

REVIEW AND PLANNING OF THE PROGRAM OF WORK OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

11.1 The Scientific Committee agreed that all three working groups would meet during the intersessional period, and that in view of the reported benefit to both the WG-Krill and WG-CEMP of holding these meetings back to back during 1990, the same arrangement should be sought for their meetings in 1991.

11.2 Offers by the USSR and Spain to host the meetings of WG-Krill and WG-CEMP were warmly received by the Scientific Committee.

The WG-Krill will meet from 22 to 30 July, 1991 in Yalta.

The WG-CEMP will meet from 5 to 13 August, 1991 in Santa Cruz de Tenerife.

The WG-FSA will meet from 8 to 18 October, 1991 in Hobart.

11.3 As discussed in paragraphs 6.5 to 6.8 and 9.5, the Scientific Committee agreed that it should sponsor a Southern Elephant Seal Workshop in Santa Cruz, California in May 1991 and that it should be represented by the Secretariat and present a poster at the SCAR Symposium on Antarctic Science in Bremen, Germany in September 1991.

11.4 A summary of research activities planned by Members for the 1990/91 season was distributed as SC-CAMLR-IX/BG/3. It was noted that this summary had been prepared from brief information provided in Reports of Members' Activities and that no Members had submitted information on their research plans in time for the Meeting. Members agreed to improve on this performance in the future.

DRAFT BUDGET FOR 1991 AND FORECAST BUDGET FOR 1992

12.1 The draft budget is given in Annex 8. It includes provision for three working group meetings and two special events, the sponsoring of the Southern Elephant Seal Workshop and participation in a poster demonstration at the SCAR Symposium.

12.2 Some doubts were raised, especially on the part of the USSR Delegation, about the value of CCAMLR contributing to the funding of the Elephant Seal Workshop, but it was

pointed out that the problem of the decline in southern elephant seals was a matter of immediate concern to CCAMLR. The Workshop would provide an excellent opportunity for experts on elephant seal biology to meet and establish the reasons for the decline, which may have implications for other Antarctic marine animals. The Workshop will not go ahead without the participation and financial assistance of CCAMLR.

12.3 The Scientific Committee recommended that the budget be adopted.

ELECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

13.1 The Chairman, Dr Everson, informed the Scientific Committee that his term of office would come to an end with the Ninth Meeting of the Scientific Committee.

13.2 Mr Østvedt was nominated for Chairman for the next two meetings of the Scientific Committee by Lic. Marschoff and seconded by Prof. Lubimova. Mr Østvedt has been active in the Scientific Committee of CCAMLR since 1985 and has extensive experience of fisheries and resource management problems. He was until recently Chairman of ICES.

13.3 Mr Østvedt was unanimously elected to the position of Chairman.

13.4 Dr Everson thanked the Scientific Committee for their hard work and cooperation in the four meetings for which he had been Chairman.

13.5 Mr Miller, on behalf of the Scientific Committee, thanked Dr Everson for his work as Chairman, commenting that the significant progress made by the Scientific Committee in all areas of its activity over the last four years had been due largely to his hard work, enthusiasm and expert guidance. The Scientific Committee looked forward to continuing to benefit from his experience and wide knowledge from the floor in future years.

NEXT MEETING

14.1 The Scientific Committee agreed that its next meeting should be held in Hobart, Australia from 21 October to 1 November 1991.