

# THE PORT OF MILFORD HAVEN

Group Purpose – “To secure the long term future of the Haven by operating Safely, Efficiently, Sustainably and Profitably.”



The Port of Milford Haven is a Trust Port, constituted by the Milford Haven Conservancy Act 1983. It is a commercial business with certain statutory powers and responsibilities for ensuring the safe navigation and conservancy within the Port Limits.

## ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY STATEMENT

It is the policy of THE PORT OF MILFORD HAVEN to ensure that our business practices protect the welfare of our employees and the communities in which we operate. This Environmental Policy is applicable to all employees and is also encouraged within our tenants, contractors and operations within the Port. It is based upon the principle of Best Available Technology Not Entailing Excessive Costs.

We will seek to attract and develop sustainable port operations and to minimise impacts on the environment. We will promote shipping as the mode of transport offering the least overall environmental impact and will operate the port in accordance with procedures designed to prevent incidents that may cause environmental damage.

THE PORT OF MILFORD HAVEN has adopted the following principles to implement our Environmental Policy for all its Marine and Commercial operations. This document is available to all interested parties.

- **To Endorse** the principles contained within the European Sea Ports Organisation’s Environmental Policy Code,
- **To Conserve** the natural environment of the Haven, continue to promote its sustainable use, and to protect it, particularly in respect of oil pollution.
- **To Respond** immediately to any environmental incident or threat within the Port by utilising appropriate personnel and equipment.
- **To Design** our management systems or equipment, to minimise our environmental impact especially from:
  - Dredging programmes
  - Oil Spill Response capability
  - MHPA Marine craft emissions
  - Utilities consumption
  - Waste generation
- **To Monitor and Report** annually on our environmental performance with the aim of achieving continuous improvement.
- **To Create** a framework for setting and reviewing environmental objectives and targets.
- **To Comply** with relevant environmental legislation.
- **To Communicate** this policy to, and foster environmental responsibility amongst our staff, tenants, and contractors.
- **To Provide** appropriate training and encourage initiatives to enhance and improve our environmental performance.
- **To Make Available** all necessary resources to implement this environmental policy.

Chief Executive  
Alec Don.

Dated. 9 Feb 2016

  
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# ESPO Environmental Policy Code

*“The vision of members of ESPO towards sustainability in port areas”*

## European Port Authorities Believe In:

1. Achieving voluntary self-regulation that raises standards beyond regulations through a bottom-up approach.
2. Cooperation and sharing of knowledge and experience between port authorities on environmental matters
3. Serving in parallel the interests of the business and the local communities aiming towards the sustainable operation of port areas
4. Applying a systematic approach to port environmental management through appropriate structures that enable continuous improvement of performance
5. Being transparent in communicating and reporting on the ports' efforts and environmental performance.

In respect to the above principles, European port authorities aim to continuously work towards improving their environmental performance through focused action on:

1. **Exemplifying:** Setting a good example towards the wider port community by demonstrating excellence in managing the environmental performance of their own operations, equipment and assets
2. **Enabling:** Providing the operational and infrastructural conditions within the port area that facilitate port users and enhance improved environmental performance within the port area
3. **Encouraging:** Provide incentives to port users that encourage a change of behaviour and induce them to continuously improve their environmental performance
4. **Engaging** with port users and/or competent authorities in sharing knowledge, means and skills towards joint projects targeting environmental improvement in the port area and the logistics chain
5. **Enforcing:** Making use of mechanisms that enforce good environmental practice by port users where applicable and ensuring compliance

Note that the enforcing element is seen by port authorities as a last resort instrument in line with the belief that a lot can be achieved through cooperation and common understanding in line with the principle of self regulation.