

CONSERVATION MEASURE 159/XVII
Fishery for *Champocephalus gunnari* in Statistical Division 58.5.2
in the 1998/99 Fishing Season

1. The total catch for *Champocephalus gunnari* in Statistical Division 58.5.2 shall be limited to 1 160 tonnes in the 1998/99 fishing season.
2. Areas in Statistical Division 58.5.2 outside that defined in paragraph 4 below shall be closed to directed fishing for *Champocephalus gunnari*.
3. Fishing shall cease if the by-catch of any of the species reaches its by-catch limit as detailed in Conservation Measure 157/XVII.
4. For the purpose of this fishery for *Champocephalus gunnari*, the area open to the fishery is defined as that portion of Statistical Division 58.5.2 that lies within the area enclosed by a line:
 - (i) starting at the point where the meridian of longitude $72^{\circ}15'E$ intersects the Australia–France Maritime Delimitation Agreement Boundary then south along the meridian to its intersection with the parallel of latitude $53^{\circ}25'S$;
 - (ii) then east along that parallel to its intersection with the meridian of longitude $74^{\circ}E$;
 - (iii) then northeasterly along the geodesic to the intersection of the parallel of latitude $52^{\circ}40'S$ and the meridian of longitude $76^{\circ}E$;

- (iv) then north along the meridian to its intersection with the parallel of latitude 52°S;
- (v) then northwesterly along the geodesic to the intersection of the parallel of latitude 51°S with the meridian of longitude 74°30'E; and
- (vi) then southwesterly along the geodesic to the point of commencement.

A chart illustrating the above definition is appended to this Conservation Measure (Annex 159/A).

5. For the purposes of this fishery for *Champocephalus gunnari*, the 1998/99 fishing season is defined as the period from 7 November 1998 to 30 November 1999.
6. The catch limit may only be taken by trawling.
7. Where any haul contains more than 100 kg of *Champocephalus gunnari*, and more than 10% of the *Champocephalus gunnari* by number are smaller than 240 mm total length, the fishing vessel shall move to another fishing location at least 5 n miles distant¹. The fishing vessel shall not return to any point within 5 n miles of the location where the catch of small *Champocephalus gunnari* exceeded 10% for a period of at least five days². The location where the catch of small *Champocephalus gunnari* exceeded 10% 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.
8. Each vessel participating in the fishery shall have at least one scientific observer, and include, if available, one appointed in accordance with the CCAMLR Scheme of International Scientific Observation, on board throughout all fishing activities.
9. Each vessel operating in the fishery for *Champocephalus gunnari* in Statistical Division 58.5.2 shall be required to operate a VMS at all times, in accordance with Conservation Measure 148/XVII.
10. A ten-day catch and effort reporting system shall be implemented:
 - (i) for the purpose of implementing this system, the calendar month shall be divided into three reporting periods, viz: day 1 to day 10, day 11 to day 20 and day 21 to the last day of the month. The reporting periods are hereafter referred to as periods A, B and C;
 - (ii) at the end of each reporting period, each Contracting Party participating in the fishery shall obtain from each of its vessels information on total catch and total days and hours fished for that period and shall, by cable, telex, facsimile or electronic transmission, transmit the aggregated catch and days and hours fished for its vessels so as to reach the Executive Secretary no later than the end of the next reporting period;
 - (iii) a report must be submitted by every Contracting Party taking part in the fishery for each reporting period for the duration of the fishery, even if no catches are taken;
 - (iv) the catch of *Champocephalus gunnari* and of all by-catch species must be reported;
 - (v) such reports shall specify the month and reporting period (A, B and C) to which each report refers;

- (vi) immediately after the deadline has passed for receipt of the reports for each period, the Executive Secretary shall notify all Contracting Parties engaged in fishing activities in the division of the total catch taken during the reporting period and the total aggregate catch for the season to date; and
 - (vii) at the end of every three reporting periods, the Executive Secretary shall inform all Contracting Parties of the total catch taken during the three most recent reporting periods and the total aggregate catch for the season to date.
11. A fine-scale effort and biological data reporting system shall be implemented:
- (i) the scientific observer(s) aboard each vessel shall collect the data required to complete the CCAMLR fine-scale catch and effort data form C1, latest version. These data shall be submitted to the CCAMLR Secretariat not later than one month after the vessel returns to port;
 - (ii) the catch of *Champscephalus gunnari* and of all by-catch species must be reported;
 - (iii) the numbers of seabirds and marine mammals of each species caught and released or killed must be reported;
 - (iv) the scientific observer(s) aboard each vessel shall collect data on the length composition from representative samples of *Champscephalus gunnari* and by-catch species:
 - (a) length measurements shall be to the nearest centimetre below; and
 - (b) representative samples of length composition shall be taken from each fine-scale grid rectangle (0.5° latitude by 1° longitude) fished in each calendar month; and
 - (v) the above data shall be submitted to the CCAMLR Secretariat not later than one month after the vessel returns to port.

¹ This provision is adopted pending the adoption of a more appropriate definition of a fishing location by the Commission.

² The specified period is adopted in accordance with the reporting period specified in Conservation Measure 51/XII, pending the adoption of a more appropriate period by the Commission.

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