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CCAMLR-V

60. The Commission noted that fishing for research purposes, while essential, could interfere with efforts to encourage recovery of depleted species and populations and could constitute wasteful use of both living resources and committed ship support if the survey effort or design were inadequate to provide statistically valid data. It concluded that fishing for research purposes should be designed and carried out so as to minimise possible adverse effects on protected species and populations while providing timely acquisition of information needed for essential assessment and monitoring purposes. Towards this end, the Commission agreed that:

- (a) prior to the next meeting of the Commission, the Secretariat would compile a Registry of Permanent Research Vessels operated by Parties and that may engage in fishing for research purposes in the Convention Area;
- (b) to expedite compilation of this Registry, Members would provide to the Executive Secretary the following information for all permanent research vessels that may engage in fishing for research purposes in the Convention Area:
 - (i) name of vessel;
 - (ii) name of vessel owner and address;
 - (iii) port of registration, registration number and radio call sign;
 - (iv) vessel type, size, fish processing and storage capacity; and
 - (v) gear type and fishing capacity.
- (c) any Member planning to use commercial fishing or fishery support vessels to conduct fishing for research purposes in closed areas or seasons, or likely to involve the catching of protected species or size classes, or the use of prohibited gear or fishing techniques, shall notify and provide the opportunity for other Members to review and comment on their research plans. Except in unusual circumstances, plans for such research shall be provided to the Secretariat for distribution to Members at least six months in advance of the planned starting date.

- (d) such plans for research fishing using commercial fishing or fishery support vessels shall include:
 - (i) a statement of the planned research objectives;
 - (ii) a description of when, where, and what activities are planned including the number and duration of hauls being planned;
 - (iii) the name(s) of the chief scientist(s) responsible for planning and coordinating the research, and the number of scientists and crew expected to be aboard the vessel(s); and
 - (iv) the name, type, size, registration number, and radio call sign of the vessel(s).
- (e) a summary of the results of such research fishing shall be provided to the Scientific Committee no later than 30 September of the year following completion of the research. A full report shall be provided as soon as possible.

CCAMLR-VIII

51. The Commission recalled its decision taken at the Fifth Meeting concerning Scientific Research Exemptions (CCAMLR-V, paragraph 60) repeated here for ease of reference:

“(c) any Member
as possible.”

The Commission endorsed additional requirements recommended by the Scientific Committee on Scientific Research Exemptions:

- (a) catches should be reported on a haul-by-haul basis to the Secretariat; and
- (b) research vessel catches should be considered as part of TAC.