

successors and assigns will be required to service the Loans in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Loan Sale Agreement for the life of the Loans. In addition, the Loan Sale Agreement establishes certain requirements that a servicer must satisfy in order to service the Loans.

Scope of Notice: This notice applies to Loan Sale Number #5 and does not establish agency procedures and policies for other loan sales. If there are any conflicts between this Notice and the Bidder Information Package, the Bidder Information Package shall prevail.

LeAnn M. Oliver,

Deputy Associate Administrator for Financial Assistance.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Maximum Dollar Limit in the Fee Agreement Process

AGENCY: Social Security Administration.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Social Security Administration (SSA) is announcing that the maximum dollar limit for fee agreements approved under sections 206(a)(2)(A) and 1631(d)(2)(A) of the Social Security Act will be increased to \$5,300 effective February 1, 2002. On or after February 1, 2002, decision-makers may approve fee agreements up to the new limit provided that the fee agreement otherwise meets the statutory conditions and is not excepted from the fee agreement process.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John B. Watson, Office of the General Counsel, phone (410) 965-3137, e-mail: john.watson@ssa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 5106 of Public Law No. 101-508, the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990, amended sections 206(a)(2)(A) and 1631(d)(2)(A) of the Social Security Act to provide for a streamlined process for obtaining approval of the fee a representative wishes to charge for representing a claimant before the Social Security Administration. To use that process, the representative and the claimant must agree, in writing, to a fee that does not exceed the lesser of 25% of past due benefits or a prescribed dollar amount. Public Law 101-508 established the initial amount at \$4,000 and gave the Commissioner of Social Security the authority to increase it, from time to time, provided that the cumulative rate of increase does not at

any time exceed the rate of increase in primary insurance amounts since January 1, 1991. The law further provided that notice of any increased amount shall be published in the **Federal Register**.

By this notice, we announce that the maximum dollar amount for fee agreements will increase to \$5,300; fee agreements with the increased amount may be approved by a decision-maker on or after February 1, 2002. The limit of \$5,300 was determined by applying the guideline described above: a hypothetical primary insurance amount of \$4,000 on January 1, 1991 would increase by calendar year 2002 to \$5,350. We rounded this amount down to the nearest \$100 to simplify the figure for use by claimants, representatives, and SSA.

Dated: January 8, 2002.

Jo Anne B. Barnhart,

Commissioner of Social Security.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 3876]

New Conservation Measures for Antarctic Fishing Under the Auspices of CCAMLR

AGENCY: State Department.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: At its Twentieth Meeting in Hobart, Tasmania, October 22 to November 2, 2001, 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. All the measures were agreed upon in accordance with Article IX of the Convention for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources. Measures adopted restrict overall catches of certain species of fish and crabs, restrict fishing in certain areas, specify implementation and inspection obligations supporting the Catch Documentation Scheme of Contracting Parties, and promote compliance with CCAMLR measures by non-Contracting Party vessels. This notice includes the full text of the conservation measures adopted at the Twentieth meeting of CCAMLR. For all of the conservation measures in force, see the CCAMLR web site at www.ccamlr.org. This notice, therefore, together with the U.S. regulations referenced under the Supplementary Information provides a

comprehensive register of all current U.S. obligations under CCAMLR.

DATES: Persons wishing to comment on the measures or desiring more information should submit written comments within 30 days of this announcement.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Individuals interested in CCAMLR should also see 15 CFR Chapter III—International Fishing and Related Activities, Part 300—International Fishing 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. Subpart B notes the requirements for high seas fishing vessel licensing. Subparts A and G describe the process for regulating U.S. fishing in the CCAMLR Convention area and contain the text of CCAMLR Conservation Measures that are not expected to change from year to year. The regulations in Subparts A and G 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 recordkeeping 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 Remaining in Force: The Commission agreed that the Conservation Measures 2/III, 3/IV, 4/V, 5/V, 6/V, 7/V, 18/XIX, 19/IX, 29/XIX, 31/X, 32/XIX, 40/X, 51/XIX, 61/XII, 62/XIX, 63/XV, 64/XIX, 65/XII, 72/XVII, 73/XVII, 82/XIX, 95/XIV, 106/XIX, 121/XIX, 122/XIX, 129/XVI, 146/XVII, 147/XIX, 160/XVII, 171/XVIII, 173/XVIII, and 180/XVIII, and Resolutions 7/IX, 10/XII, 13/XIX, 14/XIX, 15/XIX, and 16/XIX remain in force. For the text of CCAMLR Conservation Measures remaining in force, see 61 FR 66723, dated December 18, 1996; 63 FR 5587, dated February 3, 1998; 63 FR 300 dated December 22, 1998; 64 FR 71165, dated December 20, 1999; and 66 FR 7527, dated January 23, 2001.