



Monthly Commission Meeting Summary – April 2008

Throughput tonnage for March was 52KT. The cumulative tonnage for the year was slightly down by 41k tonnes as compared with 2006/7 of which exports were down 18KT and imports 23KT. However increases were seen in road salt, blast furnace slag and fertiliser.

April tonnage is expected to be between 50 and 55 KT's

With the increase in size of vessels using the port and summer deadweights the acts of pilotage were reduced as compared with the previous year.

The ports operation continues to experience competitive pressures particularly with the shortage of suitably sized ships and the "hike" in freight rates.

The end of year activity is well underway with a pre audit meeting with the auditors scheduled for May.

The draft accounts will be reviewed at the June General Meeting.

Moorings activity at this time of year is considerable but a further 53 moorings for new licensees have been allocated.

- ✚ A one off contribution of £100 towards the new freshwater tap on the Teignmouth back beach by the blue hut was authorised on the basis that it appeared as a facility in the water users guide and that visiting yachtsmen had access to it. An alternative source of freshwater is to be investigated for access to harbour users.
- ✚ The Commissions 2008/9 objectives were reviewed and approved together with the resource plan required to meet the objectives
- ✚ A Management Manual detailing roles, responsibilities, authority levels etc had been prepared and implemented. Similarly a staff manual has been prepared and will be issued shortly.
- ✚ The third pontoon which is primarily for the mooring of deep keeled vessels belonging to local people will be in place by the end of April.
- ✚ The new Harbour Master who has only been in post for a short period has already scheduled to meet with the principle stakeholders.