

CONSULTATION POLICY

The Port Marine Safety Code emphasises the importance of effective consultation by all ports with stakeholders and beneficiaries. This includes all those who work in the port or use Warrenpoint Harbour and Carlingford Lough Commission in some way, as well as those who represent them.

It is therefore Warrenpoint Harbour Authority (the Board) and Carlingford Lough Commission (Commissioners) policy that both organisations shall jointly publish matters of relevance to, and encourage comment and contribution from, stakeholders and beneficiaries, on its facilitation and the management of navigation within the Lough.

The Board and Commissioners shall:

- Consult as early as is practicable with stakeholders and port users when changes to legislation and policy are being considered;
- Include appropriate Warrenpoint Harbour and Carlingford Lough Commission staff in the consultation process;
- Maintain an effective consultation mechanism with appropriate stakeholders and users on navigational safety and other operational issues;
- Include appropriate port users in the ongoing work to identify navigational hazards, assess the risk of such hazards and recommend appropriate control and mitigation measures;
- Provide regular feedback on the Authority's performance, in particular its compliance with the Port Marine Safety Code, to all stakeholders and beneficiaries; and
- Publish an annual review of Warrenpoint Harbour and Carlingford Lough Commission activity and achievements through the Joint Marine Safety Action Plan.