

Notes and action points from online Deepwater Operators meeting, 17/06/20

Attendees:

Present	Affinity
Steve Ham, Niamh Murphy, Tiffany Bock, Dave Foster	MPI / Fisheries New Zealand
Richard Wells, John Cleal	Deepwater Group
Oliver Wilson	Fisheries Inshore New Zealand
Brodie Plum, Andy Smith, Dion Iorns	Talley's Group
Geoff Clark	Sealord Group
Steve Coles, Tony Adamson	Sanford
Jane Maskill	IFL
Mark Armstrong	Aurora Fisheries

Part 1. Compliance-related

Agenda items

1. Outline from Compliance on the Annual Operating Directive for the 2020/21 financial year.

Deepwater fisheries don't feature in this year's version (the focus is on the rock lobster, eel and surface longline fisheries)

2. MPI's geospatial data portal

MPI requested feedback on this, noting it only went live in January 2020. General feedback was that it seemed to be working well.

3. NPOA Seabirds 2020 / role of Compliance in implementation

MPI Compliance noted that seabird-related matters, particularly relating to use of mitigation equipment, will be a routine part of Compliance activities.

4. Greenweight reporting guidelines

DWG noted that the draft greenweight reporting guidelines that were discussed at the previous (December 2019) meeting had still not been completed. Discussions were ongoing about the 'status' of the guidelines and whether they would be endorsed or approved by MPI / Fisheries New Zealand.

Other items

- In reference to this year's sustainability round proposal for ORH 3B, a question was asked about plans to review the approach to setting the allowance for all other mortality caused by fishing, noting that, in the case of ORH 3B, it is based on historical information.

Fisheries New Zealand noted that this was something under consideration across all deepwater stocks.

Actions

- MPI / Fisheries New Zealand to report back to Talley's on whether a layer with the SPFRMO boxes was available via the geospatial data portal
- MPI / Fisheries New Zealand to inform Richard Wells when the HMA / HSSA layers were available via the geospatial data portal (*completed*)
- DWG / MPI / Fisheries New Zealand to continue discussions regarding the greenweight reporting guidelines

Part 2. Management-related

Agenda items

This section included discussion of the following items:

- Review of SQU6T and other SQU fishery issues
- Hoki and SBW fisheries update
- Observer update
- Protected species update including the new NPOA Seabirds 2020
- Shark OP update

Actions

- Fisheries New Zealand to confirm whether the observer pre-deployment checklist discussed at the December 2019 meeting was actually circulated