

It is therefore ordered, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,²⁰ that the proposed rule change (SR-Phlx-96-11), as amended by Amendment No. 2, is approved.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority:²¹

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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[Declaration of Disaster Loan Area #2894]

North Carolina; Declaration of Disaster Loan Area (Amendment #5)

In accordance with a notice from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, dated December 2, 1996, the above-numbered Declaration is hereby amended to extend the deadline for filing applications for physical damage as a result of this disaster to January 4, 1997.

All other information remains the same, i.e., the termination date for filing applications for loans for economic injury is June 6, 1997.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 59002 and 59008)

Dated: December 6, 1996.

Bernard Kulik,

Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 2480]

Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs; Conservation Measures for Antarctic Fishing Under the Auspices of the Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources

AGENCY: Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, State.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: At its Fifteenth Meeting in Hobart, Tasmania, October 21 to November 1, 1996, the Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR), of which the United States is a member, adopted conservation measures, pending countries' approval, pertaining to

fishing in the CCAMLR Convention Area in Antarctic waters. These were agreed upon in accordance with Article IX of the Convention for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources. The measures restrict overall catches of certain species of fish, prohibit the taking of certain species of fish, list the fishing seasons, define the reporting requirements, and specify measures that must be taken to minimize the incidental taking of non-target species. This notice lists the conservation measures adopted at the Fifteenth meeting of CCAMLR and the conservation measures remaining in force from previous years which are not otherwise addressed by U.S. regulations (see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**). Therefore, this notice together with the U.S. regulations referenced under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** provide a comprehensive register of all U.S. obligations under CCAMLR.

DATE: Persons wishing to comment on the measures or desiring more information should submit written comments on or before January 17, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Erica Keen, Division of Polar Affairs, Office of Oceans Affairs (OES/OA/PA), Room 5805, Department of State, Washington, DC 20520, (202) 647-3262.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Individuals interested in CCAMLR should also see Federal Register Vol. 61, No. 130, Friday July 5, 1996 15 CFR part 902, Subpart G—Antarctic Marine Living Resources, and; CFR Chapter III—International Fishing and Related Activities, part 300—International Fisheries Regulations, Subpart A—General; Subpart B—High Seas Fisheries; and Subpart G—Antarctic Marine Living Resources for other regulatory measures related to conservation and management in the CCAMLR Convention area. These regulations give effect to CCAMLR Conservation Measures which are not expected to change from year to year and describe the process for regulating U.S. fishing in the Convention area. The regulations include sections on: Purpose and scope; Definitions; Relationship to other treaties, conventions, laws and regulations; Procedure for according protection to CCAMLR Ecosystem Monitoring Program Sites; Scientific research; Initiating a new fishery; Exploratory fisheries; Reporting and record keeping requirements; Vessel and gear identification; Gear disposal; Mesh size; Harvesting permits; Import permits; Appointment of a designated representative; Prohibitions; Facilitation

of enforcement and inspection; and Penalties.

Conservation Measures Adopted at the Fifteenth Meeting of the Commission on the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR XV)

At its Fifteenth Annual Meeting in Hobart, Tasmania, October 21 to November 1, 1996, the Commission on the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR) revised several of its previously adopted Conservation Measures and adopted the additional measures, as follows:

Conservation Measures 29/XV^{1, 2}

Minimization of the Incidental Mortality of Seabirds in the Course of Longline Fishing or Longline Fishing Research in the Convention Area

The Commission

Noting the need to reduce the incidental mortality of seabirds during longline fishing by minimizing their attraction to fishing vessels and by preventing them from attempting to seize baited hooks, particularly during the period when the lines are set,

Adopts the following measures to reduce the possibility of incidental mortality of seabirds during longline fishing.

1. Fishing operations shall be conducted in such a way that the baited hooks sink as soon as possible after they are put in the water³. Only thawed bait shall be used.

2. Longlines shall be set at night only (i.e. during the hours of darkness between the times of nautical twilight^{4, 5}). During longline fishing at night, only the minimum ship's lights necessary for safety shall be used.

3. The dumping of offal shall be avoided as far as possible while longlines are being set or hauled; if discharge of offal is unavoidable, this discharge shall take place on the opposite side of the vessel to that where longlines are set or hauled.

4. Every effort should be made to ensure that birds captured alive during longlining are released alive and that wherever possible hooks are removed without jeopardizing the life of the bird concerned.

5. A streamer line designed to discourage birds from settling on baits during deployment of longlines shall be towed. Specification of the streamer line and its method of deployment is given in the Appendix to this Measure. Details of the construction relating to the number of placement of swivels may be varied so long as the effective sea surface covered by the streamers is no less than that covered by the currently

²⁰ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

²¹ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

specified design. Details of the device dragged in the water in order to create tension in the line may also be varied.

6. Other variations in the design of streamer lines may be tested on vessels carrying two observers, at least one appointed in accordance with the CCAMLR Scheme of International Scientific Observation, providing that all other elements of this Conservation measure are complied with.⁶

¹ Except for waters adjacent to the Kerguelen and Crozet Islands.

² Except for waters adjacent to the Prince Edwards Islands.

³ For vessels using the Spanish method of longline fishing, weights should be released before line tension occurs; wherever possible weights of at least 6 kg mass should be used, spaced at 20 m intervals.

⁴ The exact time of nautical twilight are set forth in the Nautical Almanac tables for the relevant latitude, local time and date. All times whether for ship operations or observer reporting shall be referenced to GMT.

⁵ Wherever possible, setting of lines should be completed at least three hours before sunrise (to reduce loss of bait to/catches of white-chinned petrels).

⁶ The streamer lines under test should be constructed and operated taking full account of the principles set out in WG-IMALF-94/19 (available from the CCAMLR Secretariat); testing should be carried out independently of actual commercial fishing and in a manner consistent with the spirit of Conservation Measure 65/XII.

Appendix to Conservation Measure 29/XV

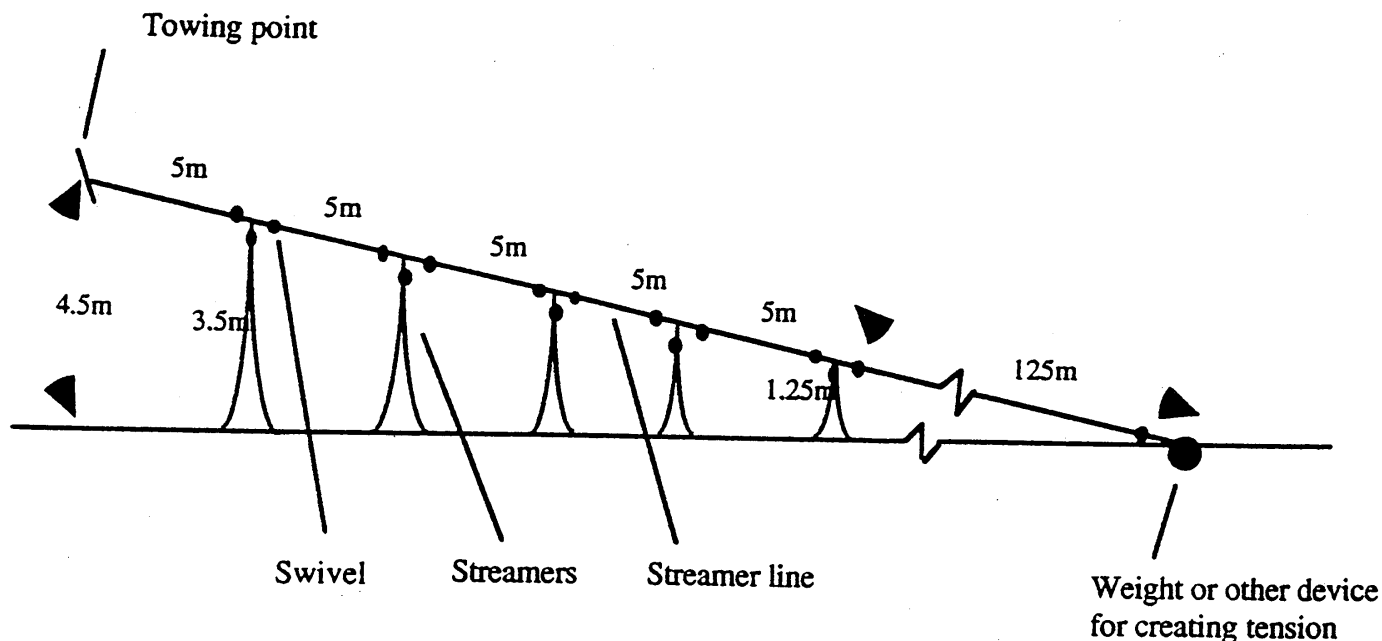
1. The Streamer line is to be suspended at the stern from a point approximately 4.5 m above the water and such that the line is directly above the point where the baits hit the water.

2. The streamer line is to be approximately 3 mm diameter, have a minimum length of 150 m and have a device at the end to create tension so

that the main line streams directly behind the ship even in cross winds.

3. At 5 m intervals commencing from the point of attachment to the ship five branch streamers each comprising two strands of approximately 3 mm diameter cord should be attached. The length of the streamer should range between approximately 3.5 m nearest the ship to approximately 1.25 m for the fifth streamer. When the streamer line is deployed the branch streamers should reach the sea surface and periodically dip into it as the ship heaves. Swivels should be placed in the streamer line at the towing point, before and after the point of attachment of each branch streamer and immediately before any weight placed on the end of the streamer line. Each branch streamer should also have a swivel at its attachment to the streamer line.

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Conservation Measure 63/XV

Regulation of the Use and Disposal of Plastic Packaging Bands on Fishing Vessels.

The Commission

Recollecting that for many years it has received evidence from the Scientific Committee that substantial numbers of Antarctic fur seals have been entangled and killed in plastic packaging bands in the Convention Area.

Noting that, despite the recommendation of CCAMLR and the provisions of the marpol Convention

and its Annexes which prohibit the jettisoning of all plastics at sea, substantial entanglement of fur seals is still continuing.

Recognizing that the bait boxes used on fishing vessels in particular and other packages in general need not be secured by plastic packaging bands because suitable alternatives exist.

Agrees to adopt the following Conservation Measure, to reduce the incidental mortality of Antarctic fur seals due to entanglement, in accordance with Article IX of the Convention.

1. The use of fishing vessels of plastic packaging bands to secure bait boxes shall be prohibited.

2. The use of other plastic packaging bands for other purposes on fishing vessels which do not use on-board incinerators (closed systems) shall be prohibited.

e. Any packaging bands, once removed from packages, shall be cut, so that they do not form a continuous loop and at the earliest opportunity burned in the on-board incinerator.

4. Any plastic residue shall be stored on board the vessel until reaching port and in no case discarded at sea.

Conservation Measure 90/XV

Experimental Harvest Regime for the Crab Fishery in Statistical Subarea 48.3 for the Seasons 1996/97 and 1997/98

The following measures apply to all crab fishing within Statistical Subarea 48.3 for the 1996/97 and 1997/98 fishing seasons. Every vessel participating in the crab fishery in Subarea 48.3 shall conduct fishing operations in accordance with an experimental harvest regime as outlined below:

1. The experimental harvest regime shall consist of at least two phases. Each vessel participating in the fishery shall complete all of the phases. Phase 1 shall be conducted during the first season that a vessel participates in the experimental harvest regime. Phase 2, and any additional phases, shall be completed in the next season of fishing.

2. Vessels shall conduct Phase 1 of the experimental harvest regime at the start of their first season participation in the crab fishery. For the purposes of Phase 1, the following conditions shall apply:

(i) Phase 1 shall be defined as a vessel's first 200,000 pot hours of effort at the start of its first fishing season;

(ii) Every vessel conducting Phase 1 shall expend its first 200,000 pot hours of effort within a total area delineated by twelve blocks of 0.5° latitude by 1.0° longitude. For the purposes of this Conservation Measure, these blocks shall be numbered A to L. In Annex 90/A, the blocks are illustrated (Figure 1), and the geographic position is denoted by the coordinates of the northeast corner of the block. For each string, pot hours shall be calculated by taking the total number of pots on the string and multiplying that number by the soak time (in hours) for that string. Soak time shall be defined for each string as the time between start of setting and start of hauling;

(iii) Vessels shall not fish outside the area delineated by the 0.5° latitude by 1.0° longitude blocks prior to completing Phase 1;

(iv) During Phase 1, vessels shall not expend more than 30,000 pot hours in any single block of 0.5° latitude by 1.0° longitude.

(v) If a vessel returns to port before it has expended 200,000 pot hours in Phase 1, the remaining pot hours shall be expended before it can be considered that the vessel has completed Phase 1; and

(vi) After completing 200,000 pot hours of experimental fishing, it shall be considered that vessels have completed Phase 1 and shall commence fishing in a normal fashion.

3. Normal fishing operations shall be conducted in accordance with the regulations set out in Conservation Measure 104/XV.

4. For the purposes of implementing normal fishing operations after Phase 1 of the experimental harvest regime, the Ten-day Catch and Effort Reporting System set out in Conservation Measure 61/XII shall apply.

5. Vessels shall conduct Phase 2, and any additional phases, of the experimental harvest regime during their second season of participation in the crab fishery. If any vessel initiates Phase 1 of the experimental harvest regime during the 1996/97 or 1997/98 fishing seasons, the Scientific Committee, and its Working Group on Fish Stock Assessment, shall advise the Commission on an appropriate experimental harvest strategy, Phase 2, for the following fishing season. This advice shall include provisions for:

(i) Requiring each vessel to expend approximately one month of experimental fishing effort during its second season of participation in the experimental harvest regime; and

(ii) A data collection and submission policy appropriate to the experimental fishing strategy that is being recommended.

6. Data collected during the experimental harvest regime in both Phase 1 and Phase 2 up to 30 June in any split-year shall be submitted to CCAMLR by 31 August of the following split-year.

7. Vessels that complete all phases of the experimental harvest regime shall not be required to conduct experimental fishing in future seasons. However, these vessels shall abide by the guidelines set forth in Conservation Measure 104/XV.

8. Fishing vessels shall participate in the experimental harvest regime independently (e.g. vessels may not cooperate to complete phases of the experiment).

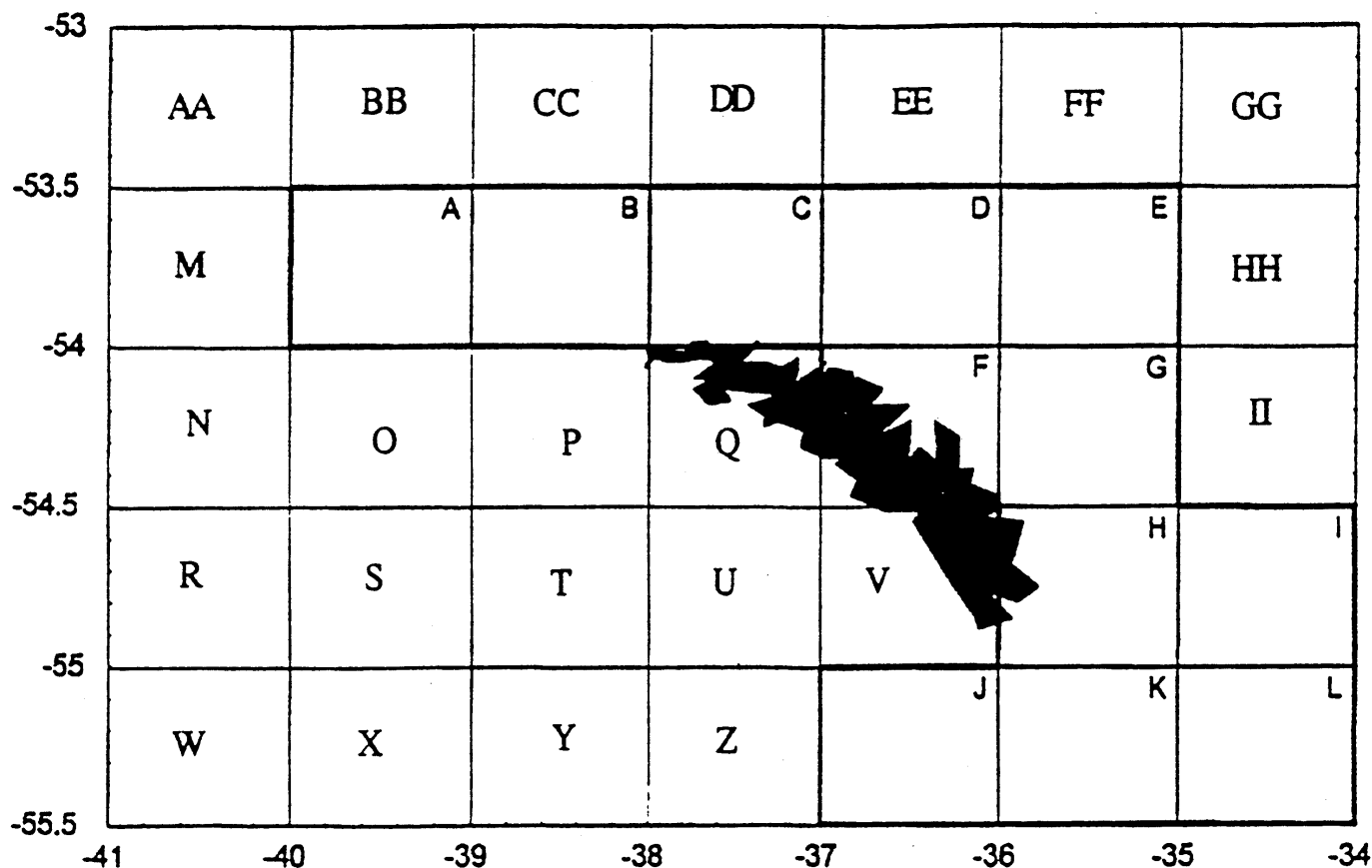
9. Crabs captured during the experimental harvest regime shall be considered part of the prevailing TAC for the current fishing season (e.g. for 1996/97, experimental catches shall be considered part of the 1,600-ton TAC outlined in Conservation Measure 104/XV).

10. All vessels participating in the experimental harvest regime shall carry at least one scientific observer onboard during all fishing activities.

11. The experimental harvest regime shall be instituted for a period of two split-years (1996/97 and 1997/98), and the details of the regime may be revised by the Commission during this period of time. Fishing vessels that begin experimental fishing in the 1997/98 season must complete the regime during the 1998/00 season.

Annex 90/A.—Locations of Fishing Areas for the Experimental Harvest Regime of the Exploratory Crab Fishery

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Figure 1: Operations area for Phase 1 of the experimental harvest regime for the crab fishery in Subarea 48.3.

Conservation Measure 99/XV

New Fishery for *Martialia hyadesi* in Statistical Subarea 48.3 in the 1996/97 Season

The Commission

Welcoming the notification of the Republic of Korea and the UK of their intention to conduct a new fishery in Statistical Subarea 48.3 for *Martialia hyadesi* in the 1996/97 season, adopts the following Conservation Measure in accordance with Conservation Measure 31/x:

1. Fishing for *Martialia hyadesi* in Statistical Subarea 48.3 shall be limited to the new fishery by the Republic of Korea and the UK. The catch shall be limited to 2,500 tons.

2. For the purposes of this new fishery, the fishing season is defined as the period between November 2, 1996 and the end of the Commission meeting in 1997.

3. For the purposes of implementing this Conservation Measure:

(i) The Ten-day Catch and Effort Reporting System, as set out in

Conservation Measure 61/XII shall apply;

(ii) The data required to complete the CCAMLR standard fine-scale catch and effort data form for squid jig fisheries (Form C3, latest version) shall be reported from each vessel. These data shall include numbers of seabirds and marine mammals of each species caught and released or killed. These data shall be reported to CCAMLR by August 31, 1997 for catches taken prior to July 31, 1997; and

(iii) Data on catches taken between July 31, 1997 and August 31, 1997 shall be reported to CCAMLR by September 30, 1997 so that the data will be available to the 1997 meeting of the Working Group on Fish Stock Assessment.

4. Each vessel participating in the new fishery for *Martialia hyadesi* during the 1996/97 season shall have a scientific observer on board, if possible appointed according to the CCAMLR Scheme of International Scientific Observation.

Conservation Measure 100/XV

Prohibition of Directed Fishery on *Gobionotothen gibberifrons*, *Chaenocephalus aceratus*, *Pseudochaenichtys georgianus*,

Lepidonotothen squamifrons and *Patagonotothen guntheri* in Statistical Subarea 48.3 for the 1996/97 Season.

This Conservation Measure is adopted in accordance with Conservation Measure 7/V:

Directed fishing on *Gobionotothen gibberifrons*, *Chaenocephalus aceratus*, *Pseudochaenichtys georgianus*, *Lepidonotothen squamifrons* and *Patagonotothen guntheri* in Statistical Subarea 48.3 is prohibited in the 1996/97 season, defined as the period from November 2, 1996 to the end of the Commission meeting in 1997.

Conservation Measure 101/XV

Catch Limit on *Dissostichus eleginoides* in Statistical Subarea 48.4 for the 1996/97 Season.

1. Statistical Subarea 48.4 in the 1996/97 season shall be limited to 28 tons.

2. The total catch of *Dissostichus eleginoides* for the purposes of the Fishery for *Dissostichus eleginoides* in Statistical Subarea 48.4, the 1996/97 fishing season is defined as the period from March 1 to August 31, 1997, or until the TAC for *Dissostichus eleginoides* in Subarea 48.4 is reached, or until the TAC for *Dissostichus eleginoides* in Subarea 48.3, as specified

in Conservation Measure 102/XV is reached, whichever is sooner.

3. Each vessel participating in the *Dissostichus eleginoides* fishery in Statistical Subarea 48.4 in the 1996/97 season shall have at least one scientific observer, including one appointed in accordance with the CCAMLR Scheme of International Scientific Observation, on board throughout all fishing activities within the fishing period.

4. For the purpose of implementing this Conservation Measure:

(i) The Five-day Catch and Effort Reporting System set out in Conservation Measure 51/XII shall apply in the 1996/97 season, commencing on March 1, 1997; and

(ii) The Monthly Fine-scale Effort and Biological Data Reporting System set out in Conservation Measure 117/XV shall apply in the 1996/97 season, commencing on March 1, 1997.

5. Directed fishing shall be by longlines only. The use of all other methods of directed fishing for *Dissostichus eleginoides* in Statistical Subarea 48.4 shall be prohibited.

Conservation Measure 102/XV

Limits on the Fishery for *Dissostichus eleginoides* in Statistical Subarea 48.3 for the 1996/97 Season

This Conservation Measure is adopted in accordance with Conservation Measure 7/V:

1. The total catch of *Dissostichus eleginoides* in Statistical Subarea 48.3 in the 1996/97 season shall be limited to 5,000 ton.

2. For the purposes of the fishery for *Dissostichus eleginoides* in Statistical Subarea 48.3, the 1996/97 fishing season is defined as the period from March 1 to August 31 1997, or until the TAC is reached, whichever is the sooner.

3. Each vessel participating in the *Dissostichus eleginoides* fishery in Statistical Subarea 48.3 in the 1996/97 season shall have at least one scientific observer, including one appointed in accordance with the CCAMLR Scheme of International Scientific Observation, on board throughout all fishing activities within the fishing period.

4. For the purpose of implementing this Conservation Measure:

(i) The Five-day Catch and Effort Reporting System set out in Conservation Measure 51/XII shall apply in the 1996/97 season, commencing on March 1, 1997; and

(ii) The Monthly Fine-scale Effort and Biological Data Reporting System set out in Conservation Measure 117/XV shall apply in the 1996/97 season, commencing on March 1, 1997.

5. Directed fishing shall be by longlines only. The use of all other

methods of directed fishing for *Dissostichus eleginoides* in Statistical Subarea 48.3 shall be prohibited.

Conservation Measure 103/XV

Precautionary tac for *Electrona carlsbergi* in Statistical Subarea 48.3 for the 1996/97 Season

This Conservation Measure is adopted in accordance with Conservation Measure 7/V:

1. For the purposes of this Conservation Measure the fishing season for *Electrona carlsbergi* is defined as the period from November 2, 1996 to the end of the Commission meeting in 1997.

2. The total catch of *Electrona carlsbergi* in the 1996/97 season shall not exceed 109,000 tons in Statistical Subarea 48.3.

3. In addition, the total catch of *Electrona carlsbergi* in the 1996/97 season shall not exceed 14,500 ton in the Shag Rocks region, defined as the area bounded by 52;30° S, 40;W; 52;30° S, 44;W; 54;30° S, 40;W and 54;30° S, 44;W.

4. In the event that the catch of *Electrona carlsbergi* is expected to exceed 20,000 tons in the 1996/97 season, a survey of stock biomass and age structure shall be conducted during that season by the principal fishing nations involved. A full report of this survey including data on stock biomass (specifically including area surveyed, survey design and density estimates), age structure and the biological characteristics of the by-catch shall be made available in advance for discussion at the 1997 meeting of the Working Group on Fish Stock Assessment.

5. The directed fishery for *Electrona carlsbergi* in Statistical Subarea 48.3 shall close if the by-catch of any of the species named in Conservation Measure 95/XIV reaches its by-catch limit or if the total catch of *Electrona carlsbergi* reaches 109,000 tons, whichever comes first.

6. The directed fishery for *Electrona carlsbergi* in the Shag Rocks region shall close if the by-catch of any of the species named in Conservation Measure 95/XIV reaches its by-catch limit or if the total catch of *Electrona carlsbergi* reaches 14,500 tons, whichever comes first.

7. If, in the course of the directed fishery for *Electrona carlsbergi*, the catch of any one haul of any species other than the target species exceeds 5% of the total catch by weight, the fishing vessel shall move to another fishing location at least 5 n miles distant.¹ The fishing vessel shall not fish within 5 n

miles of the location in which the catch of species, other than the target species, exceeded 5%, for a period of at least five days.²

8. For the purpose of implementing this Conservation Measure:

(i) The Catch Reporting System set out in Conservation Measure 40/X shall apply in the 1996/97 season; and

(ii) The Monthly Fine-scale Effort and Biological Data Reporting System set out in Conservation Measure 117/XV shall also apply in the 1996/97 season. For the purposes of Conservation Measure 117/XV, the target species is *Electrona carlsbergi*, and by-catch species are defined as any cephalopod, crustacea or fish species other than *Electrona carlsbergi*. For the purpose of paragraph 6(ii) of Conservation Measure 117/XV a representative sample shall be a minimum of 500 fish.

¹ This provision is adopted pending the adoption of a more appropriate definition of a fishing locations 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.

Conservation Measure 104/XV

Limits on the Crab Fishery in Statistical Subarea 48.3 in the 1996/97 Season

The following Conservation Measure is adopted in accordance with Conservation Measure 7/V:

1. The crab fishery is defined as any commercial harvest activity in which the target species is any member of the crab group (Order Decapoda, Suborder Reptantia).

2. In Statistical Subarea 48.3, the crab fishing season is defined as the period from 2 November 1996 to end of the Commission meeting in 1997, or until the TAC is reached, whichever is sooner.

3. The crab fishery shall be limited to one vessel per Member.

4. The total catch of crab from Statistical Subarea 48.3 shall not exceed 1,600 tons during the 1996/97 crab fishing season.

5. Each Member intending to participate in the crab fishery shall notify the CCAMLR Secretariat at least three months in advance of starting fishing of the name, type, size, registration number, radio call sign, and research and fishing operations plan of the vessel that the Member has authorized to participate in the crab fishery.

6. All vessels fishing for crab shall report the following data to CCAMLR by August 31, 1997 for crabs caught prior to July 31, 1997:

(i) The location, date, depth, fishing effort (number and spacing of pots and soak time), and catch (numbers and weight) of commercially sized crabs (reported on as fine a scale as possible, but no coarser than 0.5; latitude by 1.0; longitude) for each 10-day period;

(ii) The species, size, and sex of a representative subsample of crab sampled according to the procedure set out in Annex 104/A (between 35 and 50 crabs shall be sampled every day from the line hauled just prior to noon) and by-catch caught in traps; and

(iii) Other relevant data, as possible, according to the requirements set out in Annex 104/A.

7. For the purposes of implementing this Conservation Measure, the Ten-day Catch and Effort Reporting System set out in Conservation Measure 61/XII shall apply.

8. Data on catches taken between July 31, 1997 and August 31, 1997 shall be reported to CCAMLR by September 30, 1997 so that the data will be available to the Working Group on Fish Stock Assessment.

9. Crab fishing gear shall be limited to the use of crab pots (traps). The use of all other methods of catching crabs (e.g., bottom trawls) shall be prohibited.

10. The crab fishery shall be limited to sexually mature male crabs—all female and undersized male crabs caught shall be released unharmed. In the case of *Paralomis spinosissima* and *P. formosa*, males with a minimum carapace width of 102 mm and 90 mm, respectively, may be retained in the catch.

11. Crab processed at sea shall be frozen as crab sections (minimum size of crabs can be determined using crab sections).

Annex 104/A

Data Requirements on the Crab Fishery in Statistical Subarea 48.3

Catch and Effort Data: Cruise Descriptions: Cruise code, vessel code, permit number, year.

Pot Descriptions: Diagrams and other information, including pot shape, dimensions, mesh size, funnel position, aperture and orientation, number of chambers, presence of an escape port.

Effort Descriptions: Date, time, latitude and longitude of the start of the set, compass bearing of the set, total number of pots set, spacing of pots on the line, number of pots lost, depth, soak time, bait type.

Catch Descriptions: Retained catch in numbers and weight, by-catch of all species (see Table 1), incremental record number for linking with sample information.

TABLE 1.—DATA REQUIREMENTS FOR BY-CATCH SPECIES IN THE CRAB FISHERY IN STATISTICAL SUBAREA 48.3.

Species	Data requirements
<i>Dissostichus eleginoides</i> .	Numbers and estimated total weight.
<i>Notothenia rossii</i>	Numbers and estimated total weight.
Other Species	Estimated total weight.

Biological Data: For these data, crabs are to be sampled from the line hauled just prior to noon, by collecting the entire contents of a number of pots spaced at intervals along the line so that between 35 and 50 specimens are represented in the subsample.

Cruise Descriptions: Cruise code, vessel code, permit number.

Sample Descriptions: Date, position at start of the set, compass bearing of the set, line number.

Data: Species, sex, length of at least 35 individuals, presence/absence of rhizocephalan parasites, record of the destination of the crab (kept, discarded, destroyed), record of the pot number from which the crab comes.

Conservation Measure 105/XV

Limitation of Total Catch of *Lepidonotothen squamifrons* in Statistical Division 58.4.4 (Ob and Lena Banks) in the 1996/97 Season.

The Commission

Noting the intention of Ukraine to undertake a scientific survey of the design approved by the Scientific Committee in 1994 (CCAMLR—XIII, paragraphs 8.52 and 8.53) during the 1996/97 season,

Adopts the following Conservation Measure:

1. The total catch of *Lepidonotothen squamifrons* in Statistical Division 58.4.4 in the 1996/97 season shall be limited to 1 150 tons, and shall be made up of 715 tons on Lena Bank and 435 tons on Ob Bank.

2. For the purposes of this conservation measure the 1996/97 season is defined as the period from November 2, 1996 to the end of the Commission meeting in 1997.

3. For the purpose of implementing this Conservation Measure: (i) The Five-Day Catch and Effort Reporting System set out in Conservation Measure 51/XII shall apply in the 1996/97 season commencing on November 2, 1996;

(ii) The Monthly Fine-Scale Effort and Biological Data Reporting System set out in Conservation Measure 117/XV shall apply for the target species

Lepidonotothen squamifrons, and the by-catch species *Dissostichus eleginoides* in the 1996/97 season, commencing on November 2, 1996;

(iii) Age frequency, length frequency and age/length keys for *Lepidonotothen squamifrons*, *Dissostichus eleginoides* and any other species forming a significant part of the catch shall be collected and reported to each annual meeting of the Working Group on Fish Stock Assessment for each Bank separately on forms B2 and B3; and

(iv) The fishery for *Lepidonotothen squamifrons* shall be subject to review at the 1997 annual meetings of the Scientific Committee and the Commission.

4. Each vessel participating in the fishery in Statistical Division 58.4.4 in the 1996/97 season shall have a scientific observer, appointed in accordance with the Scheme of International Scientific Observation of CCAMLR, on board throughout all fishing activities within the fishing period.

Conservation Measure 106/XV

Precautionary Catch Limitation on *Euphausia superba* in Statistical Division 58.4.1.

The total catch of *Euphausia superba* in Statistical Division 58.4.1 shall be limited to 775,000 tons in any fishing season. A fishing season begins on July 1, and finishes on June 30, the following year.

This limit shall be kept under review by the Commission, taking into account the advice of the Scientific Committee. For the purposes of implementing this Conservation Measure, the catches shall be reported to the Commission on a monthly basis.

Conservation Measure 107/XV

Limitation of the Total Catch of *Champocephalus gunnari* in Statistical Subarea 48.3 in the 1996/97 Season.

The Commission adopted this Conservation Measure in accordance with Conservation Measure 7/v:

1. The total catch of *Champocephalus gunnari* in the 1996/97 season shall not exceed 13,000 tons in Statistical Subarea 48.3.

2. The fishery for *Champocephalus gunnari* in Statistical Subarea 48.3 shall close if the by-catch of any of the species listed in Conservation Measure 95/XIV reaches its by-catch limit or if the total catch of *Champocephalus gunnari* reaches 13,000 tons, whichever comes first.

3. If, in the course of the directed fishery for *Champocephalus gunnari*, the by-catch in any one haul of any of the species named in Conservation

Measures 95/XIV exceeds 5% of the total weight by catch, the fishing vessel shall move to another location at least 5 n miles distant.¹ The fishing vessel shall not return to the location where the by-catch exceeded 5%, for a period of at least five days.²

4. The use of bottom trawls in the directed fishery for *Champscephalus gunnari* in Statistical Subarea 48.3 is prohibited.

5. The fishery for *Champscephalus gunnari* in Statistical Subarea 48.3 shall be closed from May 1, 1997 until the end of the Commission meeting in 1997.

6. Any vessel of any Member intending to participate in the directed fishery for *Champscephalus gunnari* in Statistical Subarea 48.3 during the 1996/97 season shall be required to undertake a scientific survey carried out in accordance with the survey design specified in the Draft Manual for Bottom Trawl Surveys in the Convention Area (SC-CCAMLR-XI, Annex 5, Appendix H, Attachment E). A list of proposed trawl survey stations shall be transmitted to the Executive Secretary at least one month before the start of the survey.

7. Each vessel participating in the directed fishery for *Champscephalus gunnari* in Subarea 48.3 in the 1996/97 season shall have a scientific observer, appointed in accordance with the CCAMLR Scheme of International Scientific Observation, on board throughout all fishing activities within the fishing period.

8. For the purpose of implementing paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Conservation Measure:

(i) The Five-day Catch and Effort Reporting System set out in Conservation Measure 51/XII shall apply in the 1996/97 season; and

(ii) The Monthly Fine-scale Effort and Biological Data Reporting System set out in Conservation Measure 117/XV shall apply for *Champscephalus gunnari*.

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.

Conservation Measure 109/XV

Limits on the fishery for *Dissostichus eleginoides* in Statistical Division 58.5.2 for the 1996/97 Season.

1. The total catch of *Dissostichus eleginoides* in Statistical Division 58.5.2 in the 1996/97 season shall not exceed 3,800 tons.

2. For the purposes of this fishery, the 1996/97 season is defined as the period

from November 2, 1996 to August 31, 1997, or until the TAC is reached, whichever is the sooner.

3. The TAC may only be taken by trawling.

4. Each vessel participating in the *Dissostichus eleginoides* fishery in Statistical Division 58.5.2 in the 1996/97 season shall have at least one scientific observer, and may include one appointed in accordance with the CCAMLR Scheme of International Scientific Observation, on board throughout all fishing activities within the fishing period.

5. For the purpose of implementing this Conservation Measure:

(i) The Ten-day Catch and Effort Reporting System set out in Conservation Measure 61/XII; and

(ii) The Monthly Fine-scale Effort and Biological Data Reporting System set out in Conservation Measure 17/XV, shall apply in the 1996/97 fishing season.

(iii) If, in the course of a directed fishery for *Dissostichus eleginoides*, the by-catch in any one haul of any of the species *Lepidonotothen squamifrons*, *Notothenia rossii*, *Channichthys rhinoceratus* or *Bathyraxa* spp. exceeds 5% of the total catch by weight, the fishing vessel shall move to another fishing location at least 5 n miles distant.¹ The fishing vessel shall not return to the location where the by-catch exceeded 5% for a period of at least five days.²

(iv) Catches of other species not specified above, shall not exceed 50 tons, as set out in Conservation Measure 111/XIV.

(v) The total number and weight of *Dissostichus eleginoides* discarded, including those with the "jelmeat" condition, shall be reported. These fish will count towards the total allowable catch.

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.

Conservation Measure 110/XV

Precautionary Catch Limits on *Champscephalus gunnari* in Statistical Division 58.5.2.

1. In accordance with the management advice of the 1994 meeting of the Scientific Committee a precautionary TAC of 311 tons in the 1996/97 season shall be set for *Champscephalus gunnari* in Division 58.5.2.

2. For the purpose of this fishery on *Champscephalus gunnari*, the 1996/97

season is defined as the period from November 2, 1996 to August 31, 1997, or until the TAC is reached, whichever is the sooner.

3. The TAC may only be taken by trawling.

4. If, in any haul, more than 10% of *Champscephalus gunnari* are smaller than 28 cm total length, the fishing vessel shall move to another fishing location at least 5 n miles distant.¹ The fishing vessel shall not return to the location where catch of small *Champscephalus gunnari* exceeded 10% for a period of at least five days.²

5. Each vessel participating in the *Champscephalus gunnari* fishery in Statistical Division 58.5.2 in the 1996/97 season shall have at least one scientific observer, and may include one appointed in accordance with the CCAMLR Scheme of International Scientific Observation, on board throughout all fishing activities within the fishing period.

6. For the purpose of implementing this Conservation Measure:

(i) The Ten-day Catch and Effort Reporting System set out in Conservation Measure 61/XII; and

(ii) The Monthly Fine-scale Effort and Biological Data Reporting System set out in Conservation Measure 117/XV, shall apply in the 1996/97 fishing season.

7. If, in the course of a directed fishery for *Champscephalus gunnari*, the by-catch in any one haul of any of the species *Lepidonotothen squamifrons*, *Notothenia rossii*, *Channichthys rhinoceratus* or *Bathyraxa* spp. exceeds 5% of the total catch by weight, the fishing vessel shall move to another fishing location at least 5 n miles distant.¹ The fishing vessel shall not return to the location where the by-catch exceeded 5%, for a period of at least five days.²

8. Catches of other species not specified above shall not exceed 50 tons, as set out in Conservation Measure 111/XV.

9. The catch limit of

Champscephalus gunnari shall be kept under review by the Commission, taking into account the advice of the Scientific Committee.

¹ The 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.

Conservation Measure 111/XV

New Fishery in Statistical Division 58.5.2 in the 1996/97 Season for Deep-water Species

The Commission

Welcoming the notification of Australia of its intention to conduct a new fishery in the 1996/97 season in Statistical Division 58.5.2 for deep-water species, not covered by Conservative Measures 109/XV and 110/XV,

Noting that no other Member has notified the Commission of the intent to establish a new fishery for these species in this Statistical Division,

Adopts the following Conservation Measure in accordance with Conservation Measure 31/X:

1. The new fishery by Australia for deep-water species, not covered by Conservation Measures 109/XV and 110/XV, shall be limited to 50 tons for each species. The fishery shall be conducted by trawling only.

2. For the purposes of this new fishery, the fishing season is defined as the period from November 2, 1996 to August 31, 1997.

3. Each vessel participating in this new fishery in Statistical Division 58.5.2 in the 1996/97 season shall have at least one scientific observer appointed in accordance with the CCAMLR Scheme of International Observation on board throughout all fishing activities within the fishing period.

4. For the purpose of implementing this Conservation Measure:

(i) The Ten-day Catch and Effort Reporting System, as set out in Conservation Measure 61/XII; and

(ii) The Monthly Fine-scale Effort and Biological Data Reporting System set out in Conservation Measure 117/XV, shall apply in the 1996/97 fishing season.

5. If the by-catch in any one haul of any of the species *Lepidonotothen squamifrons*, *Notothenia rossii*, *Channichthys rhinoceratus* or *Bathyrja* spp. exceeds 5% of the total catch by weight, the fishing vessel shall move to another fishing location at least 5 n miles distant.¹ The fishing vessel shall not return to the location where the by-catch exceeded 5%, for a period of at least five days.²

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.

Conservation Measure 112/XV

General Measure for New Fisheries for *Dissostichus* Species in the Convention Area for the 1996/97 Season

The Commission

Noting need for the distribution of fishing effort and appropriate catch levels in fine-scale rectangles in these new fisheries,

adopts the following Conservation Measure in accordance with Conservation Measure 32/X:

1. Fishing should take place over as large a geographical and bathymetric range as possible to obtain the information necessary to determine fishery potential and to avoid over-concentration of catch and effort. To this end, fishing in any fine-scale rectangle¹ shall cease when the reported catch reaches 100 tons and that rectangle shall be closed to fishing for the remainder of the season. Fishing in any fine-scale rectangle shall be restricted to one vessel at any one time.

2. In order to give effect to paragraph (1) above:

(i) The precise geographic position of the mid-point between the start and end of the haul/line shall be determined using appropriate means;

(ii) Catch and effort information for each species by fine-scale rectangle shall be reported to the Executive Secretary every five days using the Five-Day Catch and Effort Reporting System set out in Conservation Measure 51/XII; and

(iii) The Secretariat shall notify Contracting Parties participating in these fisheries when the total catch for *Dissostichus eleginoides* and *D. mawsoni* combined in any fine-scale rectangle exceeds 100 tons.

3. Any new fishery for *Dissostichus* species in the 1996/97 season shall be deemed to have demonstrated commercial potential if catches in the Statistical Subarea or Divisions concerned reach 1,980 tons. In this event, the fishery shall be closed and the provisions of Conservation Measure 65/XII shall apply.

4. The by-catch of any species in the new fisheries for *Dissostichus* spp. other than *Dissostichus eleginoides* and *D. mawsoni* in the Statistical Subareas and Divisions concerned shall not exceed 50 tons.

5. Each vessel participating in the new fisheries for *Dissostichus* species during the 1996/97 season shall have on board at least one scientific observer, appointed in accordance with the CCAMLR Scheme of International Scientific Observation, throughout all fishing activities within the fishing season.²

6. The total number of weight of *Dissostichus eleginoides* and *D. mawsoni* discarded, including those with the "jellymeat" condition, shall be reported.

7. For the purpose of implementing this Conservation Measure the Monthly Fine-scale Effort and Biological Data Reporting System set out in Conservation Measure 117/XV shall apply in the 1996/97 season.

8. Monthly effort and biological data shall be reported in accordance with Conservation Measure 40/X. By-catch species are defined as any cephalopod, crustacean or fish species other than *Dissostichus* species.

¹ A fine-scale rectangle is defined as an area of 0.5° latitude by 1° longitude with respect to the northwest corner of the Statistical Subarea or Division. The identification of each rectangle is by the latitude of its northernmost boundary and the longitude of the boundary closest to 0°.

² In respect of this provision, South Africa reserves its right to carry only national observers in the waters adjacent to the Prince Edward Islands.

Conservation Measure 113/XV

New Fishery for *Dissostichus eleginoides* and *D. mawsoni* in Statistical Division 58.4.3 in the 1996/97 Season

The Commission

Welcoming the notification of Australia and South Africa of their intention to conduct new fisheries in Statistical Division 58.4.3 for *Dissostichus eleginoides* and *D. mawsoni* in the 1996/97 season,

Adopts the following Conservation Measure in accordance with Conservation Measure 31/X:

1. Fishing for *Dissostichus eleginoides* and *D. mawsoni* in Statistical Division 58.4.3 shall be limited to the new fisheries by Australia and South Africa.

2. Fishing shall cease in Statistical Division 58.4.3 if the commercial potential is demonstrated in accordance with the definition given in Conservation Measure 112/XV, paragraph 3.

3. For the purposes of these new fisheries, the fishing season for longlining is defined as the period from 1 March 1997 until 31 August 1997. The fishing season for trawling commences on 2 November 1996 and ends on 31 August 1997.

4. The directed fisheries for the above species shall be carried out in accordance with Conservation Measures 112/XV and 117/XV.

Conservation Measure 114/XV

New Fishery for *Dissostichus eleginoides* and *D. mawsoni* in Statistical Subarea 48.6 in the 1996/97 Season

The Commission

Welcoming the notification of South Africa of its intention to conduct a new fishery in Subarea 48.6 for *Dissostichus eleginoides* and *D. mawsoni* in the 1996/97 season,

Adopts the following Conservation Measure in accordance with Conservation Measure 31/X:

1. Fishing for *Dissostichus eleginoides* and *D. mawsoni* in Statistical Subarea 48.6 shall be limited to the new fishery by South Africa. The fishery shall be conducted by longlining only.

2. Fishing shall cease in Statistical Subarea 48.6 if the commercial potential is demonstrated in accordance with the definition given in Conservation Measure 112/XV, paragraph 3.

3. For the purposes of this new fishery, the fishing season is defined as the period from 1 March 1997 until 31 August 1997.

4. The directed fishery for the above species shall be carried out in accordance with Conservation Measures 112/XV and 117/XV.

Conservation Measure 115/XV

New Fishery for *Dissostichus eleginoides* and *D. mawsoni* in Statistical Subareas 88.1 and 88.2 in the 1996/97 Season

The Commission

Welcoming the notification of New Zealand of its intention to conduct a new fishery in Statistical Subareas 88.1 and 88.2 for *Dissostichus eleginoides* and *D. mawsoni* species in the 1996/97 season,

Adopts the following Conservation Measure in accordance with Conservation Measure 31/X:

1. Fishing for *Dissostichus eleginoides* and *D. mawsoni* in Statistical Subareas 88.1 and 88.2 shall be limited to the new fishery by New Zealand. The fishery shall be conducted by longlining only.

2. Fishing shall cease in Statistical Subareas 88.1 and 88.2 if the commercial potential is demonstrated in accordance with the definition given in Conservation Measure 112/XV, paragraph 3.

3. For the purposes of this new fishery, the fishing season is defined as the period from 15 February until 31 August 1997.

4. The directed fisheries for the above species shall be carried out in

accordance with Conservation Measures 112/XV and 117/XV.

Conservation Measure 116/XV^{1,2}

New Fisheries for *Dissostichus eleginoides* and *D. mawsoni* in Statistical Subareas 58.6, 58.7 and Statistical Division 58.4.4 in the 1996/97 Season.

The Commission

Welcoming the notification of South Africa of its intention to conduct new fisheries in Statistical Subareas 58.6, 58.7 and Division 58.4.4 for *Dissostichus eleginoides* and *D. mawsoni* in the 1996/97 season,

adopts the following Conservation Measure in accordance with Conservation Measure 31/X:

1. Fishing for *Dissostichus eleginoides* and *D. mawsoni* in Statistical Subareas 58.6, 58.7 and Division 58.4.4 shall be limited to the new fisheries by South Africa. These fisheries shall be conducted by longlining only.

2. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 3 of Conservation Measure 112/XV, in Statistical Subareas 58.6 and 58.7 any new fishery for *Dissostichus* in the 1996/97 season shall be deemed to have demonstrated commercial potential if catches in the Statistical Subareas concerned reach 2,200 tons. In this event, the fishery shall be closed and the provisions of Conservation Measure 65/XII shall apply.

3. Fishing shall cease in Division 58.4.4 if commercial potential is demonstrated in accordance with the definition given in Conservation Measure 112/XV, paragraph 1.

4. For the purposes of this new fishery, the fishing season is defined as the period from 1 March until 31 August 1997.

5. The directed fisheries for the above species shall be in accordance with Conservation Measures 112/XV and 117/XV except as foreseen in paragraph 2 above.

¹ For the purposes of this Conservation Measure South Africa has chosen to include the waters adjacent to the Prince Edward Islands.

² Except for the waters adjacent to the Crozet Islands.

Conservation Measure 117/XV^{1,2}

Monthly Fine-Scale Effort and Biological Data Reporting System for Trawl and Longline Fisheries

This Conservation Measure is adopted in accordance with Conservation Measure 7/V, where appropriate.

¹ Except for waters adjacent to the Kerguelen and Crozet Islands

² Except for waters adjacent to the Prince Edward Islands

This Conservation Measure is invoked by the Conservation Measures to which it is attached.

1. Specification of "target species" and "by-catch species" referred to in this Conservation Measure shall be made in the Conservation Measure to which it is attached.

2. At the end of each month each Contracting Party shall obtain from each of its vessels the data required to complete the CCAMLR fine-scale catch and effort data form (trawl fisheries Form C1, latest version or longline fisheries Form C2, latest version). It shall transmit those data in the specified format to the Executive Secretary not later than the end of the following month.

3. The catch of all target and by-catch species must be reported by species.

4. The numbers of seabirds and marine mammals of each species caught and released or killed must be reported.

5. At the end of each month each Contracting Party shall obtain from each of its vessels representative samples of length composition measurements of the target species and by-catch species from the fishery (Form B2, latest version). It shall transmit those data in the specified form to the Executive Secretary not later than the end of the following month.

6. For the purpose of implementing this Conservation Measure:

(i) Length measurements of fish should be of total length to the nearest centimeter below;

(ii) Representative samples of length composition should be taken from a single fine-scale grid rectangle (0.5° latitude by 1° longitude). In the event the vessel moves from one fine-scale grid rectangle to another during the course of a month, then separate length compositions should be submitted for each fine-scale grid rectangle.

7. Should a Contracting Party fail to transmit the fine-scale catch and effort data or length composition data to the Executive Secretary in the appropriate form by the deadline specified in paragraphs 2 and 5, the Executive Secretary shall issue a reminder to the Contracting Party. If at the end of a further two months those data have still have been provided, the Executive Secretary shall notify all Contracting parties of the closure of the fishery to vessels of the Contracting Party which has failed to supply the data as required.

Conservation Measures Still in Force Which Are Not Addressed by U.S. Regulations

At its Fifteenth Annual Meeting, CCAMLR also agreed that Conservation Measures 2/III, 3/IV, 4/V, 5/V, 6/V, 7/V,

18/XIII, 19/IX, 30/X, 31/X, 32/X, 40/X, 45/XIV, 51/XII, 61/XII, 62/XI, 64/XIII, 65/XII, 72/XII, 73/XII, 82/XIII AND 95/XIV should remain in force for the 1996/97 fishing season (defined as November 2, 1996 through November 7, 1997). These Conservation Measures were noticed in the Federal Register in the years in which they were adopted. They have been agreed to by the United States, after public comment, and cannot be modified. However, since the requirements of Conservation Measures 2/III, 3/IV, 5/V, 6/V, 7/V, 30/X, 31/X, 32/X, 40/X, 45/XIV, 51/XII, 61/XII, 65/XII, 72/XII, 73/XII and 95/XIV are not included in U.S. regulations, they are included in this Federal Register notice.

Conservation Measure 2/III

Mesh Size (As Amended in accordance with Conservation Measure 19/IX)

1. The use of pelagic and bottom trawls having the mesh size in any part of a trawl less than indicated is prohibited for any directed fishery for:

Notothernia rossii, *Dissostichus eleginoides*—120 mm

Gobionotothen gibberifrons, *Notothernia kempfi*, *Lepidonotothen squamifrons*—80 mm

2. It is prohibited to use any means or device which would obstruct or diminish the size of the meshes.

3. This Conservation Measure does not apply to fishing conducted for scientific research purposes.

4. This Measure will apply as of 1 September 1985.

Conservation Measure 3/IV

Prohibition of Directed Fishery on *Notothernia rossii* around South Georgia (Statistical Subarea 48.3)

1. Directed fishing on *Notothernia rossii* around South Georgia (Statistical Subarea 48.3) is prohibited.

2. By-catches of *Notothernia rossii* in fisheries directed to other species shall be kept to the level allowing the optimum recruitment to the stock.

Conservation Measure 5/V¹

Prohibition of Directed Fishery on *Notothernia rossii* in the Peninsula Area (Statistical Subarea 48.1)

The Commission hereby adopts the following Conservation Measure in accordance with Article IX of the Convention: Directed fishing on *Notothernia rossii* in the Peninsula Area (Statistical Area 48.1) is prohibited.

By-catches of *Notothernia rossii* in fisheries directed to other species shall be kept to the level allowing the optimum recruitment to the stock.

By-catches of *Notothernia rossii* in fisheries directed to other species shall be kept to the level allowing the optimum recruitment to the stock.

¹ This Conservation Measure remains in force, but is currently encompassed within the provisions in Conservation Measure 72/XII.

Conservation Measure 6/V¹

Prohibition of Directed Fishery on *Notothernia rossii* around South Orkneys (Statistical Subarea 48.2).

The Commission hereby adopts the following Conservation Measure in accordance with Article IX of the Convention: Directed fishing on *Notothernia rossii* around South Orkneys (Statistical Subarea 48.2) is prohibited. By-catches of *Notothernia rossii* in fisheries directed to other species shall be kept to the level allowing the optimum recruitment to the stock.

¹ This Conservation Measure remains in force, but is currently encompassed within the provisions in Conservation Measure 73/XII.

Conservation Measure 7/V

Regulation of Fishing around South Georgia (Statistical Subarea 48.3)

Without prejudice to other Conservation Measures adopted by the Commission, for species upon which fisheries are permitted around South Georgia (Statistical Subarea 48.3), the Commission shall, at its 1987 Meeting, adopt limitations on catch, or equivalent measures binding for the 1987/88 season.

Such limitations of catch or equivalent measures shall be based upon the advice of the Scientific Committee, taking into account any data resulting from fishery surveys around South Georgia. For each fishing season after 1987/88, the Commission shall establish such limitations or other measures, as necessary, around South Georgia on a similar basis at the meeting of the Commission immediately preceding that season.

Measure 30/X¹

Net Monitor Cables

The use of net monitor cables on harvesting vessels in the CCAMLR Convention Area is prohibited from the 1994/95 fishing season.

¹ Except for water adjacent to the Kerguelen and Crozet Islands.

Conservation Measure 31/X^{1 2}

Notification That Members are Considering Initiating a New Fishery

The Commission,

Recognizing that in the past, Antarctic fisheries have been initiated in the Convention Area before sufficient information was available upon which to base management advice,

Noting that in recent years new fisheries have started without adequate information being available to evaluate either the fishery potential or the possible impacts on the target stocks or species dependent on them,

Believing that without prior notification of a new fishery, the Commission is unable to fulfill its function under Article IX,

hereby adopts the following Conservation Measure in accordance with Article IX of the convention:

1. A new fishery, for the purposes of this Conservation measure, is a fishery on a species using a particular fishing method in a statistical subarea for which:

(i) Information on distribution, abundance, demography, potential yield and stock identity from comprehensive research/surveys or exploratory fishing have not been submitted to CCAMLR; or

(ii) Catch and effort data have never been submitted to CCAMLR; or

(iii) Catch and effort data from the two most recent seasons in which fishing occurred have not been submitted to CCAMLR.

2. A Member intending to develop a new fishery shall notify the Commission not less than three months in advance of the next regular meeting of the Commission, where the matter shall be considered. The Member shall not initiate a new fishery pending the process specified in paragraphs 4 and 5 below.

3. The notification shall be accompanied by as much of the following information as the Member is able to provide:

(i) The nature of the proposed fishery including target species, methods of fishing, proposed region and any minimum level of catches that would be required to develop a viable fishery;

(ii) Biological information from comprehensive research/survey cruises, such as distribution, abundance, demographic data and information on stock identity;

(iii) Details of dependent and associated species and the likelihood of them being affected by the proposed fishery; and

(iv) Information from other fisheries in the region or similar fisheries elsewhere that may assist in the valuation of potential yield.

4. The information provided in accordance with paragraph 3, together with any other relevant information,

shall be considered by the Scientific Committee, which shall then advise the Commission.

5. After its review of the information on the proposed new fishery, taking full account of the recommendations and the advice of the Specific Committee, the Commission may then take such action as it deems necessary.

¹ Except for waters adjacent to the Kerguelen and Crozet Islands.

² Except for waters adjacent to the Prince Edward Islands.

Conservation Measure 32/X

Precautionary Catch Limitations on *Euphausia superba* in Statistical Area 48

The total catch of *Euphausia superba* in Statistical Area 48 shall be limited to 1.5 million tons in any fishing season. A fishing season begins on 1 July and finishes on 30 June of the following year.

This limit shall be kept under review by the Commission, taking into account the advice of the scientific Committee. Precautionary limits to be agreed by the Commission on the basis of advice of the Scientific Committee shall be applied to subareas, or on such other basis as the Scientific Committee may advise, if the total catch in Statistical Subareas 48.1, 48.2 and 48.3 in any fishing season exceeds 620,000 tons.

For the purpose of implementing this Conservation Measure the catches shall be reported to the Commission on a monthly basis.

Conservation Measure 40/X

Monthly Catch and Effort Reporting System

This Conservation Measure is adopted in accordance with Conservation Measure 7/V where appropriate:

1. For the purposes of this Catch and Effort Reporting System the reporting period shall be defined as one calendar month.

2. At the end of each reporting period, each Contracting Party shall obtain from each of its vessels its total catch and total days and hours fished for that period and shall, by cable or telex, transmit the aggregated catch and days and hours fished for its vessels so as to reach the Executive Secretary not later than the end of the next reporting period.

3. Such reports shall specify the month to which each report refers.

4. Immediately after the deadline has passed for receipt of the reports for each period, the Executive Secretary shall notify all Contracting Parties of the total catch taken during the reporting period, the total aggregate catch for the season to date together with an estimate of the

date upon which the total allowable catch is likely to be reached for that season. The estimate shall be based on a projection forward of the trend in daily catch rates, obtained using linear regression techniques from a number of the most recent catch reports.

5. In the case of finfish, if the estimated date of completion of the TAC is within one reporting period of the date on which the Secretariat received the report of the catches, the Executive Secretary shall inform all Contracting Parties that the fishery will close on that estimated day or on the day on which the report was received, whichever is the later.

Conservation Measure 45/XIV

Precautionary Catch Limitation on *Euphausia superba* in Statistical Division 58.4.2

The total catch of *Euphausia Superba* in Statistical Division 58.4.2 shall be limited to 450,000 tons in any fishing season. A fishing season begins on 1 July and finishes on 30 June of the following year.

This limit shall be kept under review by the Commission, taking into account the advice of the Scientific Committee.

For the purposes of implementing this Conservation Measure, the catches shall be reported to the Commission on a monthly basis.

Conservation Measure 51/XII

Five-day Catch and Effort Reporting System

This Conservation Measure is adopted in accordance with Conservation Measure 7/V where appropriate:

1. For the purposes of this Catch and Effort Reporting System the calendar month shall be divided into six reporting periods, viz: day 1 to day 5, day 6 to day 10, day 11 to day 15, day 16 to day 20, day 21 to day 25 and day 26 to the last day of the month. These reporting periods are hereinafter referred to as periods A, B, C, D, E and F.

2. At the end of each reporting period, each Contracting Party shall obtain from each of its vessels its total catch and total days and hours fished for that period and shall, by cable, telex or facsimile, transmit the aggregated catch and days and hours fished for its vessels so as to reach the Executive Secretary not later than the end of the next reporting period. In the case of longline fisheries, the number of hooks shall also be reported.

3. 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.

4. The catch of all species, including by-catch species, must be reported.

5. Such reports shall specify the month and reporting period (A, B, C, D, E or F) to which each report refers.

6. 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 area, of the total catch taken during the reporting period, the total aggregate catch for the season to date together with an estimate of the date upon which the total allowable catch is likely to be reached for that season. The estimate shall be based on a projection forward of the trend in daily catch rates, obtained using linear regression techniques from a number of the most recent catch reports.

7. At the end of every six reporting periods, the Executive Secretary shall inform all Contracting Parties of the total catch taken during the six most recent reporting periods, the total aggregate catch for the season to date together with an estimate of the date upon which the total allowable catch is likely to be reached for that season.

8. If the estimated date of completion of the TAC is within five days of the date on which the Secretariat received the report of the catches, the Executive Secretary shall inform all Contracting Parties that the fishery will close on that estimated day or on the day on which the report was received, whichever is the later.

Conservation Measure, 61/XII

Ten-day Catch and Effort Reporting System

This Conservation Measure is adopted in accordance with Conservation Measure 7/V where appropriate:

1. For the purposes of this Catch and Effort Reporting System the calendar month shall be divided into three reporting periods, viz: day 1 to day 10, day 11 to day 20, day 21 to the last day of the month. These reporting periods are hereinafter referred to as periods A, B and C.

2. At the end of each reporting period, each Contracting Party shall obtain from each of its vessels its total catch and total days and hours fished for that period and shall, by cable, telex or facsimile, transmit the aggregated catch and days and hours fished for its vessels so as to reach the Executive Secretary not later than the end of the next reporting period. In the case of long line fisheries, the number of hooks shall also be reported.

3. 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.

4. The retained catch of all species and by-catch species, must be reported.

5. Such reports shall specify the month and reporting period (A, B and C) to which each report refers.

6. 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 area, of the total catch taken during the reporting period, the total aggregate catch for the season to date together with an estimate of the date upon which the total allowable catch is likely to be reached for that season. The estimate shall be based on a projection forward of the trend in daily catch rates, obtained using linear regression techniques from a number of the most recent catch reports.

7. At the end of every three reporting periods, the Executive Secretary shall inform all Contracting Parties of the local catch taken during the three most recent reporting periods, the total aggregate catch for the season to date together with an estimate of the date upon which the total allowable catch is likely to be reached for that season.

8. If the estimated date of completion of the TAC is within ten days of the date on which the Secretariat received the report of the catches, the Executive Secretary shall inform all Contracting Parties that the fishery will close on that estimated day or on the day on which the report was received, whichever is the later.

Conservation Measure 65/XII^{1,2}

Exploratory Fisheries

The Commission,

Recognizing that in the past, some Antarctic fisheries had been initiated and subsequently expanded in the Convention Area before sufficient information was available upon which to base management advice, and

Agreeing that exploratory fishing should not be allowed to expand faster than the acquisition of information necessary to ensure that the fishery can and will be conducted in accordance with the principles set forth in Article II, *hereby adopts* the following Conservation Measure in accordance with Article IX of the Convention:

1. For the purposes of this Conservation Measure, exploratory fisheries are defined as follows

(i) An exploratory fishery shall be defined as a fishery that was previously classified as a 'new fishery', as defined by Conservation Measure 31/X;

(ii) An exploratory fishery shall continue to be classified as such until sufficient information is available:

(a) To evaluate the distribution, abundance, and demography of the target species, leading to an estimate of the fishery's potential yield,

(b) To review the fishery's potential impacts on dependent and related species, and

(c) To allow the Scientific Committee to formulate and provide advice to the Commission on appropriate harvest catch levels, as well as effort levels and fishing gear, where appropriate.

2. To ensure that adequate information is made available to the Scientific Committee for evaluation, during the period when a fishery is classified as exploratory:

(i) The Scientific Committee shall develop (and update annually as appropriate) a Data Collection Plan, which will identify the data needed and describe the actions necessary to obtain the relevant data from the exploratory fishery;

(ii) Each Member active in the fishery shall annually (by the specified date) submit to CCAMLR the data specified by the Data Collection Plan developed by the Scientific Committee;

(iii) Each Member active in the fishery or intending to authorize a vessel to enter the fishery shall annually prepare and submit to CCAMLR by a specified date a Research and Fishery Operations plan for review by the Scientific Committee and the Commission;

(iv) Prior to any Member authorizing its vessels to enter an exploratory fishery that is already in progress, that Member shall notify the Commission not less than three months in advance of the next regular meeting of the Commission, and the Member shall not enter the exploratory fishery until the conclusion of that meeting;

(v) If the data specified in the Data Collection Plan have not been submitted to CCAMLR for the most recent season in which fishing occurred, continued exploratory fishing by the Member which failed to report its data shall be prohibited until the relevant data have been submitted to CCAMLR and the Scientific Committee has been allowed an opportunity to review the data;

(vi) Fishing capacity and effort shall be limited by a precautionary catch limit at a level not substantially above that necessary to obtain the information specified in the Data Collection Plan and required to make the evaluations outlined in paragraph 1(ii);

(vii) The name, type, size, registration number, and radio call sign of each vessel participating in the exploratory fishery shall be registered with the

CCAMLR Secretariat at least three months in advance of starting fishing each season; and

(viii) Each vessel participating in the exploratory fishery shall carry a scientific observer to ensure that data are collected in accordance with the agreed Data Collection Plan, and to assist in collecting biological and other relevant data.

3. The Data Collection Plan to be formulated and updated by the Scientific Committee shall include, where appropriate:

(i) A description of the catch, effort, and related biological, ecological, and environmental data required to undertake the evaluations described in paragraph 1(ii) and the date by which such data are to be reported annually to CCAMLR;

(ii) A plan for directing fishing effort during the exploratory phase to permit the acquisition of relevant data to evaluate the fishery potential and the ecological relationships among harvested, dependent, and related populations and the likelihood of adverse impacts; and

(iii) A evaluation of the time-scales involved in determining the responses of harvested, dependent, and related populations to fishing activities.

4. Research and Fishing Operations plans to be prepared by Members participating or intending to participate in the exploratory fishery shall include as much of the following information as the Member is able to provide:

(i) A description of how the Member's activities will comply with the Data Collection Plan developed by the Scientific Committee;

(ii) The nature of the exploratory fishery, including target species, methods of fishing, proposed region and maximum catch levels proposed for the forth coming season;

(iii) Biological information from comprehensive research/survey cruises, such as distribution, abundance, demographic data, and information on stock identity;

(iv) Details of dependent and related species and the likelihood of them being affected by the proposed fishery; and

(v) Information from other fisheries in the region or similar fisheries elsewhere that may assist in the evaluation of potential yield.

¹ Except for waters adjacent to the Kerguelen and Crozet Islands.

² Except for water adjacent to the Prince Edward Islands.

Conservation Measure 72/XII**Prohibition of Directed Fishing for Finfish in Statistical Subarea 48.1**

Taking of finfish, other than for scientific research purposes, is prohibited in Statistical Subarea 48.1 from 6 November 1993 until at least such time that a survey of stock biomass is carried out, its results reported to and analyzed by the Working Group on Fish Stock Assessment and a decision that the fishery be re-opened is made by the Commission based on the advice of the Scientific Committee.

Conservation Measure 73/XII**Prohibition of Directed Fishing for Finfish in Statistical Subarea 48.2**

Taking of finfish, other than for scientific research purposes, is prohibited in Statistical Subarea 48.2 from 6 November 1993 until at least such time that a survey of stock biomass is carried out, its results reported to and analyzed by the Working Group on Fish Stock Assessment and a decision that the fishery be re-opened is made by the Commission based on the advice of the Scientific Committee.

Conservation Measure 95/XIV**Limitation of the By-catch of *Gobionotothen gibberifrons*, *Chaenocephalus aceratus*, *Pseudochaenichthys georgianus*, *Notothenia rossii* and *Lepidonotothen squamifrons* in Statistical Subarea 48.3**

This Conservation Measure is adopted in accordance with Conservation Measure 7/V:

In any directed fishery in Statistical Subarea 48.3 in any fishing season, the by-catch of *Gobionotothen gibberifrons* shall not exceed 1,470 tons; the by-catch of *Chaenocephalus aceratus* shall not exceed 2,200 tons; and the by-catch of *Pseudochaenichthys georgianus*, *Notothenia rossii* and *Lepidonotothen squamifrons* shall not exceed 300 tons each. These limits shall be kept under review by the Commission taking into account the advice of the Scientific Committee.

Dated: December 11, 1996.

R. Tucker Scully,

Director, Office of Oceans Affairs.

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[Public Notice No. 2484]**Shipping Coordinating Committee, Subcommittee on Safety of Life at Sea; Working Group on Safety of Navigation; Notice of Meeting**

The Working Group on Safety of Navigation of the Subcommittee on Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) will conduct an open meeting at 9:30 AM on Tuesday, January 7, 1997, in room 6319, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street, S.W., Washington, DC.

The purpose of the meeting is to prepare for the 43rd session of the Subcommittee on Safety of Navigation (NAV) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) which is scheduled for July 14-18, 1997, at the IMO Headquarters in London.

Items of principal interest on the agenda are:

- Routing of ships, ship reporting, and related matters
- Development of measures complementary to the Code for Safe Carriage of Irradiated Nuclear Fuel (INF)
- Revision of SOLAS chapter V
- Ergonomic criteria for bridge equipment and layout
- Navigational aids and related matters
- International Telecommunication Union (ITU) matters including Radiocommunication ITU-R Study Group 8
- Amendments to the Merchant Ship Search and Rescue (MERSAR) Manual (1995 SOLAS/Conference resolution 8)
- Operational aspects of wing in ground (WIG) craft
- Possible amendments to the International Regulations for Prevention of Collisions at Sea (COLREGS)

Members of the public may attend these meetings up to the seating capacity of the room. Interested persons may seek information by writing: Mr. Edward J. LaRue, Jr., U.S. Coast Guard (G-MOV-3), Room 1407, 2100 Second Street SW, Washington, DC 20593-0001 or by calling: (202) 267-0416.

Dated: December 9, 1996.

Russell A. LaMantia,

Chairman, Shipping Coordinating Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**[Docket 37554]****Order Adjusting the Standard Foreign Fare Level Index**

Section 41509(e) of Title 49 of the United States Code requires that the

Department, as successor to the Civil Aeronautics Board, establish a Standard Foreign Fare Level (SFFL) by adjusting the SFFL base periodically by percentage changes in actual operating costs per available seat-mile (ASM). Order 80-2-69 established the first interim SFFL, and Order 96-10-6 established the currently effective two-month SFFL applicable through November 30, 1996.

In establishing the SFFL for the two-month period beginning December 1, 1996, we have projected non-fuel costs based on the year ended September 30, 1996 data, and have determined fuel prices on the basis of the latest available experienced monthly fuel cost levels as reported to the Department.

By Order 96-12-14 fares may be increased by the following adjustment factors over the October 1979 level:

Atlantic—1.4885

Latin America—1.5394

Pacific—1.5602

For further information contact: Keith A. Shangraw (202) 366-2439.

By the Department of Transportation.

Dated: December 12, 1996.

Charles A. Hunnicutt,

Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs.

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Federal Aviation Administration**[Docket No. 28472]****Policy and Procedures Concerning the Use of Airport Revenue**

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Supplemental notice of proposed policy; request for comments.

SUMMARY: On February 26, 1996, the FAA published for public comment, a comprehensive statement of policy and procedures concerning the use of airport revenue, based on the requirement that revenue at public airports have received Federal grants generally be used only for airport purposes. Comments received on the notice included comments on four issues not discussed in detail in the February notice: (1) The use of airport property and funds for community or charitable purposes; (2) the extent to which airport funds may be used for marketing and promotional activities; (3) guidance on the accounting and cost allocation practices that the FAA considers acceptable for purposes of compliance with the revenue retention requirement; and (4) the use of airport