



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government



E-Log: Frequently Asked Questions

For e-log technical support or guidance, please contact your e-log provider.

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What is an e-log?

The electronic logbook (e-log), is where the master of a fishing vessel keeps a record of all fishing operations, including landing declarations. The e-log should capture data on fishing activity for a vessel by trip, and for each day of activity within a trip. This includes details of the catch by species and quantity as well as information on how and where the fish were caught. Each trip requires a landing declaration which provides information on the weight and presentation of fish landed by species.

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Who is responsible for completing and submitting e-logs and landing declarations?

It is the responsibility of both the owner and the master in charge of the fishing vessel at the time of any one trip, to ensure that an accurate logbook is completed for that trip. It is also the responsibility of both the owner and master to ensure that an accurate landing declaration is completed and submitted to the Welsh Government for each trip.

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When should an e-log be completed and submitted to the Welsh Government?

An e-log should be completed for each trip undertaken by a commercially registered fishing vessel at the point of departure (DEP), up to and including the return to port (RTP). The logbook should be kept up to date throughout the trip with a FAR (Fishing Activity Report) submitted by midnight on each day fishing activity occurs. A FAR should also be submitted on request from an Marine Enforcement Officer during an inspection.

The landing declaration should be completed following the landing of your catch, when you have accurate weights for each species landed. The landing declaration must be submitted to the Welsh Government within 24 hours of landing.

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What information should be contained in an e-log?

For all Welsh fishing vessels conducting fishing trips in UK waters, the following information should be recorded:

- Departure from port (DEP)
- Fishing activity report (FAR)
- Discards (DIS)
- Catch on entry (COE) and catch on exit (COX) if applicable
- Prior notification of arrival (PNO) if applicable
- End of fishing report (EOF)
- Return to port (RTP)
- Landing declaration (LAN)

Further details on what data is required as well as how and when to complete this can be found on the gov.uk website here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/how-to-report-fishing-activities-using-an-electronic-logbook-software-system/elss-reports>

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Fishing outside of UK waters

Some Welsh vessels operate outside of UK waters – e.g. in Regional Fisheries Management Organisation (RFMO) areas such as Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organisation (NAFO), or North-East Atlantic Fisheries Commission (NEAFC) or waters of a third country like Norway. When fishing in these areas, there may be additional e-log reporting requirements and you should make sure you are aware of these prior to conducting fishing activity. Further information on this can be found on the Europa website here: https://ec.europa.eu/fisheries/cfp/international/rfmo_en

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What should I do if I make an error when completing my e-log?

If you realise you made an error whilst still at sea on the same trip, you can send a correction. Simply amend the entry and re-send it – your e-log will log this as a 'correction' message. You can only send corrections during the trip. Once EOF has been sent, you will no longer be able to correct previous messages.

If you realise you made an error after a trip has ended, contact the Milford Haven Fisheries Office on **03000 253500** with details.

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What information should be contained in a landing declaration?

The landing declaration must contain information on the landing operation (date, time and location) and details of all species landed (weight, presentation, state) including species not sold.

The landing declaration can be submitted by the master of the vessel or his representative. In addition, the landing declaration does not have to be submitted through the e-log, it can be submitted via the Fishhub. To set up an account for the Fishhub, please contact the Milford Haven Fisheries Office on **03000 253500**.

Landing declarations must be submitted to the Welsh Government no later than **24 hours** after the landing operation took place.

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How is the information I submit in an e-log and landing declaration used?

The data you provide gives Welsh Government the evidence needed to make the right decisions for the future sustainability of fish stocks and the seafood industry. This includes quota management, conservation measures and awarding grant funding.

It now has additional importance in fish exports as any catch certificates required for any exported fisheries products will be validated through the data provided by the fisher and merchant. It is vital that the data, including date of landing, is entered correctly on an e-log and landing declaration.

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What happens if I fail to submit e-log and/or landing declaration data correctly or on time?

The Welsh Government would not get the data that it needs to ensure sustainable management, and demonstrate sustainability and traceability of your fish. This could include our ability to validate exports of fish to EC countries. As this is a legal requirement, there is also a risk that enforcement action could be taken against you.

Useful Resources:

Welsh Government FMC:

Tel: 03000 253500

Email: milfordhavenfisheriesoffice@gov.wales

UKFMC:

Tel: 0131 271 9700

Email: UKFMC@gov.scot

ELSS report guidance

www.gov.uk/government/publications/how-to-report-fishing-activities-using-an-electronic-logbook-software-system/elss-reports