CONSERVATION MEASURE 41-11 (2013)

Limits on the exploratory fishery for *Dissostichus* spp. in Statistical Division 58.4.1 in the 2013/14 season

| Species | toothfish |
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| Area | 58.4.1 |
| Season | 2013/14 |
| Gear | longline |

The Commission hereby adopts the following conservation measure in accordance with Conservation Measure 21-02, and notes that this measure would be for one year and that data arising from these activities would be reviewed by the Scientific Committee:

Access

1. Fishing for *Dissostichus* spp. in Statistical Division 58.4.1 shall be limited to the exploratory longline fishery by Japan and Spain. The fishery shall be conducted by one (1) Japanese and one (1) Spanish flagged vessels using longlines only.

Catch limit 2.

2. The total catch of *Dissostichus* spp. in Statistical Division 58.4.1 in the 2013/14 season shall not exceed a precautionary catch limit of 724 tonnes applied as follows:

SSRU A - 0 tonnes SSRU B - 0 tonnes $SSRU C - 257 tonnes^{1}$ $SSRU D - 42 tonnes^{1}$ SSRU E - 315 tonnes SSRU F - 0 tonnes $SSRU G - 68 tonnes^{1}$ $SSRU H - 42 tonnes^{1}$

Season

3. For the purpose of the exploratory longline fishery for *Dissostichus* spp. in Statistical Division 58.4.1, the 2013/14 season is defined as the period from 1 December 2013 to 30 November 2014.

Fishing operations

4. The exploratory longline fishery for *Dissostichus* spp. in Statistical Division 58.4.1 shall be carried out in accordance with the provisions of Conservation Measure 41-01, except paragraph 6.

By-catch

5. The by-catch in this fishery shall be regulated as set out in Conservation Measure 33-03.

Mitigation

- 6. The exploratory longline fishery for *Dissostichus* spp. in Statistical Division 58.4.1 shall be carried out in accordance with the provisions of Conservation Measure 25-02, except paragraph 5 (night setting) shall not apply, providing that vessels comply with Conservation Measure 24-02.
- 7. Any vessel catching a total of three (3) seabirds shall immediately revert to night setting in accordance with Conservation Measure 25-02.

Area

8. The exploratory fishery in 2013/14 shall, subject to the conditions in Conservation Measure 41-01, Annex 41-01/B, take place in the research blocks bounded by the following coordinates:

| Research block 5841_1 | (SSRU C) 64°30'S 66°00'S 66°00'S 65°30'S 65°30'S 64°00'S 64°00'S 64°30'S | Coordinates 90°00'E 90°00'E 94°00'E 94°00'E 95°00'E 95°00'E 92°00'E 92°00'E |
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| Research block 5841_2 | (SSRU C) 62°30'S 64°00'S 64°00'S 65°00'S 65°00'S 62°30'S | Coordinates 96°00'E 96°00'E 97°00'E 97°00'E 100°00'E 100°00'E |
| Research block 5841_3 | (SSRU E) 64°00'S 66°00'S 66°00'S 64°00'S | Coordinates 112°00'E 112°00'E 115°00'E 115°00'E |
| Research block 5841_4 | (SSRU E) 64°30'S 66°00'S 66°00'S 64°30'S | Coordinates 118°00'E 118°00'E 120°00'E 120°00'E |
| Research block 5841_5 | 64°30'S 66°00'S 66°00'S 66°30'S | Coordinates 137°00'E 137°00'E 138°00'E 138°00'E 140°00'E 140°00'E. |

Observers

9. 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 the fishing period.

Research

10. Each vessel participating in this exploratory fishery shall conduct fishery-based research in accordance with the Research Plan and Tagging Program described in Conservation Measure 41-01, Annex 41-01/B and Annex 41-01/C respectively.

11. Toothfish shall be tagged at a rate of at least five fish per tonne green weight caught.

Data: catch/effort

- 12. For the purpose of implementing this conservation measure in the 2013/14 season, the following shall apply:
 - (i) the Daily Catch and Effort Reporting System set out in Conservation Measure 23-07;
 - (ii) the Monthly Fine-scale Catch and Effort Reporting System set out in Conservation Measure 23-04. Fine-scale data shall be submitted on a haul-by-haul basis;
 - (iii) fishing vessels undertaking research in accordance with Conservation Measure 24-01 shall report data in accordance with the requirements (i) to (ii) above.
- 13. For the purpose of Conservation Measures 23-07 and 23-04, the target species is *Dissostichus* spp. and 'by-catch species' are defined as any species other than *Dissostichus* spp.

Data: biological

14. Fine-scale biological data, as required under Conservation Measure 23-05, shall be collected and recorded. Such data shall be reported in accordance with the CCAMLR Scheme of International Scientific Observation.

Environmental protection

- 15. Conservation Measure 26-01 applies.
- 16. There shall be no offal² discharge in this fishery.
- 17. Conservation Measures 22-06, 22-07, 22-08 and 22-09 apply.
 - ¹ Includes a catch limit of 42 tonnes to permit Spain to undertake a depletion experiment in 2013/14.
 - ² 'Offal' is defined as bait and by-products from the processing of fish and other organisms, including parts or sections of fish or organisms which are by-products of processing.