

SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH EXEMPTIONS

8.1 The Scientific Committee noted the five notifications under Conservation Measure 64/XII of scientific research surveys planned for the 1998/99 intersessional period (CCAMLR-XVII/BG/4, Table 5):

- (i) France (*La Curieuse*) in Division 58.5.1 during winter 1999 (mesopelagic fish);
- (ii) UK (*James Clark Ross*) in Subarea 48.3 in January 1999 (krill);
- (iii) USA (*Laurence M. Gould*) in Subarea 48.1 in March to July 1999 (plankton and various Antarctic fish);
- (iv) USA (*Nathaniel B. Palmer*) in Subarea 48.1 in May and June 1999 (krill, silverfish and zooplankton); and
- (v) USA (*Yuzhmorgeologiya*) in Subareas 48.1 and 48.2 in February to March 1999 (finfish).

8.2 In addition, Australia had notified of its intention to conduct a pre-recruitment survey for *C. gunnari* between May and August 1999 in the Heard Island Plateau and Shell Bank areas of Division 58.5.2, and to take approximately 20 kg of *E. superba* in Divisions 58.4.1 and 58.4.2 during 1998/99 (CCAMLR-XVII/MA/6). Argentina also indicated its intention to conduct a finfish survey in Subarea 48.3 (CCAMLR-XVII/MA/17).

8.3 The Scientific Committee noted that the estimated total catch for each survey notified for 1998/99 is expected to be less than 50 tonnes.