



Harbour Berthing Policy

VTS Contact, Port Entry

- 1.0.0 Fishing Vessels initial contact with Peterhead Port Authority shall be Peterhead Vessel Traffic Service (Peterhead VTS) who operate under the authority of the Harbour Master.
- 1.0.1 All vessels are requested to give notice to Peterhead VTS prior to port approach and port entry.
- 1.0.2 Any vessel that requires to land fish for auction must notify Peterhead VTS of their intention prior to port entry.
- 1.0.3 Any vessel that intends to land fish in a sale other than the main auction must notify Peterhead VTS of their intention prior to port entry.
- 1.0.4 Any vessel that intends to land shellfish out with the fish market must inform Peterhead VTS of their intention prior to port entry.
- 1.0.5 The VTS controller will notify the Berthing Master of a vessels approach and intention to land.
- 1.0.6 Peterhead VTS will advise vessels of available berthing options upon entering Peterhead Port

Fish Market

- 2.0.1 The vessels fish market laydown space allocation will be secured upon arrival through Peterhead Breakwater.
- 2.0.2 The vessel will have 30 minutes from time of arrival to pass a detailed fish tally to the Greenhill Fish Market.
- 2.0.3 Failure to pass the detailed fish tally to Greenhill Fish Market within the designated time period will result in the vessel losing the initial fish market laydown space allocation.
- 2.0.4 The next available laydown space will then be allocated to the vessel once the fish tally has been passed to Greenhill Fish Market.
- 2.0.5 Laydown space in the fish market will be allocated to each vessel depending on the amount of fish boxes declared by the vessel.
- 2.0.6 Vessels wishing to land both Whitefish and Nephrops will be allocated laydown space for the whitefish only.
- 2.0.7 Vessels wishing to land Nephrops may at the discretion of the Berthing Master utilize refrigerated space at the far end of the intended sale to allow their catch to be landed awaiting collection from refrigerated transport.

- 2.0.8 Responsibility for the Nephrops landed will remain with the vessel masters until they have been removed from the market.
- 2.0.9 Consigned fish will be allocated a suitable laydown space when the vehicle transporting the fish arrives at the fish market.
- 2.1.0 Once the laydown space has been allocated to the vessel it is at the discretion of the vessel master when the vessel will approach the Greenhill Fish Market to land their fish (see 2.1.5, 2.1.6). If a vessel does not wish to discharge its catch on arrival the intended landing time will be passed to Fish Market staff along with the fish tally.
- 2.1.1 If a vessel does not discharge fish upon arrival, advise on suitable berthing options will be provided by the VTS.
- 2.1.2 Safety of the vessel remains with the vessel master when choosing a suitable lay over berth.
- 2.1.3 The market Berthing Master shall operate under the authority of Peterhead Port Authority and have operational control of vessel berthing and movements in the Greenhill Fish Market area.
- 2.1.4 The vessel master is ultimately responsible for the safety of their vessel when moored at Greenhill Fish Market.
- 2.1.5 Vessels may land fish from Sunday morning for the sale commencing Monday morning at the discretion of the berthing master.
- 2.1.6 Vessels are not permitted to land prior to 12 midday for the next morning's auction Monday to Thursday except at the discretion of the berthing master.
- 2.1.7 When the vessel arrives at Greenhill Fish Market the Berthing Master on duty will allocate an appropriate berth for the vessel to moor at for the landing operations. Vessels with less than 100 boxes of Whitefish for auction, may be allocated a suitable quayside landing space in the Greenhill Section of the Fish Market by the Berthing Master. This berth will then be used for landing their catch and to allow Whitefish & Nephrops not for auction access to transport. The fish that will be presented for auction will be transported back to the laydown space using the supplied electric pallet trucks.
- 2.1.8 If there are more than one vessel discharging fish and the vessel master deems the space unsuitable for their specific landing operations. The vessel master may leave the berth allocated and return at a time that is more suitable, they must however inform the berthing master of their intentions prior to moving the vessel. The next available berth will be allocated to this vessel.
- 2.1.9 The berths at the market are to be used for the landing of the vessels catch only and not the disposal of waste, replenishment of boxes or any other activity unless permission is sought from the Berthing Master.
- 2.2.0 The gates at the west end of the fish market are predominantly for emergency service access.



- 2.2.1 The Berthing Master may allow access via these gates under their discretion as operational circumstances arise, also to allow access to contracted shore labor for the vessel; to allow the input of fish from the inshore boats and the removal of discards that are to be sold as bait.
- 2.2.2 All workforce personnel who may have access to the auction floor must access through the main Greenhill Fish Market door and boot wash.
- 2.2.3 Once the vessel has completely discharged their fish the vessel must vacate the berth as soon as practicable, this is at the discretion of the berthing master.
- 2.2.4 Vessels may make use of the fresh water hoses that are provided in the fish market for the period of time they are moored at the fish market.
- 2.2.5 Vessels are not permitted to use Green Hill Fish Market as lay over berths unless authorization has been given from Peterhead Port Authority.
- 2.2.6 Vessels landing fish onto refrigerated transport that are not to be sold for auction must ensure that the auction floor is clear of these fish prior to auction starting.
- 2.2.7 Only fish that are to be sold in the upcoming auction should be left on display in the auction floor.

Ship repair / shore work

- 3.0.0 All repair facilities can be utilized by vessels at the discretion of the Senior Port Engineer or their representatives on duty.
- 3.0.1 Vessels requiring port facilities for maintenance work on their vessels should complete the appropriate booking forms prior to commencing repair.
- 3.0.2 Vessels must adhere to Peterhead Port Authorities Health & Safety regulations while the vessel is located in the Ship Lift or slipway.
- 3.0.3 The master or owners of the vessel remain responsible for the vessels safety while located at the Ports Repair facilities.
- 3.0.4 Peterhead VTS will advise vessels on suitable berths available for fishing gear to be taken ashore.

Lay over Berths

- 4.0.0 All available berths can be utilized by vessels at the discretion of the Harbor Master or his representatives on duty.
- 4.0.1 Vessel masters must ensure that their vessel is moored in a safe and appropriate manner at all times.
- 4.0.2 Safe access to and from the vessel remains the responsibility of the vessels master while in Peterhead Port lay over berths.
- 4.0.3 Peterhead VTS will advise vessels of available berthing options subject to the authority of the Harbor Master or his representatives for the lay over period..



4.0.4 Vessels requiring fresh water and or shore electricity should notify Peterhead VTS and will be advised on a suitable berth.

4.0.5 Vessels must not berth alongside the Greenhill ice factory as a layby in order to allow full access for vessels requiring ice.

VTS Contact Port Departure

5.0.0 All vessels departing the port must request clearance from Peterhead VTS prior to departure who will advise on traffic movements and give traffic clearance when safe to do so.

Adverse Weather Berthing

6.0.0 During periods of adverse weather, resulting in a higher volume of vessels within the harbour, vessels may be instructed to utilize berths within the old section of the fish market on the below noted conditions. Vessels must only berth within this area after communication with VTS and Fish Market Staff, when, there are no other suitable alternative berths available. This may also be the case during the festive holidays.

6.0.1 Vessels berthing within the old section of the fish market must do so, starting from the Greenhill ice factory, towards the fish market, leaving one clear berth for the landing of Nephrons.

6.0.2 Vessels berthing at the fish market for a layby must do so two abreast.

6.0.3 Access to the fish market via the side entrance gates will only be open until there is fish in the market. Once fish has been landed into the market access to the quayside must be done via the front main reception.

6.0.4 Vessels berthed within the fish market must adhere to fish market policies at all times and not land any equipment or stores on to the quayside, for example, fuel oil and/or fishing equipment

6.0.5 Vessels berthed within the fish market must vacate when alternative suitable berths become available in a timely manner.

6.0.6 Vessels berthing as a layby, at the box compound berth must leave suitable access for one vessel to take boxes.

Peterhead Harbour Layout

