

1. Q4 SUMMARY**1.1 Incident statistics**

Quarter	Injuries	Incidents	Near Misses
4	0	0	0

There were no recorded incidents, injuries or near misses for the period of quarter 4.

1.2 Conservancy

Dredging has continued over the 4th quarter of 2022/23 and into the 1st quarter of 2023/24, with priority given to Buckie navigational channel and Burghead channel.

1.3 From 1st January 2022 to 31st March 2022 (Q4) the total amount of spoil removed to designated spoil grounds was 3330 Tonnes over 24 digging days. This includes the harbours of Burghead and Buckie.

1.4 The poor condition of Burghead groyne continues to have a negative impact in terms of accumulation of sand in the harbour channel. Plans have been prepared for repairs to the groyne which are being put forward for consideration as part of the capital plan

1.5 Selkie

As agreed by members at a meeting of this Committee on February 8th 2022. Information on work carried out during Q4 by MV Selkie is provided in the tables below:

Table 1 summary of Selkie working Q4 2021/22

Harbour	Cumulative working days	Cumulative weather days	Cumulative maintenance days
Buckie	18	29	9
Burghead	6	1	0
Total (%)	24 (38)	30 (48)	9 (14)

Table 2: Spoil removed per harbour Q4:

Harbour	Tonnage Removed Q4	Digging days per harbour
Buckie	2,250	18
Burghead	1,080	6

These figures indicate that the vessel is less productive as a percentage of working days than for overall annual figures for previous years. However, it should be noted that quarter 4 figures are for the winter months and more working days are generally available in the summer months due to favourable weather conditions.

2. **Safety related works**

There have been a number of jobs completed during Q4 improving safety conditions within all harbours, these works include:

- Repair of shutter doors in Fish Market and general improvements to bump stops and protective bumpers in chills.
- Use of algaecide to remove potential slip hazards on quaysides.
- Repair of electrical cable supplying Navigational Light in Buckie.
- Repair of ladders and hand holds throughout harbours.
- Replacement of life-rings.
- Repair of Water supply and steps in Findochty.
- Placement of protective barriers to limit impact of land slip and maintain safe access to Portknockie harbour quays.
- Production of list of works ready for Cullen seeking approval from planning department due to listed consent needs.
- Repair of minor potholes in quays reducing trip hazards.

3. **MISCELLANEOUS SAFETY BUSINESS**

3.1 **Signage**

There has been a full audit identifying new signs required around the harbours including:

1. 4 signs to restrict general access to the pontoons
2. Harbour operations signs.
3. Designated visitor berths.
4. Operational speed restrictions
5. Keep slipway clear signs.

These will be erected on delivery within the next quarter.

3.2 **Water Safety Group**

The next scheduled meeting of the Water Safety Group is to be confirmed by the Chair. The chair of the group is the lead of Water Safety Scotland. Due to a large work commitment, the current chair aims to stand down as the group is now developed and progressing. Future meetings will seek to find a replacement Chair.

The group is currently reviewing the Partnership Approach to Water Safety (PAWS) document in consultation with the emergency services.

Full water safety risk assessments are being undertaken at the harbours along with a review of all signage. New signage has been ordered for the harbours and some adjoining beaches where issues have occurred in the past.

Consideration is also being given to suitable signage for coastal walking routes, which whilst outside the remit of the harbours team is in scope for the group.

The community in Hopeman has committed to install a rescue box containing Thermal Protective Aids (TPA's),

Gordonstoun School has a water safety group working in partnership with the Coastguard and they are researching ways to share the water safety message with their peers at other schools.

3.3 **Pilotage**

Pilotage is not compulsory at Buckie harbour, therefore, not all cargo movements require the services of a pilot. The number of pilotage acts carried out in the fourth quarter of 2021/22 was 10, in relation to 26 vessel movements in and out of the harbour.