# Conservation Measure 51-03 (2024) Precautionary catch limitation on *Euphausia superba*in Statistical Division 58.4.2

Species	krill
Area	58.4.2
Season	all
Gear	trawl

Access

1. The fishery for *Euphausia superba* in Statistical Division 58.4.2 shall be conducted by vessels using fishing methods listed in Conservation Measure 21-03, Annex A only.

#### Catch limit

- 2. The total catch of *Euphausia superba* in Statistical Division 58.4.2 shall be limited to 2.645 million tonnes in any fishing season.
- 3. The total catch limit shall be further subdivided into two subdivisions within Statistical Division 58.4.2 as follows: west of 55°E, 1.448 million tonnes; and east of 55°E, 1.080 million tonnes.

# Trigger level<sup>1</sup>

- 4. Until the Commission has defined an allocation of this total catch limit between smaller management units, as the Scientific Committee may advise, the total catch in Division 58.4.2 shall be limited to 260 000 tonnes west of 55°E and 192 000 tonnes east of 55°E in any fishing season.
- 5. This measure shall be kept under review by the Commission, taking into account the advice of the Scientific Committee.

Season

6. A fishing season begins on 1 December and finishes on 30 November of the following year.

### Mitigation

- 7. The operation of this fishery shall be carried out in accordance with Conservation Measure 25-03 so as to minimise the incidental mortality of seabirds in the course of fishing.
- 8. The use of one or more marine mammal exclusion devices on trawls is mandatory. The effect, or combined effect, of such devices shall be to minimise incidental capture of both cetaceans (whales) and pinnipeds (seals and fur seals).

#### Observers

9. Each vessel participating in the fishery shall have at least one scientific observer in accordance with the CCAMLR Scheme of International Scientific Observation or a domestic scientific observer fulfilling the requests in the Scheme, and where possible one additional scientific observer, on board throughout all fishing activities within the fishing period<sup>2</sup>.

Data

10. For the purposes of implementing this conservation measure, the data requirements set out in Conservation Measure 23-06 shall apply.

## Environmental protection

- 11. Conservation Measure 26-01 applies.
  - A trigger level is a set level that the catch shall not exceed until a procedure for the division of the overall catch limit into smaller management units, upon which the Scientific Committee has been directed to provide advice, has been established.

Bearing in mind the limited ecological information from research and fisheries observers in Statistical Division 58.4.2 compared to Statistical Area 48, the Commission recognised the need to collect scientific data from the fishery. This paragraph applies only to the krill fishery in Statistical Division 58.4.2 and shall be revised depending on the advice of the Scientific Committee on a systematic scheme for scientific observation in the krill fishery or reviewed within three years, whichever comes earlier.