MEASURES ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THE CONVENTION ON THE CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT OF POLLOCK RESOURCES IN THE CENTRAL BERING SEA

TRIAL FISHING FOR POLLOCK IN 2000

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1. Taking into account the report of the Scientific and Technical Committee on the status of pollock resources in the Aleutian Basin, the Third Annual Conference decided, as follows:

1.1. To establish the 2000 Allowable Harvest Level (AHL) at zero; and

1.2. To authorize trial fishing in the Convention Area.

2. The Annual Conference establishes for 2000 the following terms and conditions for such operations:

No more than two vessels from each Party to the Convention at any time may conduct trial fishing for pollock in the Convention Area. Information on the vessels that will engage in the trial fishing will be provided to all Parties at least one month prior to commencement of trial fishing. Such information will include vessel name, vessel type, vessel's international radio call sign (IRCS), vessel's satellite transmitter number, and the area and time of the trial fishing. Parties conducting trial fishing will notify the other Parties regarding the schedule of such trial fishing with sufficient notice to facilitate the embarkation and disembarkation of observers. Vessels engaged in trial fishing will have Scientific Observers of the flag-State on board and will accept at least one Scientific Observer of other Parties to the Convention, with the cost being paid by the requesting Party in accordance with arrangements to be made between the flag-State of the vessel and the other Parties. All provisions of the Convention and all measures adopted by the Annual Conference regarding boardings and inspections, vessel monitoring systems, entry and transshipment notifications, safe boarding ladder standards, and shipboard logs and records will govern such trial fishing. Prior to the Fourth Annual Conference, Parties conducting trial fishing will submit to the other Parties a report of the trial fishing which provides the type of catch and distribution data as specified in the Central Bering Sea Observer Program Manual.