

## **NIFHA Ports**

### **Conservancy and Environmental Policy**

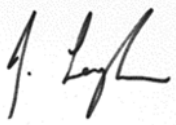
The Duty Holder for NIFHA Ports acknowledges their common law duty of care to users of the harbours in regard to conservancy and environmental duties. The following specific provision are recognised:

- The Environment Act 2021, Part 6 ‘Nature and Biodiversity Duty’ requiring public bodies, including Statutory Harbours, to have regard to biodiversity in their activities; and
- The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 & 2017.

This commitment covers the Harbour Authority’s jurisdiction and its immediate approaches. The following specific provisions are made:

- To keep a ‘vigilant watch’ for changes in the harbour jurisdiction;
- Evaluate and remove obstructions that may become a danger to safe navigation;
- Ensure the provision of necessary Aids to Navigation for the harbours based on formal risk assessment and in consultation with the Commissioners of Irish Lights, in its role as the General Lighthouse Authority;
- Promulgate navigational, tidal and weather information to harbour users;
- Conduct hydrographic and topographic surveys as regularly as necessary to identify the least available depths; and
- Maintain a close liaison with, and provide relevant data to, the United Kingdom Hydrographic Office. Such data includes any recent bathymetric survey data, plus any additions or changes to navigation aids and charted features.

## Signature of Approval and Authority – Conservancy and Environmental Policy

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| Ardglass Harbour Master   | James Lenaghan |  | 23 Mar 2026 |
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