

COMM CIRC 21/20 SC CIRC 21/15

Report on delayed fishing gear retrieval from research block 4 of Subarea 88.2 - information submitted by Ukraine

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION AND THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

Ukraine has provided the attached report in accordance with Conservation Measure 31-02, paragraph 6, in relation to delayed fishing gear retrieval as notified by COMM CIRC 21/17-SC CIRC 21/12.

Sincerely,

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Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources

On the delay of fishing vessel «CALIPSO»

The State Agency of Fisheries of Ukraine would like to express the assurances of its highest respect to the Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources and has the honor to inform you about the following.

The owner of the fishing vessel «CALIPSO» flying the flag of Ukraine harvesting toothfish in the CCAMLR Convention area informed the State Agency of Fisheries of Ukraine about the delay in the removal of fishing gears due to the technical circumstances caused by difficult weather conditions after the closure of CCAMLR Subarea 88.2 4.

The vessel placed the long-line number 63 with 20355 hooks on January 22, 2021, from 05:01 till 07:23 (UTC), between the coordinates -74°41.25'S,-139°05.70'W and -74°32.86'S.

As soon as this notification from the CCAMLR Secretariat about the planned closure of fishing activity in Subarea 88.2_4 on 23 January 2021 at 23:59 (UTC) was received, the fishing vessel «CALIPSO» did not place any new fishing gears and sent a notice to the CCAMLR Secretariat about possible delay.

The vessel completed lifting the long-line number 63 on January 24, 2021 at 01:04 (UTC) and went beyond Subarea 88.2 4.

Please note the above information and bring it to the attention of the Member States of the CCAMLR.

The State Agency of Fisheries of Ukraine takes this opportunity to renew the assurance of its highest consideration to the Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources and hopes to continue fruitful cooperation.

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