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Pre-recruit toothfish research survey in Subarea 88.1 - information submitted by New Zealand

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION AND THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

New Zealand has provided the attached letter for circulation to all Members of the Commission and the Scientific Committee.

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Dear Drew

RE: 2012/13 PRE-RECRUIT TOOTHFISH RESEARCH SURVEY

I wish to notify you that New Zealand will shortly commence the 2012/13 pre-recruit toothfish research survey in CCAMLR Subarea 88.1 which was agreed by CCAMLR at last year's annual meeting. This survey will be undertaken by the New Zealand vessel *San Aotea II* under the direction of Dr Steve Parker (New Zealand) and Dr Roberto Sarralde (Spain). Other science personnel involved include the two CCAMLR Observers on board the *San Aotea II* and one New Zealand industry scientist.

The pre-recruit survey will commence either upon the closure of the commercial fishery in 88.1 (current forecast closure date is 27 January 2013) or sooner if the fuel capacity of the vessel *San Aotea II* becomes limiting. The lead scientists will be transferred to the vessel from Scott Base.

I should be grateful if you would circulate this letter among Commission Members.

Yours sincerely



Carolyn Schwalger
New Zealand CCAMLR Commissioner