

It is therefore ordered, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,<sup>20</sup> that the proposed rule change (SR-Phlx-96-11), as amended by Amendment No. 2, is approved.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>21</sup>

Margaret H. McFarland,

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Declaration of Disaster Loan Area #2894]

### North Carolina; Declaration of Disaster Loan Area (Amendment #5)

In accordance with a notice from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, dated December 2, 1996, the above-numbered Declaration is hereby amended to extend the deadline for filing applications for physical damage as a result of this disaster to January 4, 1997.

All other information remains the same, i.e., the termination date for filing applications for loans for economic injury is June 6, 1997.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 59002 and 59008)

Dated: December 6, 1996.

Bernard Kulik,

*Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 2480]

### Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs; Conservation Measures for Antarctic Fishing Under the Auspices of the Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, State.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** At its Fifteenth Meeting in Hobart, Tasmania, October 21 to November 1, 1996, the Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR), of which the United States is a member, adopted conservation measures, pending countries' approval, pertaining to

fishing in the CCAMLR Convention Area in Antarctic waters. These were agreed upon in accordance with Article IX of the Convention for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources. The measures restrict overall catches of certain species of fish, prohibit the taking of certain species of fish, list the fishing seasons, define the reporting requirements, and specify measures that must be taken to minimize the incidental taking of non-target species. This notice lists the conservation measures adopted at the Fifteenth meeting of CCAMLR and the conservation measures remaining in force from previous years which are not otherwise addressed by U.S. regulations (see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**). Therefore, this notice together with the U.S. regulations referenced under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** provide a comprehensive register of all U.S. obligations under CCAMLR.

**DATE:** Persons wishing to comment on the measures or desiring more information should submit written comments on or before January 17, 1997.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Erica Keen, Division of Polar Affairs, Office of Oceans Affairs (OES/OA/PA), Room 5805, Department of State, Washington, DC 20520, (202) 647-3262.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Individuals interested in CCAMLR should also see Federal Register Vol. 61, No. 130, Friday July 5, 1996 15 CFR part 902, Subpart G—Antarctic Marine Living Resources, and; CFR Chapter III—International Fishing and Related Activities, part 300—International Fisheries Regulations, Subpart A—General; Subpart B—High Seas Fisheries; and Subpart G—Antarctic Marine Living Resources for other regulatory measures related to conservation and management in the CCAMLR Convention area. These regulations give effect to CCAMLR Conservation Measures which are not expected to change from year to year and describe the process for regulating U.S. fishing in the Convention area. The regulations include sections on: Purpose and scope; Definitions; Relationship to other treaties, conventions, laws and regulations; Procedure for according protection to CCAMLR Ecosystem Monitoring Program Sites; Scientific research; Initiating a new fishery; Exploratory fisheries; Reporting and record keeping requirements; Vessel and gear identification; Gear disposal; Mesh size; Harvesting permits; Import permits; Appointment of a designated representative; Prohibitions; Facilitation

of enforcement and inspection; and Penalties.

Conservation Measures Adopted at the Fifteenth Meeting of the Commission on the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR XV)

At its Fifteenth Annual Meeting in Hobart, Tasmania, October 21 to November 1, 1996, the Commission on the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR) revised several of its previously adopted Conservation Measures and adopted the additional measures, as follows:

*Conservation Measures 29/XV*,<sup>2</sup>

Minimization of the Incidental Mortality of Seabirds in the Course of Longline Fishing or Longline Fishing Research in the Convention Area

The Commission

*Noting* the need to reduce the incidental mortality of seabirds during longline fishing by minimizing their attraction to fishing vessels and by preventing them from attempting to seize baited hooks, particularly during the period when the lines are set,

*Adopts* the following measures to reduce the possibility of incidental mortality of seabirds during longline fishing.

1. Fishing operations shall be conducted in such a way that the baited hooks sink as soon as possible after they are put in the water<sup>3</sup>. Only thawed bait shall be used.

2. Longlines shall be set at night only (i.e. during the hours of darkness between the times of nautical twilight<sup>4</sup>.<sup>5</sup>). During longline fishing at night, only the minimum ship's lights necessary for safety shall be used.

3. The dumping of offal shall be avoided as far as possible while longlines are being set or hauled; if discharge of offal is unavoidable, this discharge shall take place on the opposite side of the vessel to that where longlines are set or hauled.

4. Every effort should be made to ensure that birds captured alive during longlining are released alive and that wherever possible hooks are removed without jeopardizing the life of the bird concerned.

5. A streamer line designed to discourage birds from settling on baits during deployment of longlines shall be towed. Specification of the streamer line and its method of deployment is given in the Appendix to this Measure. Details of the construction relating to the number of placement of swivels may be varied so long as the effective sea surface covered by the streamers is no less than that covered by the currently

<sup>20</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

<sup>21</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).