

CONSERVATION MEASURE 131/XVI
Precautionary Catch Limits on the Fishery for *Dissostichus eleginoides*
in Statistical Division 58.5.2 for the 1997/98 Season

1. The total catch of *Dissostichus eleginoides* in Statistical Division 58.5.2 in the 1997/98 season shall be limited to 3 700 tonnes.
2. For the purposes of this Conservation Measure the 1997/98 season is defined as the period from 8 November 1997 to the end of the Commission meeting in 1998.
3. Fishing shall cease if the by-catch of any of the species listed in Conservation Measure 132/XVI reaches its by-catch limit.
4. The catch limit may only be taken by trawling.
5. Each vessel participating in the *Dissostichus eleginoides* fishery in Statistical Division 58.5.2 shall have at least one scientific observer and, if available, one appointed in accordance with the CCAMLR Scheme of International Scientific Observation on board throughout all fishing activities.
6. Each vessel operating in the *Dissostichus eleginoides* fishery in Statistical Division 58.5.2 shall have a VMS¹ at all times.
7. A ten-day catch and effort reporting system shall be implemented:
 - (i) for the purpose of implementing this system, the calendar month shall be divided into three reporting periods viz: day 1 to day 10, day 11 to day 20, day 21 to the last day of the month. These reporting periods are hereinafter referred to as periods A, B and C;
 - (ii) at the end of each reporting period, each Contracting Party participating in the fishery shall obtain from each of its vessels its total catch and total days and hours fished for the period and shall, by electronic transmission, cable, telex or facsimile, transmit the aggregated catch and days and hours fished for its vessels so as to reach the Executive Secretary not later than the end of the next reporting period;
 - (iii) a report must be submitted by every Contracting Party taking part in the fishery for each reporting period for the duration of the fishery, even if no catches are taken;
 - (iv) the catch of *Dissostichus eleginoides* and by-catch species must be reported;
 - (v) such reports will specify the month and reporting period (A, B and C) to which each report refers;

- (vi) immediately after the deadline has passed for receipt of the reports for each period, the Executive Secretary shall notify all Contracting Parties engaged in fishing activities in the division of the total catch taken during the reporting period and the total aggregate catch for the season to date; and
 - (vii) at the end of every three reporting periods, the Executive Secretary shall inform all Contracting Parties of the total catch taken during the three most recent reporting periods and the total aggregate catch for the season to date.
8. A fine-scale effort and biological data reporting system shall be implemented:
- (i) the scientific observer(s) aboard each vessel shall collect the data required to complete the CCAMLR fine-scale catch and effort data form C1, latest version. These data shall be submitted to the CCAMLR Secretariat not later than one month after the vessel returns to port;
 - (ii) the catch of *Dissostichus eleginoides* and all by-catch species must be reported;
 - (iii) the numbers of seabirds and marine mammals of each species caught and released or killed must be reported;
 - (iv) the scientific observer(s) aboard each vessel shall collect data on the length composition from representative samples of *Dissostichus eleginoides* and by-catch species:
 - (a) length measurements shall be to the nearest centimetre below; and
 - (b) representative samples of length composition shall be taken from each fine-scale grid rectangle (0.5° latitude by 1° longitude) fished in each calendar month.

The above data shall be submitted to the CCAMLR Secretariat not later than one month after the vessel returns to port.

9. If in the course of a directed fishery for *Dissostichus eleginoides*, the by-catch in any one haul of the species *Lepidonotothen squamifrons*, *Notothenia rossii*, *Channichthys rhinoceratus* or *Bathyraja* spp. either,
- (i) is greater than 100 kg and exceeds 5% of the total catch of fish species by weight, or,
 - (ii) is equal to, or greater than 2 tonnes, then

the fishing vessel shall move to another fishing location at least 5 n miles distant². The fishing vessel shall not return to any point within 5 n miles of the location where the by-catch exceeded 5% for a period of at least five days³. The location where the by-catch exceeded 5% is defined as the path followed by the fishing vessel from the point at which the fishing gear was first deployed from the fishing vessel to the point at which the fishing gear was retrieved by the fishing vessel.

10. The total number and weight of *Dissostichus eleginoides* discarded, including those with the jellymeat condition, shall be reported. These fish will count towards the total allowable catch.

¹ As described in Resolution 12/XVI.

² This provision is adopted pending the adoption of a more appropriate definition of a fishing location by the Commission.

³ The specified period is adopted in accordance with the reporting period specified in Conservation Measure 51/XII, pending the adoption of a more appropriate period by the Commission.