

Digital Monitoring Implementation Advisory Group – Meeting Minutes

28 February 2018

Chair	Simon Watt (Bell Gully)
Members	Laws Lawson (TOKM), Rob Domanski (Speciality and Emerging Fisheries Group), Josh Barclay (Blue Water Marine Research), Amanda Leathers (WWF), Jeremy Helson (Fisheries Inshore NZ Ltd), George Clement (Deepwater Group Ltd), Keith Ingram (NZ Recreational Fisheries Council), Geoff Keey for Karen Baird (Forest and Bird), Mark Edwards (Rock Lobster Industry Council), Michael Looker (The Nature Conservancy), Ian Angus (Dept of Conservation), Jeremy Cooper (Paua Industry Council), Rosemary Hurst (NIWA); Storm Stanley (Paua Industry Council)
MPI Officials	Dan Bolger, Matt Perkins
In Attendance	Jamie Campbell, Elizabeth Cossar, Maria Hansard
Apologies	Lesley Campbell (FishServe); Daryl Sykes (Rock Lobster Industry Council); Ian Angus (Dept of Conservation)

Key discussion points	
1. Welcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The chair welcomed the members and introduced Maria Hansard (Digital Monitoring Implementation Project Coordinator, MPI) to the group as secretariat replacement for Samantha Long.
2. Update from MPI <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Final Draft Circulars b. Update on ER/GPR timings c. Update on the appointment of new Director for Digital Monitoring 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dan Bolger acknowledged that there were limitations on what could be said given the Minister was still considering the direction of Digital Monitoring, specifically with regards to catch verification. SRE's, technology providers and members of the IAG have been given option to receive final draft circulars under confidentiality – noting this is not a formal consultation, more to test for operational challenges in their implementation. There is still no confirmed schedule of dates for roll out (noting that the earliest possible go live of ER/GPR will not be before 1 October 2018). The IAG noted that there was still a process to go through with Cabinet. MPI hopes to receive formal confirmation of implementation timeframes from Cabinet in March 2018. The IAG noted that catch verification (cameras) was still a live discussion with the Minister, who was seeking broader views before making a determination on what, if anything, would change with respect to Digital Monitoring. The new Director Digital Monitoring was announced – Kevin McEvoy will join the programme on secondment from New Zealand Defence Force on 07 March 2018.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dan acknowledged Matt Perkins' time as Acting Director Digital Monitoring, confirming Matt will go back to his role as Manager Digital Monitoring Transformation. • The IAG noted that Dan Bolger had been appointed to Head of Fisheries New Zealand.
3. Opportunity for discussion, Q&A and feedback	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • George Clement suggested the IAG look at commencing camera trials as a proof point of their value. The group noted that MPI was unable to commit anything pending decisions from the Minister, but comments were duly noted. • Question was raised around clarity/indication of Digital Monitoring costs – given IAG members had seen quotes ranging from \$3,000 to \$60,000. • MPI confirmed it would share information on Digital Monitoring costs, with the caveat that these were indicative when provided and not based on final Circulars which could explain variability in estimates. MPI noted that some companies had chosen not to provide MPI with cost information until they had full requirements (final, signed Circulars). • It was noted that any costings provided around camera's needed to be taken in context i.e. to date, they had not been based on any substantial requirements. • IAG raised the desire to see a more detailed implementation plan, particularly around inter dependencies and timelines. • The group noted that as part of the March forward agenda (and further to the high level plan shared at the December meeting), that MPI would table a high level plan of all implementation activity and indicative timings at the next meeting. This plan would provide context to the detailed initiatives to be discuss in the next meeting (i.e. Regional Roads, Staged Implementation and Trials). • There was a discussion around the publication of International lessons learned in the context of Digital Monitoring. IAG had received an oral presentation from Stuart Anderson last year but nothing in writing. • Further to the discussion about sharing international lessons learned, Dr Michael Looker volunteered to share learnings from the Nature Conservancy's international projects. While there was interest in looking into cameras/verification, MPI suggested the lessons learned focus primarily on ER/GPR until such time as there was clarity around verification. Amanda Leathers noted WWF experience in this regard could be useful.
4. Forward agenda for March/April meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MPI confirmed the three primary subjects for discussion at the next IAG meeting, namely: (1) Tranche composition for the staged roll out approach, (2) Regional Roadshow - timings, content, locations, (3) Initial view of the scope of a possible ER/GPR trial prior to implementation. • The group noted that the goal was to present some options for discussion with respect to the staged roll out approach.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finally, there was a discussion around 'future use of data' workshops and the previous action item to look at science and management opportunities enabled by Digital Monitoring. MPI noted it had already met with Sector Representative Entities (SRE's) to discuss these opportunities and noted that further meetings were to be scheduled with the other groups represented across the IAG in the coming weeks. The plan being to summarise key themes across each individual workshop and bring the joint discussion back to IAG.
5. Any other business / wrap up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The date for the next meeting in March is to be confirmed (which may invariably mean it becomes an April meeting given diary clashes).

Summary Actions

Action No	Date Raised	Action	Action Owner	Status
65	28/02/18	MPI to circulate indicative cost information for Digital Monitoring, noting this was provided some time ago and was not based on detailed requirements.	MPI	Open
66	28/02/18	MPI to provide more detail at the next IAG meeting on the sequence of steps for implementation, including likely timing.	MPI	Open
67	28/02/18	MPI to consider what information would be useful for the group regarding the overseas experience of digital monitoring implementation and what cameras can/can't do, and bring this to the group.	MPI	Open
68	28/02/18	Michael Looker/The Nature Conservancy to arrange a presentation regarding the overseas experience of ER/GPR (Amanda/WWF to contribute to this too).	Looker/ Leathers/ MPI	Open