

CONSERVATION MEASURE 41-09 (2003)
Limits on the Exploratory Fishery for *Dissostichus* spp.
in Statistical Subarea 88.1 in the 2003/04 Season

Species	toothfish
Area	88.1
Season	2003/04
Gear	longline

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

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| Access | 1. Fishing for <i>Dissostichus</i> spp. in Statistical Subarea 88.1 shall be limited to the exploratory longline fishery by Argentina, Japan, Republic of Korea, New Zealand, Norway, Russia, South Africa, Spain, Ukraine, UK, USA and Uruguay. The fishery shall be conducted by a maximum in the season of two (2) Argentine, one (1) Japanese, two (2) Korean, six (6) New Zealand, one (1) Norwegian, two (2) Russian, two (2) South African, two (2) Spanish, three (3) Ukrainian, one (1) UK, two (2) US and two (2) Uruguayan flagged vessels using longlines only. |
| Catch limit | 2. The total catch of <i>Dissostichus</i> spp. in Statistical Subarea 88.1 in the 2003/04 season shall not exceed a precautionary catch limit of 3 250 tonnes. Catch limits for each of the SSRUs, as defined in Conservation Measure 41-01, Annex B for Statistical Subarea 88.1, shall be as follows: A – 0 tonnes; B – 80 tonnes; C – 223 tonnes; D – 0 tonnes; E – 57 tonnes; F – 0 tonnes; G – 83 tonnes; H – 786 tonnes; I – 776 tonnes; J – 316 tonnes; K – 749 tonnes; L – 180 tonnes. |
| Season | 3. For the purpose of the exploratory longline fishery for <i>Dissostichus</i> spp. in Statistical Subarea 88.1, the 2003/04 season is defined as the period from 1 December 2003 to 31 August 2004. |
| Fishing operations | 4. The exploratory longline fishery for <i>Dissostichus</i> spp. in Statistical Subarea 88.1 shall be carried out in accordance with the provisions of Conservation Measure 41-01, except paragraph 6. |
| By-catch | 5. The by-catch in this fishery shall be regulated as set out in Conservation Measure 33-03. |
| Mitigation | 6. The exploratory longline fishery for <i>Dissostichus</i> spp. in Statistical Subarea 88.1 shall be carried out in accordance with the provisions of Conservation Measure 25-02, except paragraph 4 (night setting) shall not apply. Prior to entry into force of the licence 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. |
| | 7. In Statistical Subarea 88.1, longlines may be set during daylight hours only if the vessels are demonstrating a consistent minimum line sink rate of 0.3 m/s in accordance with Conservation Measure 24-02. Any vessel catching a total of three (3) seabirds shall immediately revert to night setting in accordance with Conservation Measure 25-02. |

8. There shall be no offal discharge in this fishery.
- Observers
9. 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.
- VMS
10. Each vessel participating in this exploratory longline fishery shall be required to operate a VMS at all times, in accordance with Conservation Measure 10-04.
- CDS
11. Each vessel participating in this exploratory longline fishery shall be required to participate in the Catch Documentation Scheme for *Dissostichus* spp., in accordance with Conservation Measure 10-05.
- 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.
- Data:
catch/effort
13. 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.
 14. 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
15. 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.
- Discharge
16. All vessels participating in this exploratory fishery shall be prohibited from discharging:
 - (i) oil or fuel products or oily residues into the sea, except as permitted in Annex I of MARPOL 73/78;
 - (ii) garbage;
 - (iii) food wastes not capable of passing through a screen with openings no greater than 25 mm;

(iv) poultry or parts (including egg shells); or

(v) sewage within 12 n miles of land or ice shelves, or sewage while the ship is travelling at a speed of less than 4 knots.

- Additional elements
17. No live poultry or other living birds shall be brought into Statistical Subarea 88.1 and any dressed poultry not consumed shall be removed from Statistical Subarea 88.1.
 18. Fishing for *Dissostichus* spp. in Statistical Subarea 88.1 shall be prohibited within 10 n miles of the coast of the Balleny Islands.