

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

2.1 The Chairman noted that requests for advice on two additional items were envisaged from the Commission: assessment and avoidance of incidental mortality of Antarctic marine living resources, and interim arrangements for the designation of observers and inspectors. It was agreed that these items should be treated under agenda item 15 (other business).

2.2 The provisional agenda was adopted (Annex 3).

REPORT BY THE CHAIRMAN

3.1 The Chairman noted the high expectations and interest internationally in the work of the CCAMLR Scientific Committee. He expressed optimism for its future activities, and satisfaction that all signatory parties are now participating as full members.

3.2 The Chairman thanked the convenors and members of *ad hoc* working groups, the Secretariat, and other persons active during the intersessional period for their valuable work.

3.3 An intersessional meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Data Collection and Handling, chaired by R. Hennemuth (USA), was held at Woods Hole, Mass., USA, in June, 1984.

3.4 The Ad Hoc Working Group on Publication Matters, chaired by G. Stander (Republic of South Africa), carried out intersessional activities through correspondence.

3.5 Progress is being made on the joint CCAMLR/FAO Species Identification Sheet project, under the direction of Dr W. Fischer (FAO).

3.6 The first issue of the CCAMLR Newsletter was produced and distributed in May, 1984.

3.7 The Chairman had frequent contacts with the Secretariat of CCAMLR and with members of the Executive of the BIOMASS program.

3.8 Reports of members, reflecting fisheries and scientific activities undertaken during the past year had not been received from all parties before the meeting as required in accordance with a recommendation passed during the Second Session. Reports were received from

Australia, Belgium, Chile, GDR, FRG, Japan, Norway, Poland, Republic of South Africa, USSR and USA. The representative from France indicated that a report had been prepared and would be submitted to the Scientific Committee soon. The representative from the EEC made a verbal report that no scientific or fisheries activities had been undertaken during the past year.

3.9 It was agreed that further consideration of the preparation of member reports would be treated under item 11 (Publication Policy and Procedures for the Preparation of Meeting Documents).