

NEW AND EXPLORATORY FISHERIES

7.1 At its 1992 meeting, the Commission noted that Conservation Measure 31/X had succeeded in providing a useful mechanism for evaluating new fisheries as they begin, and it agreed that it would be desirable to ensure that such fisheries did not expand faster than the acquisition of relevant information during a fishery's exploratory phase (CCAMLR-XI, paragraphs 4.27 and 4.29).

7.2 In response to a request by the Commission (CCAMLR-XI, paragraphs 4.32 and 4.33), the Scientific Committee and its Working Groups had considered this matter during the intersessional period (SC-CAMLR-XII, paragraphs 7.3 to 7.10) using a paper prepared by the Delegation of the USA as a basis for its discussions (CCAMLR-XII/5).

7.3 The Commission endorsed the Scientific Committee's recommendation concerning a formal procedure pertaining to exploratory fisheries (SC-CAMLR-XII, paragraph

7.4). The Commission adopted Conservation Measure 65/XII (see paragraph 8.39).