

Meeting Minutes

IEMRS Technical Working Group, 5 December 2017, Meeting 7

Attending members	MPI: Matt Perkins, Stuart Anderson, Johanna Pierre, Donna Royal. Andrew Rodley (SnapIT), Nathan Reid (Moana), Dion Iorns (Talley's), John Radford (Zebratech), John Tucker (FishServe), Geoffrey Clark (Sealord), David Middleton (Commercial Fisheries Forum), Derek Munneke (Real Time Data), Richard Wells (Resourcewise), Rob Domanski (Speciality and Emerging Fisheries Group).
In attendance	MPI: Rory Kyle, Elizabeth Cossar, Samantha Long, David Foster (MPI), Jamie Campbell. Chris Rodley (SnapIT), Dan Martin (on behalf of Mark Jones, FINNZ)
Apologies	Daryl Sykes (Rock Lobster Industry Council), Colin Williams (Sanford), Mark Janor (Kordia), Simon Dick (Real Time Data), Tom Robinson (Real Time Data), Rimu Boddy (Fisheries Logistics), Iain Henderson (Navicom Dynamics), Mark Edwards (Rock Lobster Industry Council), Mark Jones (FINNZ), Laws Lawson (TOKM).

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1. Welcome i. Approve minutes & actions from 5th October 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The chair welcomed the group members and all attendees introduced themselves. The chair informed the group of the changes within the team at MPI noting that he is Acting Director, Digital Monitoring and that Stuart Anderson has taken on a new role within MPI as Director, Fisheries Management. Stuart will still be working quite close to digital monitoring. The minutes of the meeting of 5th Oct 2017 were approved.
2. Update on Circular timings and recent Ministerial announcement regarding changes to DM timeframes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MPI has been asked by the Minister to look at the timeframes for digital monitoring implementation, as yet, no formal announcements have been made. MPI has been asked how they can work with industry including end users and tech providers to ensure that there are workable solutions that meet the data needs of MPI. Development of circulars is ongoing and MPI is expecting to finalise them before Christmas to enable tech providers to build, test and rollout systems in advance of a full implementation. A number of meetings have occurred with individual sector groups to understand their needs and regulatory change requiring full cabinet consideration is likely to happen in the New Year. The group would like MPI to involve the technical working group more with the circulars consultation process which would enable MPI to capture the full range of operations and capabilities required by consulting with more than only one business. Questions were raised by the group around the timing of the circulars and why any regulatory amendments are not being done before or at the same time of the circulars release. MPI informed the group that any regulations that needed to be amended would be prioritised and MPI is able to amend the circulars before the introduction of regulations if required. It is expected that regulations will be amended before ER reporting is required across the fleet. Any proposed changes to the regulations will be consulted on. The deepwater sector would like to share their lessons learnt and challenges to using ER with MPI to better inform circulars content.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The tech providers noted that any significant changes to the circulars could present a risk for them. • MPI informed the group that all previous concerns raised (i.e. the definition of events) had been worked through. • The main changes to the Act would be landings and discards and how this flows through to offences and penalties, any proposed changes to the protection of information (subject to the Ministers decision) would also be included. • The question around whether “species being legally retained or disposed of” should be captured on the catch event report was raised and MPI informed the group that the amount that must be legally retained, is recorded on the catch event report (KIN >65cm dead). Anything that must be legally returned should not be recorded on the catch report (other than as part of the total bag size) and should be recorded on the disposed report only (KIN <65cm). Fish which can be legally retained but are disposed of legally (KIN >65cm alive) should be recorded on both the catch report and the disposal report.
3. GPR Contracts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some members of the group have expressed an interest in providing the transmission of data service. • MPI informed the group that at present finalising circular content has taken priority and further questions will be fed back to the group later this year.
4. Update on survey of Deepwater vessels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MPI will be conducting an online survey that will be shared with the group early next week for 28+ vessels. This will be distributed to skippers, vessel managers and ops managers and will be open until the end of January. • The survey will consist of a mix of high level overall satisfaction questions, technical details, implementation and lessons learnt.
5. Discuss possible changes to the Technical Working Group in 2018 (i.e. meeting frequency, individual discussions with technology providers, etc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion regarding the future direction and purpose of the TWG was held. • The general opinion was that group finds the meetings and communication within the group valuable. • A suggestion was made to keep the meeting frequency monthly with the ER/GPR discussions occurring directly with each of the tech providers. • Skype meetings are preferred for those outside Wellington. • The group would like to see greater clarity ahead of time of what will be discussed in the meetings. • The scope and ToR to be re-looked at to strike a balance between information updates from MPI and the technical aspects discussed.
6. Any other business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakdowns and failures were discussed and MPI is developing a position on what is expected. It is likely that the recommendation will be that the logbook supplier will provide the alternative means of capturing data, this would allow any paper form to be presented in the same format that the fisher uses for entering data into their logbook. The permit holder will need to notify MPI when the device fails and will be advised to use their BCP until they return to shore and the problem can be resolved. FishServe will no longer be inputting data from paper forms so all data captured on paper must be entered and submitted electronically by the permit holder. • The group expressed concern around certain fishers some of whom are not comfortable using IT systems and may leave the industry altogether, MPI noted this was not the intent of the programme. • The chair introduced Jaime Campbell to the group who is responsible for Implementation planning. Jamie explained that guidance material will be produced through the feedback gained at the roadshows attended the fishers. The guidance material will be fit for purpose and take into account the various fisher profiles. • A more in depth overview will be given at the next meeting. <p>The meeting closed at 11:15am</p>

Ref	Action	Comments	Status
b	Discuss TWG Terms of Reference at the next TWG meeting.		Open
a	MPI to provide the group key changes and amendments around circulars consultations.		Open