TAY ROWING CLUB

PROPOSAL TO REFURBISH EXISTING SLIPWAY

S.N.M.P. POLICIES CONSIDERED

Background

The original pier was constructed circa 1900. Circa 1955-65 it was partially demolished to make it useable to serve the adjacent smokehouse. The structure at this point became a rough slipway, formed by the footings of the original pier, protected by two side walls which were the remanent of the external walls of the pier. When the netting of salmon on the Tay ceased, the smokehouse closed, and the regular use of the slipway reduced somewhat. However, it has remained in continual use by local boat owners to this day.

In 2018, Tay RC secured a 30yr lease of land to establish a rowing club house. The leased land includes the pier. In the same year they secured detailed Planning Approval for their development proposals from Perth and Kinross Council. SNMP was, among many other issues, considered within the Planning application process.

Policy GEN 7

"Landscape/seascape: Marine planners and decision makers should ensure that development and use of the marine environment take seascape, landscape and visual impacts into account."

Tay RC took the view that the use of an existing slipway would have minimal visual impact. Furthermore; the proposals are deliberately restricted to the footprint of the original structure and follow the existing profile of the river bank.

Policy GEN 13

"Noise: Development and use in the marine environment should avoid significant adverse effects of man-made noise and vibration, especially on species sensitive to such effects."

Development; all of the works within the marine environment will be carried out by hand. It is therefore felt that noise will not be an issue during the works.

Use; club activity within the marine environment will normally be restricted to rowing. The club will occasionally use a small coaching/safety launch, driven by a small outboard motor. It is felt that this will not constitute a significant increase in noise, given the frequent use of the river by other powered vessels.