

# **Digital Monitoring update - December 2018**

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This is our final update for 2018. There's lots to share with you as we work towards the staged expansion of electronic catch and position reporting from January next year, and a series of workshops to help you make the shift.

#### **Confirming your start date for electronic reporting**

The expansion of electronic catch and position reporting across all remaining commercial fishers has now been agreed by Cabinet, and will occur in stages from 14 January to 1 December 2019. You'll find more detail and when you need to be reporting on our <u>website</u>.

Three months before your 'must' report date, FishServe will be in touch to help guide you through the device registration process and ensure you're familiar with what's new in the FishServe Online Services portal. We encourage you to take advantage of the support FishServe and your e-logbook provider will offer, so you can become familiar with the technology and work through any issues.

In the meantime, we've developed a <u>technology solutions guide</u> that highlights some of the points you may want to consider when choosing technology. On our website, you'll also find a list of <u>technology suppliers</u> who have registered interest in providing equipment.

We're also finalising brochures to guide you through the office administration processes required for electronic reporting, and to outline the steps we're taking to protect your commercially sensitive and private information.

## Amended regulations and circulars

Thanks to everyone who gave feedback on amendments to the Fisheries (Reporting) Regulations 2017 and the Fisheries (Geospatial Position Reporting) Regulations 2017. These have now been gazetted.

The supporting circulars that provide the details of catch and position reporting requirements have also been amended, following consultation and a review to make sure they are consistent with the new regulations. These have now been signed.

You'll find the amended regulations and circulars on our website.

## Electronic reporting workshops - helping you make the switch

We've set the dates for a series of electronic reporting workshops around the country and you're invited to attend one or more that suits you. The aim of the workshops is to help you confidently make the switch to electronic reporting. We'll share information, answer questions, and have technology available for demonstration.

Put the dates in your calendars now and we'll confirm venues and times as we finalise them.

Date	Location
18 February 2019	Dunedin
19 February 2019	Riverton

19 February 2019	Invercargill
21 February 2019	Stewart Island
25 February 2019	Hamilton
26 February 2019	Whitianga
27 February 2019	Tauranga
4 March 2019	Gisborne
5 March 2019	Ruatoria
6 March 2019	Napier
13 March 2019	Kaitaia
14 March 2019	Whangarei
14 March 2019	Leigh
15 March 2019	Auckland
18 March 2019	Greymouth
19 March 2019	Nelson
20 March 2019	Blenheim
21 March 2019	Kaikoura
25 March 2019	Chatham Islands
27 March 2019	Christchurch
28 March 2019	Timaru
2 April 2019	New Plymouth
3 April 2019	Whanganui
4 April 2019	Wellington
5 April 2019	Masterton

For more information on digital monitoring and electronic reporting please go to our website.

If you have any questions, email us at <a href="mailto:digitalmonitoring@mpi.govt.nz">digitalmonitoring@mpi.govt.nz</a> or call our main contact centre on 0800 00 83 33 (select option 3 for general enquiries).

## Season's greetings

Last but not least, I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you all an enjoyable and safe holiday break. I hope you find the time to relax with friends and family.

Ngā mihi

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