

FINLAY HAMILTON

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PERSONAL PROFILE

I am a passionate and experienced marine biologist who has worked as a researcher for two years. I have experience working in science communication, hospitality, and retail. I am a passionate surfer, having surfed for 3 years, ensuring understanding and respect for the ocean from a professional and recreational outlook. I enjoy and am experienced in engaging with the public and customers and thrive on providing excellent service.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Kumara Harvest Worker: March 2026 – May 2026

FieldCo

- Harvesting kumara to a high standard on and off machinery
- Team lead, ensuring team efficiency, standard, and time keeping
- Limited experience operating tractors

Research Assistant/Researcher: Sep 2023 – Aug 2025

St Abbs Marine Station

- Designing, conducting, and assisting in scientific research
- Data curation and analysis
- Extensive maintenance of aquarium equipment
- Instructing and supervising site volunteers
- Public outreach and scientific communication

Marine Ranger: Jun 2023 – Aug 2023

Berwickshire Marine Reserve

- Conducting ecological monitoring surveys
- Leading and instructing volunteers
- Performing community outreach activities with individuals of all ages
- Designing and posting social media posts to increase engagement

Front of House: May 2022 – Aug 2022

Highland Coast Hotels

- Waiting tables, providing constant and attentive care to customers
- Floor management, ensuring high restaurant standards
- Resolving stocking and booking issues
- Providing occasional housekeeping assistance

EDUCATION

BSc (Hons)

University of Aberdeen, Marine Biology

September 2019 – June 2023

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

JNCC Marine Mammal Observer – Certificate no. CRRU_326/2025

Dr Kevin Robinson BSc (Hons) PhD, 03/02/2025

First Aid at Work (3 day) – Attained June 2025

Fire Marshall – Attained September 2023

Sea survival training – Attained June 2024

OTHER SKILLS

Technology skills: Proficient in graphic design software, Microsoft Excel, video equipment in marine environments, and creation and maintenance of experimental equipment including pumps and motors.

Administration experience: Project management and designation, and held various committee roles, including president, for the University of Aberdeen's baseball society.

INTERESTS

- Surfing
- Scuba diving
- Birding
- Mycology

REFERENCES

Available upon request