

CONSERVATION MEASURE 190/XVIII
Exploratory Longline Fishery for *Dissostichus* spp.
in Statistical Subarea 88.1 in the 1999/2000 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 Chile, the European Community and New Zealand. The fishery shall be conducted by European Community (Portuguese-flagged), Chilean and New Zealand-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 1 915 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 478 tonnes of *Dissostichus* spp. shall be taken from each of the four small-scale research units (SSRUs), as defined in Annex 182/B of Conservation Measure 182/XVIII, identified for Statistical Subarea 88.1 south of 65°S.
4. For the purposes of this exploratory longline fishery, the 1999/2000 fishing season is defined as the period from 1 December 1999 to 31 August 2000.
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/XVI and 182/XVIII. However, south of 65°S the directed fishery by New Zealand, and fishing by New Zealand associated with the research plan, for the above species shall be carried out in accordance with the provisions of Conservation Measures 182/XVIII and 29/XVI, except paragraph 3 of Conservation Measure 29/XVI shall not apply. To permit experimental line-weighting trials south of 65°S, longlines may be set during daylight hours if the vessels can demonstrate a consistent minimum line sink rate of 0.3 metres per second. If a total aggregate of ten (10) seabirds is caught during daytime setting then the variation from Conservation Measure 29/XVI paragraph 3 shall cease and all vessels shall revert to setting longlines at night in accordance with Conservation Measure 29/XVI.
6. Each vessel participating in the fishery shall have at least one observer appointed in accordance with the CCAMLR Scheme of International Scientific Observation on board throughout all fishing activities within this fishery.
7. 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.
8. Fishing for *Dissostichus* spp. in Statistical Subarea 88.1 shall be prohibited within 10 n miles of the coast of the Balleny Islands.