

Meeting Minutes

IEMRS Technical Working Group, 29 August 2017, Meeting 4

Attending members	Stuart Anderson (Chair), Matt Perkins, Johanna Pierre, Nathan Reid, Andrew Rodley, John Tucker, David Middleton, Richard Wells, Mark Edwards Via Skype: Simon Dick, Derek Munneke
In attendance	Rory Kyle, David Foster, Sylvie Ots, Elizabeth Cossar, Jo Hartigan
Apologies	Mark Janor, Daryl Sykes, Colin Williams, Idil Kaplan, Iain Henderson, Dion Iorns, Laws Lawson, Geoffrey Clark, John Radford, Rimu Boddy

Item #	Discussion and agreed points	Action
1. Welcome and approve of minutes of 27 July 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The minutes from TWG meeting #3 (27 July) were reviewed and the chair explained that feedback, where provided, had been incorporated into them. The minutes were approved. • MPI worked through the queries that had been raised in the last meeting, noted in the minutes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A permit holder will have access to ER data subject to fisher's consent but will remain a civil agreement rather than being regulated by MPI. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MPI is finalising this and will report back the TWG with the details at next meeting. ○ MPI will not release an individual fisher's locations. Their data will be aggregated if released, to ensure anonymity and protect commercial sensitivity. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MPI is currently reviewing its policy for protecting commercially sensitive data. ○ Clause 13, 1C from the Fisheries Geospatial Position Reporting circular, was queried and it was suggested that it may be helpful to add sub-clauses here. Vessels that use AIS will be visible to other parties. It was noted that if data is going to be shared with other parties, additional arrangements will need to be made. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Yes, MPI will be including a sub-clause in the circular. - MPI is looking at trialling an encrypted AIS device. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. MPI to finalise the details of permit holders having access to data subject to fisher's consent. 2. MPI to update TWG once it has reviewed what will be done to protect privacy of individual fishers' locations. 3. MPI to include a sub-clause for clause 13, 1C (Fisheries Geospatial Position Reporting circular).

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The e-logbooks will work with digital timing. It was suggested that signatures could potentially be submitted at a later time from the fishing event. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MPI has made the decision that signatures will need to be submitted at the same time as an event report. ○ The four time/position reports for each trawl tow were discussed. The rationale was queried and what the practicalities are, for smaller (single or double-crewed) vessels. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MPI will provide guidance on how to operate safely, possibly in circular explanatory notes. ○ Disposal is linked to catch event in the circulars. MPI needs to clarify when these events need to be reported and how frequently. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MPI has asked FishServe for an additional field to be added to the disposal report. Additional guidance to be provided for when to complete a Disposal report. 	<p>4. MPI to trial an encrypted AIS device</p>
<p>2. Circulars consultation: Key preliminary themes from submissions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Jo Hartigan (Senior Analyst, IEMRS Transformation) was introduced to the TWG members. ● Consultation closed Monday 21 August. ● MPI has been collating feedback and categorising it into the main themes that have come through. ● MPI will be having further discussion with Deepwater Group as well as Fisheries Inshore New Zealand. ● A presentation was given by MPI on a draft summary of submissions and the issues flagged. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The main themes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Legal interpretations ○ Data consistency and continuity ○ Frequency of transmission ○ Operational practicalities ○ Clarity, e.g. landing records ○ Consistency of expectations ○ Consistency with other regulations ○ Codes ○ Compatibility with existing systems ○ Device failures ○ Pace and quality of data ○ Ownership of records and use of data ○ Exemptions ○ Data security ○ Contractual arrangements 	<p>5. Once circulars are finalised, MPI to provide the TWG with a detailed summary of the consultation feedback.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With regards to materiality threshold for reporting across all report types, MPI may cap to ten (TBC). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ FishServe are not capping at present, except for catch. • MPI’s focus is to get digital monitoring up and running. • Once the circulars have been finalised MPI will provide a detailed summary of the feedback to the TWG. • It was suggested that there is information needed about the way the content of the draft circulars is linked to policy development of landings and discards. • It was suggested that there should be further, targeted meetings with separate fisheries groups. • An issue for MPI is that, as a government agency, it can’t be seen to favour one particular provider. MPI will be working with suppliers to ensure that they are being treated fairly. • There was a suggestion that it could be difficult to get small vessel operators to test gear. • The issue of cost of gear was brought up. It was suggested that, for small fishing vessels, only a camera should be required for compliance purposes. • There was a query about how deep water trawlers are specified in the regulations. It was suggested that, rather than being called “deep water trawlers”, they should be described as “trawlers over a certain size”. • It was pointed out that although Deepwater Group is a major player, there are other satellite companies which MPI should be talking to. 	
<p>3. Update on meeting with Fisheries Data Working Group</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The meeting ran to time before item three was discussed. MPI will email the TWG members the key themes from the Fisheries Data Working Group (FDWG) meeting, 23 August. 	<p>6. MPI to email the TWG members the key themes from the FDWG meeting, 23 August.</p>
<p>4. Report backs on issues from previous meeting:</p> <p>a) Update on data issues (ER, GPR)</p>	<p><u>Update on data issues (ER, GPR)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data will be used for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - More fine scale analysis - Shared fisheries - Responsive decision making - Verification of reporting 	<p>7. MPI to provide an update at the next TWG meeting, on the actions a fisher will need to take in the</p>

<p>b) Update on GPR contracts</p> <p>c) Disposal reports</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were queries as to what happens if a fisher’s gear breaks down. Will they still be able to fish? What happens if they are not able to report within the 24 hour reporting period? How will a fisher know what to record if their system is offline? MPI will be providing guidelines on the actions a fisher needs to take in the event of gear malfunctioning. • There was a query around what fishers will need to do if they are in an area without satellite transmission capabilities. MPI has been testing in Fiordland with good results. • MPI will be providing Health and Safety advice to ensure fishers stay safe while they are reporting. • It will be possible, where necessary, to report the positions (e.g. start/end of tow), before or after the fact. <p><u>Update on GPR contracts</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MPI has received the GPR contracts back from the lawyers. They are circulating internally and will be released once they get sign off. <p><u>Disposal reports</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was a query around the timing of disposal reports with regards to lobster. For example, if a lobster is put in a holding pot on land, would this be a landing report or a disposal report? MPI will be clarifying the wording in circulars around the timing of disposal reports regarding holding pots. • There was a query around disposal reports in cases where there is a loss at sea, e.g. via a hole in a trawl net. MPI will be clarifying the wording in circulars around the timing of disposal reports with regards to accidental loss through trawl nets 	<p>event of gear malfunctioning.</p> <p>8. MPI to clarify the wording in circulars around the timing of disposal reports with regards to holding pots.</p> <p>9. MPI to clarify the wording in circulars around the timing of disposal reports with regards to accidental loss through trawl nets.</p>
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