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TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION AND THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

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Members intending to develop a new or exploratory fishery in 2005/06 are reminded that they are required to submit a notification to the Secretariat no later than 24 July 2005, three months prior to the Commission meeting. Guidelines for notifications are outlined in Conservation Measures 21-01 (New Fishery) and 21-02 (Exploratory Fishery).

Members should follow the procedure in Conservation Measure 24-01 when notifying for fisheries in a subarea or division which is 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 notified (CCAMLR-XXIII, paragraphs 3.12 and 3.13).

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). Members are requested to advise the Secretariat immediately a payment is made, and to identify each payment with 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. All payments must be received no later than 24 August 2005.

Each notification should include a research and fisheries operation plan outlining:

- (i) the nature of the fishery, including target species, methods of fishing, proposed region and maximum catch levels proposed for the forthcoming season;
- (ii) biological information from comprehensive research, such as distribution, abundance, demographic data, and information on stock identity;
- (iii) details of dependent and related 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 evaluation of potential yield.

Notifications for exploratory fisheries for *Dissostichus* spp. should also address the general measures of Conservation Measure 41-01, including the Data Collection Plan (Annex 41-01/A), Research Plan (Annex 41-01/B) and Tagging Program (Annex 41-01/C). A fundamental element in the development of a management approach for such fisheries is the conduct of research to determine essential population parameters of *Dissostichus* spp. in the areas subject to notification.

Members are requested to complete a one-page summary of each fishery notified (pro forma attached). These summaries will be posted on the CCAMLR website.

The deadline for notifications is 24 July 2005 and the deadline for payments is 24 August 2005. The Secretariat will confirm all notifications and payments received. Members should contact the Secretariat urgently if a notification or payment has not been acknowledged.

Dr D.G.M. Miller Executive Secretary

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ATTACHMENT TO COMM CIRC 05/35, SC CIRC05/15

SUMMARY OF NOTIFICATION FOR A NEW OR EXPLORATORY FISHERY 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

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