



Digital Monitoring Update – May 2018

Tēnā koutou katoa

We've a lot to report this month.

Firstly, as announced by Minister of Fisheries Stuart Nash, we're now Fisheries New Zealand, a specialist organisation dedicated to the fishing sector. We know you have high expectations of us, particularly around how we work with you during the roll-out of Digital Monitoring. Our goal is to make sure we engage effectively, so you can expect to hear more from us.

The other news is that we have started consultation on regulation amendments for digital monitoring and innovative trawl technologies, as announced by Minister Nash. These technical amendments will address issues identified by you and other stakeholders, such as protecting information about fishing locations, timing of electronic reporting and how we respond to equipment failure at sea.

The consultation also proposes a phased roll-out of electronic catch and position reporting to the remainder of the commercial fishing fleet. The consultation runs until 6 June. You'll find the discussion paper on our website and we look forward to your feedback.

It's important to note that on-board cameras are not part of this consultation. Minister Nash is still considering options and no decisions have been made yet.

Working with technology providers

We'll shortly release the final circulars for electronic reporting (ER) and geospatial position reporting (GPR) that specify the technical details around them. This means technology providers can push ahead with final development of the products you'll need.

We don't expect the consultation around regulation amendments to impact materially on this work.

What's next?

We are preparing to go out later this year to demonstrate technology and answer your questions before ER and GPR is rolled out. We'll be in touch with more details.

Ngā mihi

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