AHWG ERS Implementation (03) 2019 Report

Wednesday 27 March 2019

Chair: Thord Monsen

1 Opening of the Meeting
Intention is to finalise the criteria for evaluating the technical preparations and the ERS Implementation Document to be able to start testing and implementing.

2 Appointment of the Rapporteur
It was agreed that the Secretariat act as rapporteur.

3 Discussion and Adoption of the Agenda
The list of documents was reviewed.

EU agreed with the agenda with the finalisation of ERS Implementation Document as a priority. Would also like an idea of the Secretariat’s implementation planning. This was agreed to be discussed under AOB.

4 Finalise Outstanding Issues
4.1 Business Rules
4.1.1 Gear Characteristics
EU presented the paper ERS-IMP-2019-03-05 EU comments on the Norwegian Proposal - Gear Characteristics

It was agreed to create a subset of the presented table to ensure relevance to the vessels present in the NEAFC Regulatory Area, and the measures in place, as indicated in the paper.

It was agreed to use the 2013 version of the International Standard Statistical Classification of Fishing Gear code list, removing reference to previous versions.

It was agreed to use M for mandatory elements and O for optional where applicable.

Agreed amendments will be presented as a revision of the paper.

4.1.2 Business Rules on Sequence and Timing
Since the initial version of the NEAFC ERS Implementation Document will not include the transmission date and time, it was agreed to continue full discussion of developing these business rules for the next version. A list of tasks already required for a phase 2 will be part of the output of this meeting, including business rules for sequence and timing.

4.2 NEAFC Master Data Register
ERS IG 2019-01-07 Draft Master Data Register for NEAFC
ERS-IMP-2019-03-04 EU Comments on MDR document by Secretariat

There was discussion on, when there are existing code lists, whether to display the whole list on the NEAFC MDR with business rules limiting the allowable values, or use a selected version of the lists only with the values applicable to NEAFC. Although they are not part of the FLUX UN standard, using harmonised code lists, allows the list names to stay the same and supports standardisation. Lists would otherwise need to be renamed. It was agreed to initially use whole lists, synchronised with their source, and to add business rules should it be required to further restrict the allowable values in specific cases. It was also agreed to ensure that any business rules of this type are included in the testing process.

The lists were reviewed and amendments made to the paper.

ERS-IMP-2019-03-12 Type codes for the element Fish size class was presented and it was agreed to include this issue in the task list for version two of the system.

4.3 Details for Circulating Data for Inspectors

There are not yet any papers to be presented for this point. It was noted that, given that the transmission date and time are not going to be in the initial version of the reporting system, inclusion of the mandatory DA/TI elements in the data for inspectors requires proper consideration going forward.

5 ERS Implementation Document

The chair presented the paper ERS-IMP-2019-03-10 FLUX Fishing Activities Implementation Document for NEAFC.

The chair went through the track changes and asked for acceptance/rejection after discussion on each change. Amendments were made to the paper.

EU provided further clarification on the deletion of some Business Rules since the previous version.

It was agreed that the EU would make some editorial changes to the document after the meeting and the amended document will be presented to PECMAC as version 1 of the NEAFC ERS Implementation Document – removing previous version notes.

6 Criteria to Assess Whether the Technical Preparations are Complete

EU presented ERS-IMP-2019-03-06 EU comments on Combined Criteria Access to Technical Preparations

Changes were accepted or rejected on the paper after discussion, and a revision will be posted to the document list.

EU presented ERS-IMP-2019-03-09 EU Proposed annex to document ERS-IMP-2019-03-06. This paper was also updated during the discussion and will be posted to the document lists as a revision.
Both of these documents were finalised and will together comprise the technical criteria to establish whether or not preparations are complete.

6.1 Establish Fall-back Procedures for Masters

The chair presented ERS-IMP-2019-03-11 Fall-back Procedures for Masters of Fishing Vessels

It was agreed that this paper was not strictly part of technical requirements and so would be sent back to PECMAC for discussion and possible adoption. Some comments were made to the paper and the Chair agreed to update these into the document prior to presentation at PECMAC.

6.2 List of Basic Tests

EU presented ERS-IMP-2019-03-07 EU - Testing UN/FLUX ERS exchanges for Fishing Activity in context of NEAFC

There was discussion on the sufficiency of the list in Annex 1 of this document. Some participants felt it was hard to assess whether or not it represented a complete list of scenarios for testing, due to the complexity of the data. It was agreed to re-present the this list in a format with more pointers columns to facilitate this for participants less accustomed to analysing this type of data at the next meeting.

EU presented ERS-IMP-2019-03-08 EU - XNE Test Results.

This paper is related to document 07 and so it was agreed to fully examine this paper in the next meeting.

7 Finalise VMS Implementation Document (Annex)

The Chair presented ERS-IMP-2019-03-13 Draft VMS Implementation for NEAFC

The document was reviewed and amendments made to the document.

Further clarification was requested on business continuity when the NEAFC ERS was offline, currently, in the current NEAFC system; it is the obligation of the sender to re-send data once the system is back up. The EU internal implementation requires that the receiver request the sender to send the data again. In the case of VMS messages, the time period for which the system will try automatically is very short for NEAFC purposes. EU will discuss this internally.

This draft document is based on the current EU internal implementation. EU noted that it was in fact based on an older version of their implementation document. EU agreed to send an updated version to the Secretariat so that the changes agreed at the meeting can be made against the latest EU internal version.

EU noted that the document presented at the meeting was missing information on FLUX-TL parameters such as data flow name and TODT offset (time out of the message).

8 Issues to be referred to JAGDM

No issues were identified.
9 Any Other Business

At the request of EU, the Secretariat presented its roadmap for implementation; the paper will be added to the document list. The Secretariat also outlined progress in developing the UI for inspectors, although the templating and presentation has so far been based on logbooks and therefore the details of presenting filtered ERS data within the web interface had not yet been formalized as it is a recent requirement. In the case of converting ERS data to the current NAF slash format, which was an earlier requirement and so better analysed, it was noted that there is a natural filtering of data built into this as NAF slash format is less rich than FLUX ERS data.

10 Close of Meeting

- The ERS Implementation Document will be finalised with some editorial amendments and will be presented to PECMAC.
- Fall-back for masters will be referred to PECMAC.
- The Master Data Register (MDR) for NEAFC was finalised and the Secretariat shall work on best ways to make these data available.
- The details of the List of basic tests will be further discussed in the next meeting.
- VMS Implementation Document requires some discussion before finalisation.
- Task list for version 2 of the system will include:
  o Date and time of transmission.
  o Business rules on sequence and timing.
  o Business rules on duplicates.
  o Reporting of fish size classes.
  o A single harmonised vessel activity list.
  o The handling of NEAFC species lists within the MDR.

11 Next Meeting

A video conference is to be arranged as soon as possible after Easter.