

HARBOUR MASTER BRIEFING NOTE TO HARBOUR EXECUTIVE
6 December 2021

1. WHITE AND SHELL FISH

Submitted returns indicate the following figures and percentages:

1.1 Whitby

		2021	2020	2019	
April	Weight	12,272	865	22,790	Kilos
	Value	45,773	1,244	174,626	£
	Wharfage	1,831	50	6,985	£
May	Weight	18,811	12,098	27,214	Kilos
	Value	85,018	45,664	152,224	£
	Wharfage	3,401	1,827	6,089	£
June	Weight	20,019	19,944	22,417	Kilos
	Value	126,476	118,430	132,388	£
	Wharfage	5,059	4,737	5,296	£
July	Weight	29,342	30,416	62,525	Kilos
	Value	257,324	239,245	232,704	£
	Wharfage	10,293	9,570	9,308	£
August	Weight	36,015	28,795	62,106	Kilos
	Value	304,866	232,492	374,588	£
	Wharfage	12,195	9,300	14,984	£
September	Weight	35,956	43,093	31,359	Kilos
	Value	285,785	242,152	167,796	£
	Wharfage	11,431	9,686	6,712	£
Total to date	Weight	152,415	102,304	291,767	Kilos
1 April to	Value	1,105,243	713,889	1,309,366	£
30 September	Wharfage	44,210	28,556	52,375	£

- 1.2 April figures show grossing's to be 100% Shell
 May figures show grossing's to be 100% Shell
 June figures show grossing's to be 7% White and 93% Shell
 July figures show grossing's to be 100% Shell
 August figures show grossing's to be 100% Shell
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1.3 Scarborough

		2021	2020	2019	
April	Weight	89,415	1,059	125,370	Kilos
	Value	269,466	4,685	427,767	£
	Wharfage	10,551	187	16,123	£
May	Weight	40,112	23,872	182,599	Kilos
	Value	157,709	113,419	646,435	£
	Wharfage	6,102	4,537	23,308	£
June	Weight	47,048	45,596	66,041	Kilos
	Value	203,998	195,510	306,226	£
	Wharfage	7,962	7,561	11,327	£
July	Weight	60,652	71,672	108,649	Kilos
	Value	402,042	387,016	483,256	£
	Wharfage	16,038	15,135	17,918	£
August	Weight	88,842	66,409	103,685	Kilos
	Value	459,076	301,479	486,269	£
	Wharfage	18,363	12,059	17,979	£
September	Weight	72,783	79,874	95,187	Kilos
	Value	453,035	279,906	356,839	£
	Wharfage	18,121	11,196	14,261	£
Total to date	Weight	398,851	299,745	733,128	Kilos
1 April to	Value	1,945,325	1,319,710	2,685,009	£
30 Sept	Wharfage	77,137	52,183	99,829	£

- 1.4 April figures show grossing's to be 11% White and 89% Shell
 May figures show grossing's to be 1% White and 99% Shell
 June figures show grossing's to be 13% White and 87% Shell
 July figures show grossing's to be 2% White and 98% Shell
 August figures show grossing's to be 1% White and 99% Shell
 September figures show grossing's to be 100% Shell

- 1.5 During this period, the global pandemic has continued to impact upon the products landed within our ports. Visiting fishing vessels have continued to be limited in number and this impact is represented in the figures. The visitors which do land however have bolstered the figures with their white fish and scallop landings. Overall, a trend towards a return to 'normal' landing levels has been seen but is not quite at pre-pandemic levels yet.

2. DREDGING

2.1 Dredging Campaigns:-

	Apr to Sep. 2021		Apr to Sep. 2020	
	Loads	Quantity	Loads	Quantity
Whitby	117	43260	42	15070
Scarborough	0	0	0	0
Total	117	41097	42	15070
Working Days	132		141	
Dredging Days Lost Due:-				
Bad Weather	51		33	
Repairs	14		11	
Sickness	0		23	
Holidays	1		0	
External Charter	11		50	
Total Days Lost at Home Ports	77		117	
TOTAL DAYS DREDGING	55 days for 117 loads @ 2.12 Loads		24 days for 42 loads @ 1.75 Loads	
	809.4 tonnes per day		1014.6 tonnes per day	

- 2.2 Scarborough Harbour – No dredging was undertaken nor deemed necessary at Scarborough during this period following a successful campaign in the previous period. A large stone (believed to be a Foundation Stone) was discovered in the harbour entrance. It was not deemed suitable to use the dredger for its removal due to the risk of damage to the equipment and doubts as to whether the excavator would be powerful enough to lift it in any case. An alternative solution involving divers will be executed on 6th December 2021 and a LNtM has been issued in the meantime.
- 2.3 Whitby Harbour – The beginning of the period was impacted by the breakdown with the excavator pump and difficulties sourcing the required parts internationally. However, once the parts were received, dredging activities recommencing and proceeded at pace to achieve the planned summer dredging campaign. This focused on the entrance to the harbour and navigable channels as well as targeted dredging to commercial berths. Attentions have now turned to the winter campaign which will include marina berthing on the West side of the river.

3. FINANCIAL UPDATE

- 3.1 A financial update will be provided at the Harbour Executive meeting and then a summary inserted into this report.

4. PORT MARINE SAFETY CODE (PMSC)

- 4.1 There has been one incident since the last report involving a grounded vessel at Scarborough. Where appropriate, reports have been submitted to the Marine Accident Investigation Branch and internal investigations conducted. A number of other incidents occurred as a result of Storm Arwen and these are currently being investigated.
- 4.2 A number of safety bulletins have been received from the Marine Accident Investigation Branch (MAIB), which have been distributed to users where appropriate. Similar themes surrounding fishing vessel safety continue to be seen industry wide, often with loss of life.

5. HARBOUR MAINTENANCE – PROJECTS

5.1 Whitby Fish Pier

The provisionally accepted repair scheme proposed by the RNLI has now been agreed and accepted pending final signing of formal agreements.

It is hoped that this project will move forward in Spring 2022 however timescales remain unclear owing to the need for a marine license.

5.2 Scarborough Lighthouse

Asset Management are currently working up a specification for required works to the lighthouse including work required to the lamp room. This will involve replacement of the timber structure, glazing and flashing to ensure the area is watertight. A number of other maintenance tasks are required on the building itself however access is difficult and will require a large degree of scaffolding.

5.3 Sheet Piling, Scarborough Lighthouse

Following a routine inspection by divers on the sheet piling located on the Lighthouse Pier, West Pier 'round head' and Fish Quay, a number of concerns were raised by the Council's engineering Officers.

This has resulted in an area of the Lighthouse Pier becoming inaccessible to the public for safety reasons and a weight limit imposed on the end section of the West Pier.

Works are now underway to proposal a scheme for repair/replacement as appropriate.

Whilst the outcome of the survey was undesirable, operational impact is limited and workable in the medium term.

6. FILEY COBLE LANDING

6.1 Routine inspections are maintained, dialogue continues with users/stakeholders and RNLI, No H&S or other issues have been encountered.

6.2 Officers are currently working on plans for a reorganisation of the boat berthing available on the landing and will consult with users in the near future.

6.3 Plans have now been submitted to the Council's Planning service regarding the required upgrades to the Lifeboat Station on Coble Landing. This include a proposal to bring forward the front of the building to create additional space for the recently replaced ILB. A discussion regarding this was held at the last Coble Landing User Group and users encourage to submit their comments formally to the planning authority.

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