



COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999

DECLARATION OF AN APPROVED WILDLIFE TRADE OPERATION

I, ANDREW MCNEE, Assistant Secretary, Marine Environment Branch, as Delegate of the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts, have considered in accordance with section 303FN of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) the application from the Australian Fisheries Management Authority, public comments on the proposal as required under section 303FR, and advice on the ecological sustainability of the operation. I am satisfied on those matters specified in section 303FN of the EPBC Act. I hereby declare the operations for the harvesting of specimens that are, or are derived from, fish or invertebrates, other than specimens of species listed under Part 13 of the EPBC Act, taken in the Small Pelagic Fishery, as defined in the Small Pelagic Fishery's management regime made under the *Fisheries Management Act 1991*, to be an approved Wildlife Trade Operation, in accordance with section 303FN (2) and (10)(d), for the purposes of the EPBC Act.

Unless amended or revoked, this declaration:

- a) is valid until 27 February 2009 and;
- b) is subject to the conditions applied under section 303FT specified in the Schedule (dated December 2007).

Dated this 5th day of December 2007

.....Andrew McNee.....

Delegate of the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts

Under the *Administrative Appeals Tribunal Act 1975*, a person whose interests are affected by this decision may apply for a statement of reasons and for independent review of the decision. An application for a statement of reason may be made in writing to Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts within 28 days of the date of the declaration. An application for independent review may be made to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal on payment of the relevant fee within 28 days of the date of the declaration, or if reasons are sought, within 28 days of receipt of reasons. Further information may be obtained from the Director, Sustainable Fisheries Policy and Assessment Section.

SCHEDULE

Declaration of the Harvest Operations of the Small Pelagic Fishery as an approved Wildlife Trade Operation, December 2007

ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS (section 303FT)

Relating to the harvesting of fish specimens that are, or are derived from, fish or invertebrates, other than specimens of species listed under Part 13 of the EPBC Act, taken in the Small Pelagic Fishery.

1. Operation of the Small Pelagic Fishery (SPF) will be carried out in accordance with the SPF management regime made under the *Fisheries Management Act 1991*.
2. The Australian Fisheries Management Authority (AFMA) to inform the Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts (DEWHA) of any intended amendments to the management arrangements that may affect the criteria on which EPBC Act decisions are based.
3. AFMA to produce and present reports to DEWHA annually as per Appendix B to the *Guidelines for the Ecologically Sustainable Management of Fisheries - 2nd Edition*.
4. By 31 July 2008, AFMA to develop and finalise the Harvest Strategy for the SPF.
5. By 1 December 2008, AFMA to finalise the Ecological Risk Assessment (ERA) for the SPF. AFMA to then identify and implement appropriate management responses to address and mitigate risks and impacts identified in the ERA.