

12th November 2020

Dear Vessel Owner

**Important - All Scottish registered vessels 12 metres and over**  
**E-Log: Replacement of the Fish Register for fishing vessels registered in Scotland**

On 05 June 2019 we wrote to inform you that the existing path (e-mail destination address) of where your fishing vessel electronic logbook is sent was about to change and that in future all Scottish administered vessels using Electronic Logbook Submission Systems (ELSS) would be required to send their submissions (fishing activity and/or landing declarations) to the new Scottish system Compass. This work is part of a necessary phased replacement of the current UK ERS Hub and was due to be completed by the end of September 2019. As the result of a number of operational factors that initial deadline had to be extended. The situation was further compounded by the Covid-19 outbreak and subsequent lockdown measures. Despite these challenges the various Electronic Logbook System Suppliers have been working cooperatively with Marine Scotland to successfully migrate the great majority of Scottish vessels to the Compass system. Throughout this period Marine Scotland has kept the situation under review and additional extensions have been issued to reflect the continuing challenges we have all had to deal with.

**Why are we writing to you now**

We are writing to inform you that we have now notified all UK e-log suppliers that a final deadline of Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December has been set and will not be extended beyond that date. This means that any remaining vessels which have not been successfully migrated by the final deadline will be considered as having a non-functioning Elog System and may have their Authority to Sail removed.

We would strongly recommend that you to contact your e-Log Supplier and ensure that your vessel is successfully migrated by 11<sup>th</sup> December to avoid the risk of of disruption to your fishing operations. Marine Scotland Compliance officers will continue to provide support at local level where we can but it is the owner's responsibility to ensure that the vessel is compliant. **What is required of you at this stage as a vessel owner**

You are expected to continue to comply with any requests or arrangements put in place to ensure the process is completed by 11<sup>th</sup> December 2020  
Vessel owners or agents that enter landing declarations directly onto the existing ERS should continue to do so until notified that this functionality has been switched onto the new system.

All other guidance in the letter of 05 June 2019 remains valid

## What you may be required to do as a vessel owner

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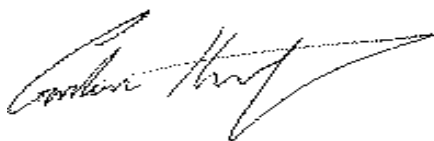
## What will happen to your existing account(s) at a further stage

Vessel owner and Agent account holders will be contacted separately as users are being migrated from the Fish Register (ERS) to the new system.

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Should you have any concerns or questions in the meantime about the ELSS rollout then please contact your local Marine Scotland Fishery Office.

Yours sincerely



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