

To Whom it May Concern,

The Port Marine Safety Code (PMSC) was developed in 2000 and offers a national standard for safety within UK harbours with the aim to "improve safety for those who use or work in ports, their ships, passengers and cargoes, and the environment".

As Harbour Authority for our harbours at Groomsport, Donaghadee, Ballywalter, Ballyhalbert and Cook St Portaferry; ANDBC wishes to fully comply with the code. As part of our Marine Safety Management System, ANDBC have produced the suite of documents attached to demonstrate our commitment to compliance with the code.

A key part of this Marine Safety Management System is consultation with stakeholders, of which you have been identified.

Please find draft documents attached for your review and any feedback would be most welcome.

Attachments include:

- Draft ANDBC Marine Safety Management System: A high level document laying out the context and policies of the safety Management system. It explains who is responsible for each element of the system and includes an action plan for compliance and ongoing monitoring.
- ANDBC Oil Spill Contingency Plan

Ambipar Response have been contracted by Council to assist with the development of our Oil Spill Contingency Plan and are collating the feedback for both documents on our behalf.

If you have any specific comments or queries please state the document and paragraph number to which you refer to enable changes to be made.

Yours Faithfully,

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