

4th Meeting of the Compliance and Technical Committee
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VMS WG: Informal consultations January 2017 - Draft proposal organisation of work
CTC Chairperson

Topic 1 – Key policy issues to be resolved

CTC Chair’s note: It would be useful to resolve these issues before engaging a VMS provider, otherwise implementation of the system will be challenging. The outcomes of this discussion will also assist the VMS-Working Group to provide advice on a preferred VMS provider, including in relation to technical capacity and budget. Refer also to the letter from the Chairperson of the CTC (Circular 092-2016).

- Should the SPRFMO VMS System be hosted internally (in the Secretariat) or externally (by the VMS provider)?
- Should SPRFMO Vessels be required to poll directly to the VMS provider, via the flag State FMC, or both?
- Development of advice and recommendations to the CTC.

Topic 2 – Selection of a VMS provider

CTC Chair’s note: According to Annex 2 of the Report of the VMS Working Group 2016 (Annex L of the SPRFMO4 meeting report refers): “Based on the proposed shortlist, the CTC shall prepare, intersessionally, a technical and financial analysis of the three best options and provide advice to the FAC and Commission by 29 November 2016. This report should also identify any declared conflicts of interest and a proposed course of action, as appropriate.” The Secretariat has also prepared an analysis of the three shortlisted proposals to assist us with our deliberations. Therefore, I would encourage delegates to have a look on this document, which was sent by email from the Secretariat on 2 September 2016 (corrected version).

- Consideration of shortlist of VMS providers (CLS, Trackwell, Polestar).
- Identification of any conflicts of interests.
- Development of a technical and fiscal analysis.
- With reference to Section 3 of the VMS Tender-negotiating parameters for the Secretariat to enter into a contract with the VMS provider eg:
 - Number of base level service hours, after hours’ assistance and incident response times.
 - Polling and hosting requirements (see Topic 1)
 - Funding arrangements including overall operating budget, contract payment milestones, conditions around annual fee increases, system upgrades, frequency of bills and airtime/hostage charges.
 - Project delivery dates
 - Contract duration and review
 - CTC/Commission role in monitoring implementation progress?
- Development of advice and recommendations to the FAC and CTC

Please bear in mind that the CTC may wish to consider having some of these discussions conducted in a closed session.

Topic 3 – Review of CMM 2.06

CTC Chair’s note: We are required to review this measure under paragraph 14 of CMM 2.06. Consistent with the 2016 Report of the VMS Working Group, three Members (Australia, Chile, New Zealand) have proposed new policies for inclusion in CMM 2.06. We may also wish to consider amendments to other sections of CMM 2.06 in light of our consideration of Topic 1.

- Consideration of proposals submitted by members to revise CMM 2.06 in particular:
 - COMM-Prop03 (Australia, Chile and NZ)
- Additional amendments, including to implement the outcome of our discussions in Topic 1.

Topic 4 – Review of the VMS WG ToR and consideration of priorities in 2017

CTC Chair’s note: Paragraph 5 of the VMS WG ToR requires us to review the ToR to ensure their ongoing suitability. The format, type and content of VMS data transmission and storage of VMS data were identified at SPRFMO 4 as outstanding issues. Paragraph 9 of CMM 2.06 also sets out a number of other areas for consideration including ALC failure alternatives, cost recovery, cost sharing, obligations and roles of fishing vessels, Members, CNCPS and the Secretariat but this paragraph may also be amended as part of the review undertaken. Please bear in mind that due to the number of tasks we have ahead in relation to VMS, some of the issue under this topic may need further discussions during the intersessional 2017 period.

- Review of VMS WG ToR and identify amendments
- Consider priorities and ‘next steps’ for the VMS WG in the 2017 intersessional period
 - The format, type and content, VMS data transmission and storage of VMS data (as identified in the Report of the VMS Working Group, Annex L of the SPRFMO 4 Meeting Report).
 - (if direct reporting is selected) Under which circumstances can the Secretariat interact with SPRFMO vessels?
 - Can the Secretariat increase the polling rate? If so, under which circumstances?

Topic 5 – Recommendations and advice to the CTC, FAC and Commission

CTC Chair’s note: I propose that the Chairperson of the informal VMS WG discussions prepare, in consultation with all interested delegations, a report in light of the group’s discussions. This report will provide advice and recommendations in the issues described above, including financial implications, as well as any proposals for new or modified text in CMM 2.06 and/or the VMS WG ToR. Then the recommendations will be considered and discussed by the CTC and eventually –if adopted by the CTC– by the Commission.

- Consideration of the draft report