

## Recommendation paper

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**Title:** Loligo – second season licence briefings

**Date:** 9<sup>th</sup> July 2020

**Report of:** Licensing Officer

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### 1. Background:

- 1.1. Currently, vessel Masters in the Loligo fleet arriving for the second season, undergo a second licence briefing, even though they were briefed a few months previously, at the start of the first season.
- 1.2. Vessel Masters fishing under all other licence types, only undergo one licence briefing a year and are therefore, technically, able to fish from January to December, on one licence briefing.
- 1.3. Vessels changing Master during the year, will continue to be subject to a licence briefing, regardless of the type/month/season, in the same way they are now.

### 2. Presentation and consultations:

- 2.1. As this only affects LPG, I circulated an email to them earlier this week, requesting their opinion on relaxing the need for a second licence briefing, prior to the second season Loligo. I followed it up with another email today, summarising our intentions providing the idea has support within FIFD.
- 2.2. No adverse comments were received and the idea has overwhelming support from all of the LPG.

### 3. Recommendation:

- 3.1. That all fishing licences are issued on the arrival of vessel Masters for licence briefing, so second season Loligo will be issued at the same time as other licences in January/February, whenever the vessel arrives.
- 3.2. Licence briefings will always be available if the Master/Fishing Company expresses their preference for that to happen but that otherwise, a second licence briefing during the year is not mandatory.
- 3.3.1 Subsequent licence briefings can be held if there are substantial changes to any licence type that may be mis-understood without appropriate briefing.

Approved:



Director of Natural Resources