

CONSERVATION MEASURE 163/XVII
New Longline Fishery for *Dissostichus* spp. in Statistical Division 58.4.3
outside Areas under National Jurisdictions in the 1998/99 Season

The Commission,

Welcoming the notification of France of its intention to conduct a new longline fishery in Statistical Division 58.4.3 outside areas under national jurisdictions for *Dissostichus* spp. in the 1998/99 fishing season,

hereby adopts the following Conservation Measure in accordance with Conservation Measure 31/X:

1. Fishing for *Dissostichus* spp. in Statistical Division 58.4.3 outside areas under national jurisdictions shall be limited to the new longline fishery by France. The fishery shall be conducted by French flagged vessels using longlining only.
2. The precautionary catch limit for this new longline fishery in Statistical Division 58.4.3 shall be limited to 700 tonnes of *Dissostichus* spp. north of 60°S. In the event that this limit is reached, the fishery shall be closed.
3. For the purpose of this new longline fishery, the 1998/99 fishing season to the north of 60°S is defined as the period from 15 April to 31 August 1999.
4. The new longline fishery for the above species shall be carried out in accordance with Conservation Measures 29/XVI and 161/XVII.
5. Each vessel participating in this new longline fishery will be required to operate a VMS at all times, in accordance with Conservation Measure 148/XVII.