

a previously adopted measure on the use of automated satellite-linked vessel monitoring systems (VMS) on Contracting Party vessels fishing in the Convention Area; and promote compliance by Contracting and non-Contracting Party vessels. Resolutions urge Member efforts to reduce illegal, unregulated and unreported (IUU) fishing in Convention Areas adjacent to high seas Statistical Areas 51 and 57 and by flags of non-compliance.

The measures and resolutions were announced by the Department of State by a preliminary notice in the **Federal Register** on December 19, 2002 (67 FR 77887). Public comments were invited, but none were received. Through this action, NMFS notifies the public that the United States has accepted the measures adopted at CCAMLR's twenty-first meeting, and that pursuant to the Convention and 16 U.S.C. 2431 *et seq.*, these measures are in effect. For the full text of the measures adopted, see 67 FR 77887, December 19, 2002. NMFS provides the following summary of the measures as a courtesy.

Compliance

The Scheme to Promote Compliance by Non-Contracting Party Vessels with CCAMLR Conservation Measures is revised to establish a list of non-Contracting Party vessels (Vessel List) whose fishing activities in the Convention Area have diminished the effectiveness of CCAMLR conservation measures in force.

The Scheme to Promote Compliance by Contracting Party Vessels with CCAMLR Conservation Measures is a new measure. It requires the Commission to identify those Contracting Parties whose vessels have engaged in fishing activities in the Convention Area in a manner which has diminished the effectiveness of CCAMLR conservation measures in force, and to establish a list of such vessels (IUU Vessel List).

Measures regulating new and exploratory fisheries are revised to restrict access to these fisheries to vessels that are equipped and configured so that they can comply with all relevant conservation measures. A vessel with a confirmed involvement in IUU fishing with respect to the CCAMLR schemes to promote compliance by Contracting and non-Contracting Party vessels is not allowed to participate in these fisheries.

The measure on Port Inspections of Vessels Carrying Toothfish is revised to require that Contracting Parties promptly provide the CCAMLR Secretariat with a report on the

outcomes of each inspection conducted under the conservation measure.

The measure requiring the use of an Automated Satellite-Linked Vessel Monitoring System on vessels fishing within the Convention Area is revised to require that both the hardware and software components of the VMS must be tamper proof, i.e., must not permit the input or output of false positions nor be capable of being manually overridden. In addition, Contracting Parties may not issue licenses to fish in the Convention Area unless the VMS used on licensed vessels complies with every specification of the conservation measure.

The Commission adopted a resolution on Flags of Non-Compliance (FONC), urging all Contracting and non-Contracting Parties cooperating with the Commission to: (1) without prejudice to the primacy of the responsibility of the Flag State, to take measures or otherwise cooperate to ensure, to the greatest extent possible, that the nationals subject to their jurisdiction do not support or engage in IUU fishing, including engagement on board FONC vessels in the Convention Area is this is consistent with their national law; (2) ensure the full cooperation of their relevant national agencies and industries in implementing the measures adopted by CCAMLR; (3) develop ways to ensure that the export or transfer of fishing vessels from their State to FONC State is prohibited; and (4) prohibit the landings and transshipments of fish and fish products from FONC vessels.

Catch Documentation Scheme (CDS)

The CDS measure is revised in two ways. First, it requires that the master of a vessel completing a Dissostichus Catch Document (DCD) indicate whether a *Dissostichus* catch was caught in an Exclusive Economic Zone or on the high seas, as appropriate. Second, the Flag State can only issue a DCD confirmation number when it is convinced that the information submitted by the vessel requesting the confirmation number fully satisfies the provisions of the CDS conservation measure.

Incidental Mortality of Seabirds

The measure to minimize the incidental mortality of seabirds in the course of longline fishing or longline fishing research is amended to require that fishers remove fish hooks from all discarded material, including offal and fish heads. The Commission adopted minor changes to the bottle test in the experimental line-weighting trials required in all longline fisheries.

Research Vessel Activity

The conservation measure specifying the application of CCAMLR conservation measures to scientific research is revised to include a tax-specific schedule for use by Members in notifying the CCAMLR Secretariat of research vessel activity.

Krill

Data requirements for the fisheries for *Euphausia superba* (krill) in Statistical Area 48 and Statistical Divisions 58.4.1 and 58.4.2 are revised to require that each Contracting Party obtain from each of its vessels the data required to complete the CCAMLR fine-scale catch and effort data form for trawl fisheries and that it aggregate these data monthly by 10 x 10 nautical mile rectangle and 10-day periods and transmit them to the CCAMLR Secretariat no later than 1 April of the following year. While fishers have been required previously to collect this data, Contracting Parties have not routinely provided it to the CCAMLR Secretariat.

Crab

The Commission eliminated a measure requiring fishers to process crab sections on board.

Chamsocephalus gunnari

The Commission set the overall catch limit for *C. gunnari* in Statistical Subarea 48.3 for the 2002/2003 season at 2,181 tons, and otherwise continued previously adopted restrictions on the fishery.

The Commission set the catch limit for *C. gunnari* within defined areas of Statistical Division 58.5.2 for the 2002/03 season 2,980 tons and otherwise continued previously adopted restrictions on the fishery.

Electrona carlsbergi

The Commission set the catch limit for *E. carlsbergi* in Statistical Subarea 48.3 at 109,000 tons for the 2002/03 season. A special provision for Shag Rocks applies.

Dissostichus species

The Commission prohibited directed fishing for *Dissostichus* species in Statistical Subareas 48.5, 88.2 north of 65°S and 88.3, and Divisions 58.4.1, 58.5.1 and 58.5.2 outside the French EEZ and east of 79° 20'E outside the Australian EEZ from December 1, 2002 to November 30, 2003.

The Commission prohibited directed fishing for *Dissostichus* species in Statistical Division 58.4.4 and Subarea 58.6 outside areas of national jurisdiction until such time that further scientific information is gathered and