

## **Digital Monitoring Update – August 2018**

Tēnā koutou katoa

We wanted to keep you up to date on progress around proposals for change in the commercial fishing industry.

Minister of Fisheries Stuart Nash has asked Fisheries New Zealand to review some of the policy settings (such as landings and discards) around how the commercial fishing fleet operates. The detail of our advice is still being finalised to go to the Minister for direction over any proposal for public consultation.

The Minister is also considering options for when electronic catch and position reporting will be phased in across the rest of the commercial fishing fleet.

As soon as we have further direction and decisions we will share them with you.

In the meantime, the Fisheries (Transitional Reporting) Amendment Regulations 2018 have been enacted. This has extended the transition period to continue paper based catch reporting until the new system of electronic catch and position reporting is in place.

Thanks for your time. We'll be in touch again soon.

Ngā mihi

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