

SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES DURING THE 2001/02 INTERSESSIONAL PERIOD

13.1 The following activities of the Scientific Committee are planned in 2001/02:

- meeting of WG-EMM (5 to 16 August 2002, Montana, USA); and
- meeting of WG-FSA (7 to 16 October 2002, Hobart, Australia).

13.2 The Scientific Committee gratefully accepted the offer made by Dr Hewitt on behalf of the USA, to host the seventh meeting of WG-EMM in Bozeman, USA, in August 2002. The Scientific Committee also thanked the local organiser, Dr Trivelpiece, for arranging the meeting.

13.3 The Scientific Committee noted that the intersessional activities of the Secretariat and working groups in 2000/01 had been reviewed during the meetings of WG-EMM and WG-FSA. The future work of WG-EMM was detailed in Annex 4, Section 7, and that of WG-FSA in Annex 5, Section 10. In addition, major activities scheduled by the Scientific Committee in the 2001/02 intersessional period are listed in Annex 6. The Chair of the Scientific Committee, together with the conveners of the working groups, agreed to provide the Secretariat with lists of activities in 2001/02 which should be considered as high priority.

13.4 The Scientific Committee gratefully accepted Dr Everson's offer to convene the 2002 meeting of WG-FSA. Dr Everson had agreed to undertake this role on the understanding that Dr S. Hanchet (New Zealand) would be able to assist with this task, as well as accepting a term as Convener of the Working Group commencing in 2003. The Scientific Committee congratulated Dr Everson on his appointment, and thanked Dr Hanchet for his valuable support. The Scientific Committee also thanked Mr Williams for leading WG-FSA since 1999; his contribution had been very much appreciated.

13.5 The Scientific Committee endorsed the recommendation of WG-FSA that an intersessional forum be established to prepare a program of work for the next meeting, in parallel with the process of developing the agenda, that takes account of the likely submission of new data, the need to evaluate new methods if they are being developed and the need to complete the assessments in a thorough, accurate and timely way.

13.6 The Scientific Committee also endorsed the recommendation of WG-FSA that a framework for evaluating assessment methods be developed in order to be confident that results arising from the application of these methods will be robust to the uncertainties surrounding the management of the fisheries. The Scientific Committee agreed that this be given a high priority for coordination and assistance by the Secretariat, including validation of assessment methods and software, peer review and archiving of documentation (see also SC-CAMLR-XIX, paragraph 5.70).

13.7 The Scientific Committee urged Member countries to support participation by experts at future meetings of WG-EMM and WG-FSA. WG-EMM had outlined a schedule of workshops for the period from 2002 to 2005 (Annex 4, paragraph 6.3) so as to assist Members in planning such expert participation. WG-FSA had also urged scientists from France and Ukraine, along with other experts, to assist with its work at future meetings.

13.8 Dr Goubanov advised the Scientific Committee that YugNIRO would be celebrating its 80th anniversary in 2002. A conference would be scheduled in Kiev during the northern summer. The theme of the conference would be 'From the Antarctic to the Arctic'. Dr Goubanov agreed to provide details to the Secretariat, for dissemination to Members, as soon as these were available. The Scientific Committee encouraged Members to participate in this event.

13.9 Dr Kawaguchi reminded the Scientific Committee that Japan would be hosting a Workshop on Krill Culturing Techniques during September 2002 (Annex 4, paragraph 7.2). The Scientific Committee encouraged Members to participate in this workshop.