



COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999

Accreditation of a Plan, Regime or Policy for the purposes of Part 13

I, PAUL MURPHY, Assistant Secretary, Wildlife Trade and Biosecurity Branch, as Delegate of the Minister for the Environment and Energy, being satisfied that:

- i) the management regime for the Western Australian Octopus Fisheries, including the Octopus Interim Managed Fishery and the Cockburn Sound Line and Pot Managed Fishery, in force under the Western Australian *Fish Resources Management Act 1994* and the Western Australian Fish Resources Regulation 1995, requires persons engaged in fishing under the management regime to take all reasonable steps to ensure that members of listed threatened species, listed migratory species, cetaceans and listed marine species are not killed or injured as a result of the fishing, and
- ii) the fishery to which the management regime relates does not, or is not likely to, adversely affect:
 - a) the survival or recovery in nature of any listed threatened species, or
 - b) the conservation status of a listed migratory species, cetacean, or listed marine species or a population of that species,

accredit the management regime for the Western Australian Octopus Fisheries in force under the Western Australian *Fish Resources Management Act 1994* and the Western Australian Fish Resources Regulation 1995 under sections 208A, 222A, 245 and 265 of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) for the purposes of Divisions 1, 2, 3 and 4 respectively of Part 13 of the EPBC Act.

Dated this 1st day of August 2017

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Delegate of the Minister for the Environment and Energy