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ABOUT DFO'S NATIONAL ELECTRONIC LOGBOOK INITIATIVE

Tracking information about commercial fishing catches and efforts is important to both commercial harvesters to help them manage their businesses and to the Government of Canada to help inform its decisions around fisheries management and protection.

Historically, reports from fish harvesters confirming data from their activities have been provided to Fisheries and Oceans Canada via paper logbooks. In recent years, an effort has been made to streamline the process of sharing and collecting information using electronic logbooks — **aka ELOGS** — via a third party “app,” which users can buy and download directly onto their devices.

Since 2017, select fisheries in Canada have been using ELOGS on a trial basis. However, a national ELOGS initiative is now underway at Fisheries and Oceans Canada that will see the **phasing out of paper logbook tracking by 2024**.

WHAT ARE THE ADVANTAGE OF ELOGS?

Using ELOGS consistently across the country will **help commercial fish harvesters manage their business** and help ensure good modern fisheries management and protection across Canada.

It will also help ensure that commercial fish harvesters across Canada can directly submit their data using **a common “app” directly on their favourite device**.

NEXT STEPS

Currently, the **National Electronic Logbook Initiative** is still in its development phase and the Department is working with third party developers around different technical options and to better understand and address users concerns around technology access.

More information about the National Electronic Logbook Initiative will be available as the project is developed in the coming months.

Stay tuned for updates!

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