



Digital Monitoring Update – September 2018

Tēnā koutou

As you may have heard, Minister of Fisheries Stuart Nash has announced we're extending electronic catch and position reporting to the remainder of the commercial fishing industry. Read the [media release](#).

This wider introduction of electronic catch and position reporting will start from 14 January 2019, and will see all commercial fishers reporting electronically by 1 December 2019.

Staged introduction planned

The proposal to phase in electronic catch and position reporting was included in consultation on regulation amendments earlier this year. Thanks to all those who took the time to give us feedback to help shape the amendments.

The intention is to progressively introduce electronic catch and position reporting based on total annual catch entitlement (ACE) holdings as at 30 September 2017. It will start with permit holders who have the highest total ACE holdings and then be introduced across the rest of the industry ending with permit holders who have the smallest or no holdings.

The information below is an indication of how the introduction could work and the stages will be finalised once the regulations have been amended.

Stage	Permit holder's total ACE holding as at 30 September 2017	Can start reporting from	Must be reporting by
0		Already reporting (28m+ trawlers)	
1	2,000 tonnes and over	14 January	1 May 2019
2	180 - 1,999.99 tonnes	1 May 2019	1 June 2019
3	45 - 179.99 tonnes	1 June 2019	1 July 2019
4	24 - 44.99 tonnes	1 July 2019	1 August 2019
5	11 - 23.99 tonnes	1 August 2019	1 September 2019
6	4.50 - 10.99 tonnes	1 September 2019	1 October 2019
7	1 - 4.49 tonnes	1 October 2019	1 November 2019
8	All other permit holders	1 November 2019	1 December 2019

Next steps

We'll shortly contact permit holders and vessel operators with more information on when they can begin reporting catch and position electronically.

We're working on getting regulations finalised and circulars approved and will keep you updated on progress.



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Tini a Tangaroa

We're also continuing to work with technology providers to ensure that equipment and software will be available when needed.

Early next year we're planning a series of face to face meetings around regional ports to answer your questions, provide guidance material and demonstrate the technology you'll require. We'll send you more information once dates and venues in your area are confirmed.

You'll find lots of information on the [Fisheries New Zealand website](#) and we'll keep in touch as we have more information to share.

If you have any questions, email us at digitalmonitoring@mpi.govt.nz or call our main contact centre on 0800 00 83 33 (select option 3 for general enquiries).

Ngā mihi

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. McEvoy'.