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TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION AND THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

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Members intending to participate in a new or exploratory fishery in 2006/07 are reminded that they are required to notify the Secretariat no later than 23 July 2006, three months prior to the Commission meeting. General guidelines for notifications are provided in Conservation Measures 21-01 (New Fishery) and 21-02 (Exploratory Fishery). A notification is required from each Member for each new and exploratory fishery targeting a single species group in a subarea or division (CCAMLR-XXIV, paragraph 3.12). Members are also requested to complete a one-page summary for each notification submitted (Attachment A).

Members should follow the procedure in Conservation Measure 24-01 if they wish to develop a fishery in a subarea/division closed by a conservation measure in force. This procedure requires that a research plan be submitted to the Secretariat at least six months in advance of the notified start of fishing (CCAMLR-XXII, paragraph 9.12).

Each notification must be accompanied, or followed within one month, by a payment of A\$8 000 in respect of each vessel intending to pursue the fishery. All payments must be received no later than 23 August 2006 and information on notification payments is outlined in Attachment B.

Each notification must address the requirements of conservation measures in force, where these apply, including requirements for notifications (CM 21-01, 21-02), mitigation measures (CM 24-02, 25-01, 25-02) and fishery-based research (CM 41-01). These requirements are outlined in Attachment C.

Each notification must also address the requirements of Conservation Measure 10-02 with respect to information on vessels and their owners and operators. These requirements are outlined in Attachment D.

The deadlines for the submission of notifications and their payments, and the schedule of work for the Secretariat are outlined in Attachment E. The Secretariat will confirm all notifications and payments received.



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SUMMARY OF NOTIFICATION* FOR A NEW OR EXPLORATORY FISHERY IN 2006/07	
Member	
Notification payment (A\$)	
Type of fishery and gear	
Fishing area	
Target species	
Fishing season	
Number of fishing vessels and companies	
Intended catch of target species	
Fisheries Operation Plan	
Data Collection Plan	
Research Plan	
Tagging Program	
Effect on dependent species	
Data reporting	
Scientific observer coverage	
VMS	

** Members are requested to provide a one-page summary for each fishery notified.*

INFORMATION ON NOTIFICATION PAYMENTS

Notification payments in Australian dollars may be in the form of a Bank Draft or a Direct Deposit to CCAMLR's bank account –

Commonwealth Bank of Australia
81 Elizabeth Street, Hobart, Tasmania
Australia 7000
BSB No. 067-000
Account No. 10182490
SWIFT code CTBAAU2S

Members are requested to advise the Secretariat immediately a payment is made, and to identify each payment with the name of the depositor and the name of the fishing companies and vessels involved. If required by a Member, the Secretariat will issue an invoice to the fishing companies involved in order to facilitate the payment being made. Members should contact the Secretariat urgently if a notification or payment has not been acknowledged.

GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR NOTIFICATION COMPLETION

Each notification must address the requirements of conservation measures in force, where these apply, including:

Conservation Measure 21-01 (New Fishery)

- (i) the nature of the proposed fishery including target species, methods of fishing, proposed region and any minimum level of catch 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;
- (iv) information from other fisheries in the region or similar fisheries elsewhere that may assist in the valuation of the potential yield.

Conservation Measure 21-02 (Exploratory Fishery)

Fishery Operations Plan

- (i) the nature of the exploratory fishery, including target species, methods of fishing, proposed region and maximum catch levels proposed for the forthcoming season;
- (ii) biological information on the target species from comprehensive research/survey cruises, such as distribution, abundance, demographic data, and information on stock identity;
- (iii) details of dependent and related species and the likelihood of their being affected by the proposed fishery;
- (iv) information from other fisheries in the region or similar fisheries elsewhere that may assist in the evaluation of potential yield.

Commitment to implement the Data Collection Plan developed by the Scientific Committee, including to:

- (i) ensure that each vessel is equipped and configured so as to comply with all relevant conservation measures;
- (ii) ensure that each vessel carries a CCAMLR-designated scientific observer to collect data in accordance with the Data Collection Plan, and to assist in collecting biological and other relevant data;
- (iii) annually (by the specified date) submit to CCAMLR the data specified by the Data Collection Plan.

Conservation Measure 24-02 (Longline Fisheries)

Advice that each vessel complies fully with measures specified in Conservation Measure 24-02 if an exemption is sought from setting longlines at night, or fishing outside specified fishing seasons.

Conservation Measure 25-02 (Longline Fisheries)

Advice that each vessel complies fully with the requirements of Conservation Measure 25-02 in order to minimise the incidental mortality of seabirds during longlining.

Conservation Measure 25-03 (Trawl Fisheries)

Advice that each vessel complies fully with the requirements of Conservation Measure 25-03 in order to minimise the incidental mortality of seabirds and marine mammals during trawling.

Conservation Measure 41-01 (Exploratory Fisheries)

Commitment to implement the fishery-based research in exploratory toothfish fisheries including the:

- (i) Data Collection Plan (Annex 41-01/A)
- (ii) Research Plan (Annex 41-01/B)
- (iii) Tagging Program (Annex 41-01/C).

Conservation Measures 41-04, 41-05, 41-06, 41-07, 41-09, 41-10 and 41-11 (Exploratory Fisheries)

Advice that each vessel complies fully with measures specified in these measures if specified seabird by-catch levels are reached when fishing during daytime setting and/or fishing outside normal fishing seasons.

NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR CONSERVATION MEASURE 10-02

Each notification must address the following information, in accordance with Conservation Measure 10-02, paragraphs 4 and 5:

Conservation Measure 10-02, paragraph 4

- (i) Name of fishing vessel
Previous names (if known)
Registration number
IMO number
External markings
Port of registry
- (iii) Previous flag (if any)
- (iv) International Radio Call Sign
- (v) Name of vessel's owner(s)
Address of vessel owner
Beneficial owner(s) if known
- (vi) Name of licence owner (if different from vessel owner(s))
Address of licence owner (operator)
- (vii) Type of vessel
- (viii) Where built
When built
- (ix) Length (m)
- (x) 12 x 7 cm colour photograph of the starboard side of the vessel
12 x 7 cm colour photograph of the port side of the vessel
12 x 7 cm colour photograph of the stern
- (xi) Details of the implementation of the tamper-proof requirements of the VMS device installed.

Conservation Measure 10-02, paragraph 5 (to the extent practicable)

- (i) Name of operator, if different from vessel owners
Address of operator, if different from vessel owners
- (ii) Names and nationality of master and, where relevant, of fishing master
- (iii) Type of fishing method or methods
- (iv) Beam (m)
- (v) Gross registered tonnage
- (vi) Vessel communication types and numbers
(INMARSAT A, B and C numbers)
- (vii) Normal crew complement
- (viii) Power of main engine or engines (kW)
- (ix) Carrying capacity (tonnes)
No. of fish holds
Capacity of all holds (tonnes)
- (x) Any other information in respect of each licensed vessel they consider appropriate (e.g. ice classification) for the purposes of the implementation of the conservation measures adopted by the Commission.

DEADLINES AND WORK SCHEDULE

The deadline for the submission of notifications and their payments and the schedule of work for the Secretariat are outlined below.

Deadline for Members

Date	Deadline
23 July 2006	Deadline for the submission of notifications
23 August 2006	Deadline for the submission of notification payments

Secretariat Schedule

Date	Action
23 May 2006	Develop and circulate a pro forma and checklist to assist Members with the process of notification submission (CCAMLR-XXIV, paragraph 3.14).
On receipt	Acknowledge all notifications and payments received.
Notifications received at least 5 working days before the deadline	Prompt Members about any deficiencies in their notifications (CCAMLR-XXIV, Annex 5, paragraph 3.22).
3 August 2006	Circulate a list of notifications to all Members, and load notifications, in their language of submission, on the 'Members Only' section of the CCAMLR website.
27 August 2006	Advise Members of those notifications for which payment has not been received and give a clear indication that they not be forwarded to the Scientific Committee or its working groups for consideration (CCAMLR-XXIV, paragraph 3.12(v)).
25 September 2006	Translate summary pages into the official languages of CCAMLR.
	Circulate all paid notifications as CCAMLR-XXV papers.
	Tabulate notifications, collate summary pages and circulate as a CCAMLR-XXV paper.