

by-catch limits, skates and rays shall be counted as a single species.

6. If the by-catch of any one species is equal to or greater than 1 ton in any one haul or set, then the fishing vessel shall move to another location at least 5 n miles distant. The fishing vessel shall not return to any point within 5 n miles of the location where the by-catch exceeded 1 ton for a period of at least five days.² The location where the by-catch exceeded 1 ton is defined as the path followed by the fishing vessel from the point at which the fishing gear was first deployed from the fishing vessel to the point at which the fishing gear was retrieved by the fishing vessel. Mitigation 7. The operation of this fishery shall be carried out in accordance with Conservation Measure 25–02 so as to minimize the incidental mortality of seabirds in the course of fishing. 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 2003/04 season, the following shall apply:

(i) the Five-day Catch and Effort Reporting System set out in Conservation Measure 23–01;

(ii) the Monthly Fine-scale Catch and Effort Reporting System set out in Conservation Measure 23–04. Fine-scale data shall be submitted on a haul-by-haul basis.

10. For the purpose of Conservation Measures 23–01 and 23–04, the target species is *Dissostichus eleginoides* and by-catch species are defined as any species other than *Dissostichus eleginoides*.

11. The total number and weight of *Dissostichus eleginoides* discarded, including those with the 'jellymeat' condition, shall be reported. These fish will count towards the total allowable catch.

Data:

biological

12. Fine-scale biological data, as required under Conservation Measure 23–05, shall be collected and recorded. Such data shall be reported in accordance with the Scheme of International Scientific Observation.

CONSERVATION MEASURE 41–04 (2003)

Limits on the Exploratory Fishery for Dissostichus spp. in Statistical Subarea 48.6 in the 2003/04 Season

The Commission hereby adopts the following conservation measure in accordance with Conservation Measure 21–02:

Access 1. Fishing for *Dissostichus* spp. in Statistical Subarea 48.6 shall be limited to the exploratory longline fishery by Argentina, Japan, Namibia, New Zealand, Spain and South Africa. The fishery shall be conducted by Argentine, Japanese, Namibian, New Zealand, Spanish and South African 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 2003/04 season shall not exceed a precautionary catch limit of 455 tons north of 60°S and 455 tons south of 60°S.

Season 3. For the purpose of the exploratory longline fishery for *Dissostichus* spp. in Statistical Subarea 48.6, the 2003/04 season is defined as the period from 1 March to 31 August 2004 north of 60°S and the period from 15 February to 15 October 2004 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 33–03.

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 25–02, except paragraph 3 (night setting). Prior to entry into force of the license and prior to entering the Convention Area, each vessel shall demonstrate its capacity to comply with experimental line-weighting trials as approved by the Scientific Committee and described in Conservation Measure 24–02 and such data shall be reported to the Secretariat immediately.

6. 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 25–02.

7. There shall be no offal discharge in this fishery. Observers 8. Each vessel participating in the fishery shall have at least two scientific observers, one of whom shall be an observer appointed in accordance with the CCAMLR Scheme of International Scientific Observation,

on board throughout all fishing activities within the fishing period.

Data:

catch/effort

9. For the purpose of implementing this conservation measure in the 2003/04

season, the following shall apply:

(i) the Five-day Catch and Effort

Reporting System set out in Conservation Measure 23–01;

(ii) the Monthly Fine-scale Catch and Effort Reporting System set out in Conservation Measure 23–04. Fine-scale data shall be submitted on a haul-by-haul basis.

10. For the purpose of Conservation Measures 23–01 and 23–04, 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 23–05, 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 and Tagging Program described in Conservation Measure 41–01, Annex B and Annex C respectively.

CONSERVATION MEASURE 41–05 (2003)

Limits on the Exploratory Fishery for Dissostichus spp. in Statistical Division 58.4.2 in the 2003/04 Season

The Commission hereby adopts the following conservation measure in accordance with Conservation Measure 21–02, and notes that this measure would be for one year and that data arising from these activities would be reviewed by the Scientific Committee in 2004:

Access 1. Fishing for *Dissostichus* spp. in Statistical Division 58.4.2 shall be limited to the exploratory longline fishery by Argentina, Australia, Ukraine, Russia and the USA. The fishery shall be conducted by Argentine, Australian, Ukrainian, Russian and US flagged vessels using longlines only. Catch limit 2. The total catch of *Dissostichus* spp. in Statistical Division 58.4.2 in the 2003/04 season shall not exceed a precautionary catch limit of 500 tons, of which no more 100 tons shall be taken in any one of the five small-scale research units (SSRUs) defined in Conservation Measure 41–01, Annex B for Division 58.4.2.