



Digital Monitoring update - March 2019

Tēnā koutou

Don't forget to check out when an electronic catch and position reporting workshop is being held near you.

We've had a great turnout so far (*including in Invercargill pictured below*) so don't miss this opportunity to find out more.



The workshops, which started on 18 February and run until 5 April, are designed to help you make the switch from paper-based returns to electronic catch and position reporting.

You can find out all about them, and where they're being held, on our [website](#). All fishers, their whānau, crew and office staff are invited to attend.

(Please note, that next Thursday's meeting in Kaikoura at Encounter Kaikoura is now starting slightly later at 10am.)

The workshop team has been joined on the road by a number of technology suppliers who are demonstrating their equipment and giving fishers a chance to take a good look.

If you can't attend a workshop, you'll find lots of information about electronic reporting and a range of helpful guides on our [website](#).

Fishers involved in the first stage of electronic reporting have until 1 May to start reporting, and it's being rolled out to all remaining fishers in stages throughout this year. To check which stage you're in, see our [website](#) or look at your online [FishServe account](#).

Fisheries consultation – remember to have your say

You have until next Sunday (17 March, 5pm) to have your say on a range of proposals designed to reshape, improve, and modernise the management of New Zealand's fisheries.

The '[Your fisheries – your say](#)' consultation has involved 10 public meetings around the country, with the Minister of Fisheries Stuart Nash presenting at the Napier meeting.

There's been great engagement through the meetings, and we've received more than 1000 submissions so far. Thanks to everyone who's taken the time to find out more and share their views.

The proposals in the consultation are around:

- amending the rules for commercial fishers that set out what fish must be brought back to port, and what fish can be returned to the sea,
- ensuring effective and fair offences and penalties,
- streamlining the decision-making process for setting catch limits,
- technical fisheries management changes.

You'll find more information, and can make a submission, through the consultation [webpage](#).

The feedback will be collated and advice presented to the Minister on possible policy and legislation changes.

Looking ahead

We appreciate it's a big year ahead as you grapple with the move to electronic reporting. If you can't find the information you need on our [website](#), you can email the digital monitoring team digitalmonitoring@mpi.govt.nz.

Ngā mihi

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