

SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH EXEMPTION

9.1 At its 1993 meeting the Commission requested that the Scientific Committee consider the applicability of the 50 tonnes limit specified in paragraph 2 of Conservation Measure 64/XII to krill, crabs and squid (CCAMLR-XII, paragraph 6.10).

9.2 The Commission noted the progress made by the Scientific Committee and its Working Groups in considering this problem. It accepted the advice that for crab the 50 tonnes catch limit appeared sensible given the relatively tight provisions of Conservation Measures 79/XIII (formerly Conservation Measure 74/XII) and 75/XII. It also endorsed the request that Members using commercial types of trawl in krill research should submit information on the levels of catches which could be taken in research cruises, for review at the next meeting of WG-EMM.

9.3 The Commission noted that the Scientific Committee had not been able to offer any advice in respect of squid.

9.4 Given that advice on the applicability of the 50 tonnes limit to krill was dependent upon further deliberations of the Scientific Committee and its Working Groups, the Commission decided that it would not amend Conservation Measure 64/XII now but should revisit the issue with a view to revising the conservation measure at its next meeting.