

Extract from Statutory Meeting Minutes dated 29th April 2009

ST09/33 DEPUTY CLERK'S REPORT ON THE PROGRESS TOWARDS REMOTE TRACKING OF VESSELS OPERATING UNDER WASH FISHERY ORDER 1992 LICENCES

Mr Lake commented that the majority of the fishermen had expressed a preference for the AIS system rather than the VMS and further concern had been expressed since funding from NE was not guaranteed. It was questioned whether the industry were going to have to pay for the units themselves. The Clerk advised the move from AIS to VMS had been made as a result of confidentiality concerns regarding AIS and legal advice that had been received. He also advised that without external funding the system would not go ahead.

Councillor Bellham raised a point of order that the item was for information only, if a member felt it should be raised for discussion then a request should be made for it to be put on the next agenda.

Members agreed to note the report.