

MANAGEMENT UNDER UNCERTAINTY

Regulatory Framework

10.1 The Commission noted the further progress in developing a unified framework for providing management advice on all fisheries in the Convention Area (SC-CAMLR-XX, Section 7). During the intersessional period, the Scientific Committee and its working groups had reviewed draft fishery plans prepared by the Secretariat for the krill fishery in Area 48 (SC-CAMLR-XX, Annex 4, Appendix D) and the *C. gunnari* fishery in Subarea 48.3 (SC-CAMLR-XX, Annex 5, Appendix E).

10.2 The Commission agreed that the next step should be to prepare such fishery plans for other fisheries in the Convention Area. Priority fisheries are those for *D. eleginoides* in Subarea 48.3 and Division 58.5.2, *Dissostichus* spp. in Subarea 88.1 and *C. gunnari* in Division 58.5.2. The development of fishery plans for other fisheries was considered of a lower priority.

10.3 The Commission also noted the introduction of fisheries summaries (SC-CAMLR-XX, Annex 5, Table 19) which the Scientific Committee proposed to consider annually both in the context of the assessments conducted and as an important item in the regulatory framework. The Scientific Committee agreed that a 'prospecting default arrangement' should be put in place in the absence of a formal assessment of these fisheries. The currency of this advice is described in Table 19 as 'multi-year in the absence of surveys or fishery-based research information'. For those fisheries notified previously, and for which notifications were received again this year, but for which no new information was available, no new assessment was undertaken. The Commission agreed that until new information was received, the Scientific Committee should not attempt to undertake any further work on such fisheries. Hence, the 'prospecting default arrangement' would remain in place as the current advice. The Commission requested the Scientific Committee consider all notifications next year to ensure that all elements have been reviewed as necessary.

Review of Existing Conservation Measures by the Secretariat

10.4 In 2000 the Commission had recognised that the suite of conservation measures that it regularly reviews and adopts had become large and complex. The Commission had agreed that there was considerable merit in reviewing the structure of the conservation measures and their presentation, and had remitted the task to the intersessional period (CCAMLR-XIX, paragraph 9.72).

10.5 During the 2000/01 intersessional period, the Secretariat reviewed the development and structure of conservation measures adopted so far by the Commission (CCAMLR-XX/BG/4). This review indicated that some of the work of the Commission may be simplified by the use of standard text in conservation measures dealing with many of the fisheries within the Convention Area. Two alternative options for

simplifying the process of drafting conservation measures dealing with fisheries were developed by the Secretariat (CCAMLR-XX/20 Rev. 1).

10.6 The first method would identify relevant standard paragraphs and the specifications to be used in each fishery conservation measure. It would also include non-standard requirements, if any. The paragraphs, specifications and special requirements, if any, would then be combined to produce the conservation measure in a format similar to that used in previous years.

10.7 In the second method, relevant standard paragraphs, specifications and 'non-standard' requirements, if any, for each fishery would be identified but would be listed in table format.

10.8 The Commission agreed to use the first option in the preparation of measures dealing with fisheries in the 2001/02 season. This was also the option favoured by the Scientific Committee (SC-CAMLR-XX, paragraph 7.11). The Commission also agreed that management advice must have the flexibility to include non-standard approaches and diverse opinions where agreements are not reached.