

Responsibilities

Organisational Roles and Responsibilities	Relevant legislation or policy	Existing Management
Maintaining and conserving the harbour facilities at St Abbs	The Docks and Harbour Act 1972 Port Marine Safety Code (2016)	Harbour works are subject to various consents – planning permission, marine licence. An assessment of impact on nature conservation designations is carried out by the consenting body with advice from SNH
Ensuring safe and efficient marine operations	Port Marine Safety Code (2016) The Harbours Act 1964 The Merchant Shipping Act 1995, as amended The Pilotage Act 1987	Any capital or maintenance dredging would be subject to subject to a marine licence from Marine Scotland
Maintenance of lights and navigational markers	The Merchant Shipping Act 1995, as amended Marine Navigation Act 2013 Port Marine Safety Code (2016)	St Abbs Harbour is a Local Lighthouse Authority with responsibility for maintenance of any aids to navigation (including buoys, beacons and electronic aids) Aids to navigation maintained by Local Lighthouse Authorities must be maintained in accordance with criteria laid down by the Northern Lighthouse Board and are subject to periodic review.
Competent Authority with a general duty, in the exercise of any of their functions, to have regard to the EC Habitats Directive and Wild Birds Directive	Conservation (Natural habitats, &c.)	Any competent authority authorising a plan or project that may (either alone or in combination with other plans or projects), have a significant effect on the protected site, must undertake an appropriate assessment of the implications for that site in view of that

		site's conservation objectives
Statutory duty as a public authority to take reasonable steps to conserve and enhance the special features of sites of special scientific interest (SSSIs)	Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, as amended	Section 28G of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981(as amended) imposes a duty on public bodies in exercising their functions to take reasonable steps, consistent with the proper exercise of those functions, to further conservation and enhancement of the special features on a SSSI. This applies where the public body is exercising its statutory functions on a SSSI or on land outside the SSSI where those functions affect a SSSI.
Statutory duty as a public authority to further the conservation of biodiversity when carrying out their responsibilities.	The Wildlife and Natural Environment (Scotland) Act 2011	Under the Nature Conservation (Scotland) Act (2004), all public bodies in Scotland are required to further the conservation of biodiversity when carrying out their responsibilities. This includes coastal and marine biodiversity where relevant to the functions of the public body. The Wildlife and Natural Environment (Scotland) Act (2011) requires public bodies in Scotland to provide a publicly available report, every three years, on the actions which they have taken to meet this biodiversity duty.