

CONSERVATION MEASURE 169/XVII
Exploratory Longline Fishery for *Dissostichus eleginoides*
and *Dissostichus mawsoni* in Statistical Subarea 88.1
in the 1998/99 Season

The Commission hereby adopts the following Conservation Measure in accordance with Conservation Measure 65/XII:

1. Fishing for *Dissostichus eleginoides* and *Dissostichus mawsoni* in Statistical Subarea 88.1 shall be limited to the exploratory longline fishery by New Zealand. The fishery shall be conducted by no more than two New Zealand flagged vessels using longlining only.
2. The precautionary catch for these exploratory longline fisheries in Statistical Subarea 88.1 shall be limited to 271 tonnes of *Dissostichus* spp. north of 65°S and 2 010 tonnes of *Dissostichus* spp. south of 65°S. In the event that these limits are reached, the fishery shall be closed.
3. For the purposes of this exploratory longline fishery, the 1998/99 fishing season is defined as the period from 15 December 1998 to 31 August 1999.
4. The directed longline fishery for *Dissostichus* spp. in Statistical Subarea 88.1 north of 65°S shall be carried out in accordance with Conservation Measure 29/XVI. South of 65°S the directed fishery for the above species shall be carried out in accordance with all the provisions of Conservation Measure 29/XVI, except paragraph 3. To permit experimental line weighting trials south of 65°S, longlines may be set during daylight hours if the vessels can demonstrate a consistent minimum line sink rate of 0.3 metres per second. Vessels shall revert to setting longlines at night in accordance with Conservation Measure 29/XVI if a significant level of seabird by-catch occurs.

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5. The directed longline fishery for the above species shall be carried out in accordance with Conservation Measure 161/XVII.
6. Each vessel participating in this exploratory longline fishery shall be required to operate a VMS at all times, in accordance with Conservation Measure 148/XVII.