

NEXT MEETING

Invitation of Observers to the Next Meeting

17.1 The Commission invited the following States to attend the Twenty-second Meeting of the Commission as observers:

- Accessing States – Bulgaria, Canada, Finland, Greece, Netherlands, Peru and Vanuatu;
- non-Contracting Parties participating in the CDS who are involved in harvesting or landing and/or trade of toothfish – the People’s Republic of China, Mauritius, Seychelles and Singapore; and
- non-Contracting Parties not participating in the CDS but possibly involved in harvesting or landing and/or trade of toothfish – Angola, Belize, Bolivia, Colombia, Indonesia, Kenya, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mexico, Mozambique, Panama, Philippines, Sao Tome and Principe, St Vincent and the Grenadines, Thailand and Togo.

17.2 As the Secretariat had encountered some difficulties in identifying appropriate contacts in some of the above countries, the FAO Observer offered the assistance of local offices of FAO to facilitate the delivery of such invitations.

17.3 In light of the developing cooperation between CCAMLR and CITES, the Commission invited the CITES Secretariat to attend the Twenty-second Meeting as an observer (paragraph 10.25).

17.4 The following international organisations were also invited: ASOC, CCSBT, CEP, CPPS, FAO, FFA, IATTC, ICCAT, IOC, IUCN, IWC, SCAR, SCOR, SPC and UNEP.

Date and Location of the Next Meeting

17.5 Noting that any alternative meeting venue would be unlikely to be available in time for the next meeting, the Commission agreed that the current location at Wrest Point Hotel would again be used for the Twenty-second Meeting of the Commission, to be held in Hobart, Australia, from 27 October to 7 November 2003. Heads of Delegation were requested to be in Hobart for a meeting on 26 October 2003.

OTHER BUSINESS

18.1 The UK referred to paragraph 14.46 where concern was raised over the shortage of time often available for Members to read papers before the meeting. The UK noted that the ATCM has clear rules for the submission of papers, which are rigorously applied. The Commission asked the Secretariat to consult with the Chairs of the Scientific Committee and SCOI intersessionally in order to draw up a set of draft procedures, possibly along the lines of

those adopted by the ATCM and CEP, for consideration by the Commission at its next meeting.

REPORT OF THE TWENTY-FIRST MEETING OF THE COMMISSION

19.1 The report of the Twenty-first Meeting was adopted.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING

20.1 In his closing remarks, the Chair expressed his appreciation to the Members of Commission, the Chair of the Scientific Committee (Dr Holt), the current Executive Secretary (Dr Miller), the previous Executive Secretary (Mr E. de Salas) and the Secretariat staff for their support during the past two years. He had been honoured to be Chair of the Commission during a time in which it had generated many initiatives devoted to achieving its goal. He felt the future was full of new challenges with the Commission moving ahead in full sail.

20.2 Mr R. Arnaudo (USA), on behalf of the Commission, thanked Dr Sasanelli for his leadership and hard work over the past two years. Progress had been made and the durability of the institution had survived the rather contentious two weeks of the meeting, and Mr Arnaudo credited the Chair for helping the Commission through this.

20.3 Ambassador J. Berguño (Chile) also expressed his appreciation to the Chair for helping to guide the Commission through its work.

20.4 Prior to closing the meeting, Dr Sasanelli was presented with a gavel by Dr Miller so that he could add a personal touch to the closure.

20.5 The Chair of the Commission then closed the Twenty-first Meeting.