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“EXPLORATORY FISHING FOR TOOTHFISH”

September, 2021.

CMM 14d-2020

Conservation and Management Measure for Exploratory Fishing for Toothfish by Chilean-Flagged Vessels in the SPRFMO Convention Area

General description of the Exploratory Fishing

Through MMC 14d-2020, Exploratory Fishing for Toothfish by Chilean-Flagged Vessels in the SPRFMO Convention Area fishery was authorized for three years (2020, 2021 and 2022). To carry out the fishing activities, the *Globalpesca II* vessel was authorized.

Current situation

Chile reports that it has not been possible to carry out the activities committed for 2021. The reason for this is due to the difficult situation affecting the company that owns the vessel that would carry out this fishery, which has been strongly affected by the crisis caused by the pandemic. The company has also informed us that it is also not in a position to develop the exploratory fishery during 2022.

Given these circumstances, Chile will explain to the Commission the obstacles we face for the development of this exploratory fishery and will request to the Commission advice on how to proceed, it could mean waiting for the measure expire or ask for an early expiration of CMM 14d with hopes that once the health and economic situation improves, it will be able to propose a new exploratory fishery.