

RESOLUTION 9/XI

Scientific Research Exemption Provisions for Finfish

In accordance with Conservation Measure 47/XI, the Commission adopts the following resolution:

1. (i) Any Member planning to use commercial fishing or fishery support vessels or vessels of a similar catching capacity to conduct fishing for research purposes when the estimated catch may exceed 50 tonnes, shall notify the Commission and provide the opportunity for other Members to review and comment on their research plans. Such plans shall be provided to the Secretariat for distribution to Members at least six months in advance of the planned starting date for the research. In the event of any request for a review of such plans, the Executive Secretary shall notify all Members and submit the plan to the Scientific Committee for review. Based on the submitted research plan and any advice provided by the appropriate Working Group, the Scientific Committee will provide advice to the Commission where the review process will be concluded. Until the review process is complete the planned fishing for research purposes should not proceed.
- (ii) The Scientific Committee, in consultation with its Working Groups, shall develop standardised guidelines and formats for research plans.
2. (i) Until such time as the Scientific Committee, in consultation with its Working Groups, develops standardised guidelines and formats for research plans, the Member planning to undertake research fishing in accordance with 1(i) above should provide the following information:
 - Vessel details
 - (a) name of vessel;
 - (b) name and address of vessel owner;
 - (c) port of registration, registration number and radio call sign;
 - (d) vessel type, size, fish processing and storage capacity; and
 - (e) gear type, fishing capacity and anticipated catch.
 - Research plan
 - (a) a statement of the planned research objectives;
 - (b) a description of when, where, and what activities are planned including a fishing plan which includes the number and duration of hauls and the fishing gear to be used; and
 - (c) 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).

3. (i) A summary of the results of any research fishing subject to the research exemption provisions shall be provided to the Secretariat within 180 days of the completion of the research fishing. A full report should be provided within 12 months.
- (ii) Catch and effort data resulting from the research fishing in accordance with 1(i) should be reported to the Secretariat according to the haul-by-haul reporting format for research vessels (C4).