Conservation of Antarctic marine living resources: fishing control

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OBJECTIVE: to consolidate in a single legal act all the conservation measures adopted by the Commission on the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR), of which the Community has been a member since 1982, to repeal Regulation No 2245/85/EC, which applies the same measures for the Community, and to incorporate new measures adopted by the CCAMLR in November 1994. SUBSTANCE: the Community has been a member of the Convention on the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources since 21 May 1982. The Commission established by the Convention (the CCAMLR) has since adopted a range of measures for the conservation of fish stocks in the Antarctic which the Community, for it part, implements under Regulation No 2245/85/EC. This Regulation has been amended on several occasions and the amendments have affected its clarity. This proposal therefore aims to consolidate in a single regulation all the measures applicable to Community fishermen in these areas since 1985 and to incorporate a range of new measures that were adopted by the CCAMLR on 8 November 1994. These relate for the most part to FAO Antarctic sub-area 48.3 (waters situated along southern Georgia), where there is a particularly high volume of fish stocks, and they involve, in particular, the fixing of TACs for Euphasia superba, Dissostichus eleginoides, Champsochephlus Gunnari, Electrona carlsbergi, Notothenia squamifrons and crabs. They also include measures relating to the ban on directed fishing of certain stocks, the systems for reporting catches and other technical measures. Since these measures have already been implemented by the members of the CCAMLR since 1 July 1994, the Community is called upon to implement them immediately. This regulation repeals and replaces Regulation No 2245/85/EC.