

CONSERVATION MEASURE 210/XIX
Exploratory Longline Fishery for *Dissostichus* spp.
in Statistical Subarea 88.1 in the 2000/01 Season

The Commission hereby adopts the following conservation measure in accordance with Conservation Measure 65/XII:

1. Fishing for *Dissostichus* spp. in Statistical Subarea 88.1 shall be limited to the exploratory longline fishery by New Zealand, South Africa and Uruguay. The fishery shall be conducted by three New Zealand, two South African and one Uruguayan-flagged vessels using longlining only.
2. The precautionary catch limit north of 65°S in Statistical Subarea 88.1 shall be limited to 175 tonnes of *Dissostichus* spp. In the event this limit is reached, the fishery north of 65°S shall be closed.
3. The precautionary catch limit south of 65°S in Statistical Subarea 88.1 shall be limited to 1 889 tonnes of *Dissostichus* spp. In the event this limit is reached, the fishery south of 65°S shall be closed. In order to ensure an adequate spread of fishing effort south of 65°S, no more than 472 tonnes of *Dissostichus* spp. shall be taken from each of the four small-scale research units (SSRUs), as defined in Annex 200/B of Conservation Measure 200/XIX, identified for Statistical Subarea 88.1 south of 65°S.
4. For the purposes of this exploratory longline fishery, the 2000/01 fishing season is defined as the period from 1 December 2000 to 31 August 2001.
5. The directed longline fishery for *Dissostichus* spp. in Statistical Subarea 88.1 shall be carried out in accordance with all aspects of Conservation Measures 29/XIX and 200/XIX with the exception of paragraph 6 below.
6. South of 65°S the directed fishery for the above species shall be carried out in accordance with the provisions of Conservation Measures 200/XIX and 29/XIX, except paragraph 3 (night setting) of Conservation Measure 29/XIX shall not apply. Prior to licensing, each vessel shall demonstrate its capacity to comply with experimental line-weighting trials as approved by the Scientific Committee and attached as Annex 210/A and such data shall be reported to CCAMLR immediately. South of 65°S, longlines may be set during daylight

hours only if the vessels are demonstrating a consistent minimum line sink rate of 0.3 metres per second. Any vessel catching a total of three (3) seabirds shall immediately revert to night setting in accordance with Conservation Measure 29/XIX.

7. Each vessel participating in the fishery shall have at least two scientific observers, one of whom shall be an observer appointed in accordance with the CCAMLR Scheme of International Scientific Observation, on board throughout all fishing activities within this fishery.
8. Each vessel participating in this exploratory longline fishery shall be required to operate a VMS at all times, in accordance with Conservation Measure 148/XVII.
9. Fishing for *Dissostichus* spp. in Statistical Subarea 88.1 shall be prohibited within 10 n miles of the coast of the Balleny Islands.
10. There shall be no offal discharge in this fishery.
11. All vessels shall be prohibited from discharging in this area: oil or fuel products or oily residues into the sea, except as permitted in Annex I of MARPOL 73/78; disposal of garbage; food wastes not capable of passing through a screen with openings no greater than 25 mm; or sewage within 12 n miles of land or ice shelves; or sewerage while the ship is travelling at a speed of less than 4 knots.

EXPERIMENTAL LINE-WEIGHTING TRIALS

1. Paragraph 3 of Conservation Measure 29/XIX shall not apply only where a vessel can demonstrate prior to licensing for this fishery its ability to fully comply with the following experimental protocol, observed by a scientific observer:
 - (i) set a minimum of five longlines with a minimum of four Time Depth Recorders (TDR) on each line;
 - (ii) randomise TDR placement on the longline within and between sets;
 - (iii) calculate an individual sink rate for each TDR when returned to the vessel, where:
 - (a) the sink rate shall be measured as an average of the time taken to sink from the surface (0 m) to 15 m; and
 - (b) this sink rate shall be at a minimum rate of 0.3 m/s;
 - (iv) if the minimum sink rate is not achieved at all 20 sample points, repeat the test until such time as a total of 20 tests with a minimum sink rate of 0.3 m/s are recorded; and
 - (v) all equipment and fishing gear used in the tests is to be the same as that to be used in the Convention Area.
2. During fishing, for a vessel to maintain the exemption to night-time setting requirements, continuous line sink monitoring shall be undertaken by the CCAMLR scientific observer. The vessel shall cooperate with the CCAMLR observer who shall:
 - (i) aim to place a TDR on every longline set during the observer's shift;
 - (ii) every seven days place all available TDRs on a single longline to determine any sink rate variation along the line;
 - (iii) randomise TDR placement on the longline within and between sets;
 - (iv) calculate an individual rate for each TDR when returned to the vessel; and
 - (v) measure the sink rate as an average of the time taken to sink from the surface (0 m) to 15 m.
3. The vessel shall:
 - (i) ensure the average sink rate is at a minimum of 0.3 m/s;
 - (ii) report daily to the fishery manager; and
 - (iii) ensure that data collected from line sink trials is recorded in the approved format and submitted to the fishery manager at the conclusion of the season.