CONSERVATION MEASURE 229/XX

Limits on the Exploratory Fishery for *Dissostichus* spp. in Statistical Subarea 48.6 in the 2001/02 Season

The Commission hereby adopts the following conservation measure in accordance with Conservation Measure 65/XII:

Access

1. Fishing for *Dissostichus* spp. in Statistical Subarea 48.6 shall be limited to the exploratory longline fishery by Japan, New Zealand, South Africa and

Uruguay. The fishery shall be conducted by Japanese, New Zealand, South African and Uruguayan-flagged vessels using longlines only. No more than one vessel per country shall fish at any one time.

Catch limit

2. The total catch of *Dissostichus* spp. in Statistical Subarea 48.6 in the 2001/02 season shall not exceed a precautionary catch limit of 455 tonnes north of 60°S and 455 tonnes south of 60°S.

Season

- 3. For the purpose of the exploratory longline fishery for *Dissostichus* spp. in Statistical Subarea 48.6, the 2001/02 season is defined as the period from 1 March to 31 August 2002 north of 60°S and the period from 15 February to 15 October 2002 south of 60°S. In the event that either limit is reached, the relevant fishery shall be closed.
- By-catch
- 4. The by-catch in this fishery shall be regulated as set out in Conservation Measure 228/XX.

Mitigation

- 5. The exploratory longline fishery for *Dissostichus* spp. in Statistical Subarea 48.6 shall be carried out in accordance with the provisions of Conservation Measure 29/XIX, except paragraph 3 (night setting) shall not apply south of 60°S. South of 60°S, prior to licensing, each vessel shall demonstrate its capacity to comply with experimental line-weighting trials as approved by the Scientific Committee and described in Conservation Measure 216/XX and such data shall be reported to the Secretariat immediately.
- 6. South of 60°S, longlines may be set during daylight hours only if the vessels are demonstrating a consistent minimum line sink rate of 0.3 m/s. Any vessel catching a total of three (3) seabirds shall immediately revert to night setting in accordance with Conservation Measure 29/XIX.
- 7. There shall be no offal discharge in this fishery.

Observers

8. Each vessel participating in this fishery shall have at least one scientific observer appointed in accordance with the CCAMLR Scheme of International Scientific Observation, and where possible one additional scientific observer, on board throughout all fishing activities within the fishing period.

Data: catch/effort

- 9. For the purpose of implementing this conservation measure in the 2001/02 season, the following shall apply:
 - (i) the Five-day Catch and Effort Reporting System set out in Conservation Measure 51/XIX; and
 - (ii) the Monthly Fine-scale Catch and Effort Reporting System set out in Conservation Measure 122/XIX. Fine-scale data shall be submitted on a haul-by-haul basis.
- 10. For the purpose of Conservation Measures 51/XIX and 122/XIX, the target species is *Dissostichus* spp. and by-catch species are defined as any species other than *Dissostichus* spp.

Data: biological

11. Fine-scale biological data, as required under Conservation Measure 121/XIX, shall be collected and recorded. Such data shall be reported in accordance with the Scheme of International Scientific Observation.

Research

12. Each vessel participating in this exploratory fishery shall conduct fishery-based research in accordance with the Research Plan described in Conservation Measure 227/XX, Annex B.