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Notification for Scientific Research in Subarea 88.1 - Information submitted by New Zealand

In addition to COMM CIRC 11/99 SC CIRC 11/48, New Zealand requested that the attached information be circulated to all Members of the Commission.

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Dear Drew

I write to inform you of a slight change in the timing of the pre-recruit survey which will be undertaken by the *San Aotea II* in CCAMLR Subarea 88.1 pursuant to Conservation Measure 41-09.

You will recall that it was originally envisaged that the most appropriate time to carry out the survey would be immediately after the closure of the fishery in Subarea 88.1 in order to avoid compromising fishing activities. This was noted by the Scientific Committee (SC XXX para 3.174) and is reflected in Conservation Measure 41-09.

Due to the severe ice conditions this season, long delays and detours in the *San Aotea II* progressing through the ice to Subarea 88.1 have resulted in more fuel being used than originally planned. It may therefore be necessary to commence the survey a day or two before the fishery's closure so that there is enough fuel to complete the pre-recruit survey. We report this to you in advance for the purposes of full transparency.

I should be grateful if you would circulate this letter to CCAMLR Members.

Yours sincerely

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