A Pleasant and Inoffensive ECO*

(*ECO has very strong feelings about what is going on, but we have redacted some of them so we don't disrupt the cooperative spirit of CCAMLR, and invite readers to supply their own words as they see fit.)

Over the past week, ECO has been very concerned about [REDACTED], which has been complicated by [REDACTED] in [REDACTED]. All in all, ECO is certain that CCAMLR is on a downward spiral.

In ECO’s view, the trouble started when [REDACTED] started [REDACTED]. This kind of behavior disrespectful of other Members’ time.

ECO was startled to hear [REDACTED] indicating that they did not understand [REDACTED] scheme of scientific observation. It seems to ECO that being alive is the first prerequisite!

Not to mention, the determination of WG-FSA suggest that [REDACTED] is [REDACTED] with nearly all of the research fishing efforts. Perhaps it’s time to admit that with fewer rules.

[REDACTED] couldn’t even support a proposal from [REDACTED] cost CCAMLR nothing. Their reason? Who knows, ECO is too [REDACTED] to try to understand.

And perhaps the cherry on top was the discussion on [REDACTED]. Are we really arguing about word usage when [REDACTED] has recently given us 10 years to clean up our act with regard to [REDACTED]?

ECO recommends that try a little harder during Commission week. Instead of [REDACTED], perhaps CCAMLR could try working in good faith to fulfill the obligations of the Convention.

WRITE YOUR OWN ECO ARTICLE
Fill in the blanks in the story above with your favorite words from CCAMLR XXXVII. Here are some words below to help you get started!

SKAG strawman by-catch recommended wonderland bottom camera VR backed up little Romans craboid VME research fishing Article II chapeau data limited RFMO transshipment MPAs observer safety suggested China research fishing Members SC Russia US UK Australia New Zealand EU Japan South Africa Argentina adopted square brackets toothfish krill ecosystem rational use catch limit Chair attributed bundle headless chicken monster

SOCIAL EVENTS:

SPRING DANCE SOIRÉE IN MACQUARIE STREET

A delightful dance soirée was held at the elegant stone headquarters of CCAMLR in Macquarie Street last Thursday evening. The flags of many countries fluttered in the afternoon breeze while guests in semi-formal attire mingled exchanging pleasantries.

The purpose of the gathering was to celebrate the continued conservation of the Southern Ocean, where conservation includes rational use or vice-versa.

The evening began with light finger food and drinks served in the marquee, and then moved...
into the main hall for further conversation and dancing around the agenda.

The event’s theme was the adoption of a network of marine protected areas, MPAs, and some guests surprised with their dancing skills which sustained everybody’s attention through the evening.

There was palpable excitement in the air and everybody seemed to be enjoying themselves.

Significant progress has been achieved since the issue of MPAs began to be the subject of discussion in 2009. Conversations will continue with a view to making substantial progress at the next social event this week, or the one after that, or some other time in our busy social events agenda.

The soirée continued into the evening and was a complete success.

We are very thankful to the organisers and guests for an absolutely wonderful evening of entertainment.

THE STRAIGHT SKAT

Perhaps some delegates are wondering why they have not seen ECO around this CCAMLR. Apparently it was deemed offensive and removed from the premises. What were the offensive bits? We are not certain—perhaps the postcard from the humpback whale was too anthropomorphizing and scientifically inaccurate? ECO is confused because we have witnessed and heard quite problematic things at this CCAMLR. Ranging from naming a working group SKAG (Google some of the potential slang uses of the word “skag”) and making joking references to it on the floor—to the far more serious offense of the lack of progress on climate change. Frankly ECO is pretty troubled by some of the things that have failed to progress at this meeting. But perhaps the biggest offense at CCAMLR XXXVII is the lack of meaningful progress on a network of MPAs that were supposed to be in place six years ago. And here we are in Hobart in 2018 having scrimped and saved on our carbon budget all year in the hopes of seeing that network become a reality. We should have just gone to Bali for Our Ocean instead – they usually end up with an MPA or two.

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