ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

16.1 The Commission elected the USA as Vice-Chair of the Commission from the end of this meeting until the conclusion of the 2013 meeting.

16.2 The Commission extended its thanks to the USA for accepting this important role.

NEXT MEETING

Invitation of Observers

17.1 The Commission will invite the following to attend the Thirty-first Meeting of the Commission as Observers:

- non-Member Contracting Parties Bulgaria, Canada, Cook Islands, Finland, Greece, Mauritius, Netherlands, Peru and Vanuatu
- NCPs participating in the CDS who are involved in harvesting or landing and/or trade of toothfish Seychelles
- NCPs not participating in the CDS but possibly involved in harvesting or landing and/or trade of toothfish Antigua, Bahamas, Cambodia, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Indonesia, Kenya, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Nigeria, Philippines, Singapore, St Kitts and Nevis, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, United Arab Emirates and Vietnam.

17.2 The Executive Secretary advised the Commission that a list of NCPs to be invited to CCAMLR-XXXI will be circulated to Members for comment prior to meeting invitations being issued in July 2012.

17.3 The following intergovernmental organisations will be invited: ACAP, CCSBT, CEP, CITES, CPPS, FAO, FFA, IATTC, ICCAT, IOC, IUCN, IWC, SCAR, SCOR, SEAFO, SPC, UNEP and WCPFC.

17.4 The following non-governmental organisations will be invited: ASOC, ARK and COLTO.

Date and location of the next meeting

17.5 The Commission agreed that its Thirty-first Meeting will be held from 23 October to 1 November 2012. Heads of Delegations were requested to be in Hobart for a meeting on 22 October 2012.

17.6 The Commission noted that the Thirty-first Meeting of the Scientific Committee will be held in the same location, from 22 to 26 October 2012.