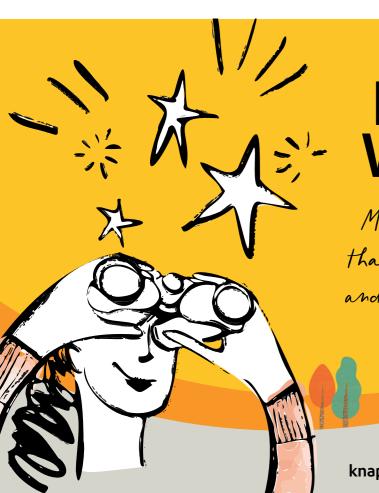
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