

# MARKET MOMENTUM AT LERWICK



The L-shaped Mair's Pier, with the replacement fishmarket location (bottom, right).

Work is underway on Lerwick's replacement white fish market following a main contract award to Tulloch Developments Limited, with the £7.6 million development – backed by the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and Highlands and Islands Enterprise – scheduled for completion at Holmsgarth by early 2020.

“The market will bring important gains across the spectrum of users,” said Lerwick Port

Authority Chief Executive, Sandra Laurenson. “To be built on Mair's Quay, it will be the final piece of the jigsaw transforming the area into the port's new fishing hub. Along with the adjacent Mair's Pier, these modern developments cement Lerwick's status as one of the premier fishing ports in the UK.”

Authority Chairman, Ronald Gair, commented that the replacement “will be a significant benefit to the thriving white fish sector at the port.”

Benefits will include doubling capacity to 1,600 square metres for landings year-round at all states of the tide; enhanced facilities for workers; improved onward transportation, and energy and environmental efficiencies, as well as helping sustain a key component of the Shetland economy.

Arch Henderson LLP is responsible for design and project management.

The photograph shows the new market location, bottom right.



Shetland Seafood Auctions will relocate to the new fishmarket.

## MAKING HOME AT THE HUB

The new market's upper storey, extending to over 1,000 square metres, will provide accommodation for two local companies who will move from within the harbour area.

The offices will be funded and owned by management and marketing co-operative, Shetland Fish Producers' Organisation, and fish selling and vessel management company, LHD Ltd.

## WELCOME...

There is an open invitation to catch up with the Port Authority's representatives on **stand 67** at **Skipper Expo International**, Scotland's flagship fisheries show, in the Aberdeen Exhibition and Conference

Centre on 25/26 May, 2018. **We hope to see you there.**



# SHETLAND'S FLEET FOR THE FUTURE



**The islands' fishermen are looking to the future, with investment of around £150 million in five replacement pelagic vessels for Shetland's eight-strong fleet.**

With construction in Norway, Denmark and Spain, this summer will see delivery of *Serene* and *Research*, with *Charisma*, *Adenia* and *Zephyr* in 2019. They will follow a new *Antares*

which arrived in 2016, and the lengthening of *Antarctic II* last year.

Brian Isbister, Chief Executive of the Shetland Fish Producers' Organisation, comments in the Shetland Fishermen Yearbook 2018: **"The sheer scale of the renewal currently underway, and the concentrated timespan in which it is taking place, is unprecedented. It is not far short**

**of complete renewal of the fleet within four years. It is testament to the healthy state of the sustainable mackerel and herring stocks."**

Sandra Laurenson, Port Authority Chief Executive, noted: **"On arrival, the new vessels will be able to enjoy the facilities at Mair's Pier where the capacity, including shore power, is suitable for their increased size."**

## ROBUST OUTLOOK FOR WHITE FISH

**New vessels are also being brought into the white fish sector, with delivery of *Tranquillity* being imminent.**

Management of white fish stocks in recent years has resulted in increased quotas, the outlook remains very robust and the

renewed confidence in this sector is heartening.

New investment by the industry into the fleet is being rewarded by high prices at the market and the Authority intends to match this with the replacement fishmarket.

## HAPPY LANDINGS!

White fish landings at Lerwick for the three months to March this year were up 7.8% at 2,600 tonnes, valued at £4.8 million, an increase of 13%, compared with

the same period in 2017, with the average price up 4.1% to £1,833 per tonne, reinforcing Lerwick's position as a leading UK port for the industry.

## BUMPER ATTRACTION!

The fishing sector is making full use of Mair's Pier - inaugurated last year - where the facilities include an innovative fendering system developed as the result of an in-house initiative at the Port Authority.

The award-winning, bespoke approach used 795 recycled tyres, diverted from landfill, and bringing environmental, practical and cost-saving benefits, as well as positive feedback from vessel operators.

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