

Conservation Measure 51-07 (2023)
Interim distribution of the trigger level in the fishery for
***Euphausia superba* in Statistical Subareas 48.1, 48.2, 48.3 and 48.4**

Species	krill
Area	48.1, 48.2, 48.3, 48.4
Season	2023/24
Gear	all

The Commission,

Noting the need to distribute the krill catch in Statistical Area 48 in such a way that predator populations, particularly land-based predators, would not be inadvertently and disproportionately affected by fishing activity,

Recognising that large catches up to the trigger level from areas smaller than subareas should be avoided,

Recognising that the distribution of the trigger level needs to provide for flexibility in the location of fishing in order to (i) allow for interannual variation in the distribution of krill aggregations, and (ii) alleviate the potential for adverse impacts of the fishery in coastal areas on land-based predators,

Understanding that methods such as a quantitative risk assessment framework will provide an initial scientific basis for determining the interim allocation of krill catches and that progress towards feedback management is intended to provide a long-term mechanism to further improve future management of krill, and the spatial allocation of krill catches,

Recognising that further progress with management of krill will require coordinated fishery-dependent and fishery-independent research and monitoring, including for krill-dependent predators,

Recognising that advances are urgently needed as the trigger level itself is not related to the status of the krill stock,

Noting the need for the Scientific Committee to progress toward a functional management system, based on robust science, and that an interim measure is needed to ensure CCAMLR fulfils its obligations under Article II,

hereby adopts the following conservation measure:

1. Pending the review in paragraphs 2 and 3, an interim distribution of the trigger level in paragraph 3 of Conservation Measure 51-01 will be in accordance with the following proportions, where no more than the percentage indicated can be taken from the nominated area:
 - Statistical Subarea 48.1 – 25%
 - Statistical Subarea 48.2 – 45%
 - Statistical Subarea 48.3 – 45%
 - Statistical Subarea 48.4 – 15%.
2. Advice on the interim distribution of the trigger level in paragraph 1 shall be updated by the Scientific Committee as new scientific evidence becomes available.

3. The Scientific Committee shall provide advice to the Commission regarding progress towards the development of the risk assessment framework, feedback management and the spatial allocation of catch no later than the annual meeting in 2024.
4. If the Scientific Committee so advises, the proportions in paragraph 1 will be revised, with the intent of ensuring the implementation of Article II of the Convention. The Commission shall seek to update or replace this conservation measure, in progressing feedback management, no later than the end of the 2023/24 fishing season, at which time this conservation measure will expire if agreement has not been reached.