



## **Port of Sunderland Marine Policy Statement**

In the Port of Sunderland, we conduct our activities to take the foremost account of the safety of marine and land-based personnel, contractors, neighbours, visiting vessels, fishing community, leisure and other users of the River Wear and to give proper regard to the conservation of the natural environment. In implementing this policy, we will not only comply with all relevant national and international legislation but will also promote initiatives, which benefit health and safety, and the environment of all who may be affected by our activities and which safeguard the natural environment.

We adopt a systematic approach to health, safety and environmental management and strive for continuous improvement by setting targets against which we measure, appraise and report performance. Safety and environmental performance is included in the appraisal of all our personnel and is awarded accordingly. All our long-term contractors and service providers who participate in marine operations have adopted this policy and they operate fully within our management system. We require other contractors and service providers to manage health, safety and the environment in line with this policy.

### **Safety**

- We believe that a high percentage of injuries can be prevented;
- High standards of safety consciousness and discipline will be maintained;
- We have designed and will maintain our activities to minimise risk to employees, contractors and third parties.

### **Environment**

- We are committed to protecting the natural environment;
- We will promote environmental awareness and performance throughout the River Wear waterways;
- We will strive to minimise hazards to the environment and maintain effective protection and recovery measures within the River Wear and the Docks system.

Excellence in safety and environment management are key objectives at the Port of Sunderland. Improving safety and minimising damage to our environment will undoubtedly lead to enhanced efficiency and business success.

The Port of Sunderland's Marine Policy aims to demonstrate its commitment to protecting the Environment and ensuring safe and responsible operations within the port and harbour by detailing areas of primary concern (which are based on the requirements of the Port Marine Safety Code). The Marine Policy can be found on the Port of Sunderland website.