IEMRS Implementation Advisory Group – Meeting Minutes

9 November 2017

Members	Simon Watt (Bell Gully); Dan Bolger (MPI); Stuart Anderson (MPI); Laws Lawson (Te Ohu Kai Moana); Jeremy Helson (Fisheries Inshore NZ Ltd); Jeremy Cooper (Paua Industry Council); Rob Domanski (Specialty and Emerging Fisheries); Lesley Campbell (FishServe); Dr Michael Looker (The Nature Conservancy); Amanda Leathers (World Wildlife Fund); Rosemary Hurst (NIWA); Ian Angus (Dept of Conservation); Keith Ingram (NZ Recreational Fisheries Council); Mark Edwards (Rock Lobster Industry Council); Joshua Barclay (Blue Water Marine Research)
MPI Officials in attendance	Steve Halley; Idil Kaplan; Donna Royal (on behalf of Matthew Perkins); Tracy Voice; Liesle Venter-Wagner; Stephen Pepper; Samantha Long.
Apologies	Karen Baird (Forest and Bird); Matthew Perkins (MPI); Daryl Sykes (Rock Lobster Industry Council); George Clement (Deepwater Group Ltd).

Item	Discussion and agreed points
1.Welcome Approve minutes of 12 October meeting	 Discussion and agreed points The Chair welcomed the members and introduced Tracy Voice (Director Business Technology and Information Services) Liesle Venter-Wagner, Stephen Pepper and Donna Royal (on behalf of Matt Perkins) to the group. Idil Kaplan has been appointed to Principal Advisor within the programme. Jamie Campbell, Project Manager Implementation will be attending the IAG meetings, as required, in the future. The group commented that some actions appeared to be missing from previous meetings. As a result, at the next meeting, a consolidated list of all actions will be available, starting from the first IAG meeting.
	 Comments on the actions from Mark are to be e-mailed to MPI after the meeting. Fisheries Data Working Group (FDWG) will be re-convened. MPI to make sure that the purpose of the group is shared with invitees ahead of the meeting. It was suggested by the group to include the relevant science analysts. Discussion on "Option of removing MLS to improve monitoring of disposals" – The group would like this to be an action point and to have a follow up on the policy paper.
	 The "Testing of devices" item brought up in the TWG meeting is in progress within MPI. WWF has some wording changes to action 5.2. Sam to amend
2.Update from MPI on the new	

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ministerial	• Stuart Anderson has been appointed to the role of Director Fisheries Management, from the end of November. A replacement for the
arrangements	Director, Digital Monitoring role is being sought.
	Hon Stuart Nash, the new Minister of Fisheries, is considering options around the timeframes for implementation of Digital
	Monitoring. He has instructed MPI to explore options.
	Further information on timelines is expected to be available shortly.
3.a Updates Deepwater vessels operating under new Electronic Reporting (ER) & Geospatial Reporting (GPR) Regulations b. Components that fishers (Inshore and other) require to undertake	 There are 25 trawl vessels, over 28 metres, operating under the new ER & GPR regulations. 2 are under exemption, with 9 more expected to come under the new requirements when they next leave port (data as at 2nd Nov 2017). FishServe updated the group on some data usage issues on some of the vessels, with large bills for the first month in some cases. This appears to be unrelated to catch reporting requirements, and as a result of downloads and data usage. MPI will be approaching operators for feedback on operations of the new requirements, in the coming months. A document, <i>Indicative range of equipment and types of operating costs fishers could expect to enable ER</i> & GPR reporting, was shared with the group. This provided an indication of required equipment relating to ER logbooks, GPR devices, transmission systems and general items/services to enable ER & GPR reporting. These will commence next week with groups of fishers. This will be an opportunity to engage with the fishers and operators to gain their perspectives and enable further discussion with MPI and the technical requirements for reporting.
c. ER & GPR circulars workshops	
4.Technology developments and use of data.	 Liesle Venter-Wagner, ICT Transformation Manager, presented a comparison of what the current versus the future reporting systems deliver, and what has been achieved to date in software developments, in terms of aligning electronically reported data with geospatial position reporting. The value of the work presented demonstrated how multiple sources and dimensions of information can be viewed in a single view, including a portal view of both ER and GPR data

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	Multiple levels of security have been created restricting access to MPI users as appropriate.
	• An interactive mock-up map of vessel trails, including the abilities of the software to drill into the information for specific details, was
	presented.
	Rules can be used to alert the user when a vessel enters a particular area.
	Landing information can be viewed real time, i.e. as soon as it is submitted by the vessel.
	• The Fisheries Communications Centre (FCC) can be contacted/alerted for vessel related matters, however this channel is not a safety
	system and hence should not be relied upon as a primary communication channel for health and safety related matters.
5.Other business	MPI tested the idea with the group, of a type of engagement/forum where the future potential for fisheries management from digital
	monitoring data can be fully explored. This could potentially include scientists, fisheries management and the Sustainable Seas Science
	Challenge. IAG was generally favourable to this and MPI undertook an action to explore the scope of this further.
Actions from this	• MPI to consider and explore types of engagement (forum, workshops) to identify and discuss opportunities for fisheries management
meeting	use of data that will be available from digital monitoring.
(Also to be included	Action 5.2 to be amended as: MPI to consider what work (i.e. analysis or advice) is needed to inform the development of the EM
in consolidated	circulars and inshore cameras to monitor protected species, by catch and use of mitigation measures, and schedule in this work.
actions list).	Provide the consolidated list of all actions from meetings 1-6 ahead of the next IAG meeting.
	MPI to convene the FDWG and broaden membership to include more scientists if required (subject to FDWG Chair's discretion).
	MPI to follow up circulation of the detailed meeting minutes of the Fisheries Data Working Group's previous meeting.
	Meeting closed at 2.11pm Next meeting: 9-10:30am Thursday, 14th December
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