JOINT ASSESSMENT GROUP (JAG) – TERMS OF REFERENCE AND PROPOSED DRAFT AGENDA FOR THE 2006 MEETING

TERMS OF REFERENCE OF JAG

The following terms of reference were prepared by the ad hoc Joint Assessment Group (JAG) in 2003 for future work on the **Task I** (CCAMLR-XXII, Annex 6):

Task I – to develop methods for estimating total removals of toothfish (including, where applicable, both legitimate and IUU catches) with a view to:

- determining whether such methods would provide better estimates than those currently prepared by the Secretariat and used by WG-FSA;
- determining data requirements for each method and each component of the total removals;
- identifying the origins and availability and levels of reliability of such data for all areas of toothfish distribution;
- recommending to both the Scientific Committee and SCIC, changes to the present methods for estimating total removals of toothfish.

PROPOSED DRAFT AGENDA FOR THE JAG MEETING IN 2006 ESTIMATION OF IUU CATCHES IN THE CONVENTION AREA

- 1. Examination of potential IUU catch estimation methodologies and data sources
 - (i) description of methods used by various national agencies
 - (ii) description of methods used by Secretariat/CCAMLR
 - (iii) sub-Antarctic island areas (Subareas 48.3, 58.6, 58.7, Divisions 58.5.1 and 58.5.2)
 - (iv) high-seas areas (Subareas 48.6, 88.1,88.2,88.3, Divisions 58.4.1, 58.4.2, 58.4.3, 58.4.4)
- 2. Data sources and coverage issues
 - (i) potential data sources; validation of information
 - (ii) classification of coverage areas
 - (iii) identification of appropriate coverage levels
- 3. Definition of assessment methods
 - (i) appropriate methods by area
 - (ii) confidentiality and publication issues
 - (iii) annual procedure for IUU estimation
- 4. Review of historical IUU catch estimates
 - (i) identification of potential problems with past estimates
 - (ii) identification of solutions and revision of estimates
- 5. Advice
 - (i) advice to the Scientific Committee and SCIC on assessment methodology
 - (ii) advice to WG-FSA on IUU catch estimates to be used in toothfish assessments
 - (iii) future work program (including periodicity of JAG review of IUU catch estimates and methods, priorities and timetable).