



COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999

Accreditation of a Management Regime for the Purposes of Part 13

I, ANDREW MCNEE, Assistant Secretary, Marine Environment Branch, as Delegate of the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources, being satisfied that:

- The management regime for the Queensland East Coast Otter Trawl Fishery in force under the *Queensland Fisheries Regulation 1995* and the *Queensland Fisheries (East Coast Trawl) Management Plan 1999*, 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
- The fishery to which the management regime relates does not, or is not likely to, adversely affect:
 - the survival or recovery in nature of any listed threatened species; or
 - the conservation status of a listed migratory species, cetacean, or listed marine species or a population of that species,

hereby accredit the *Queensland Fisheries Regulation 1995* and the *Queensland Fisheries (East Coast Trawl) Management Plan 1999*, to the extent that the Regulation and Plan apply to the Queensland East Coast Otter Trawl Fishery, pursuant to 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 of Part 13 of the EPBC Act.

Unless amended or revoked, this accreditation is subjected to the following condition applied under section 303AA:

1. DPI&F to amend the definition of "recognised Turtle Excluder Devices" (TEDs) in the *Fisheries (East Coast Trawl) Management Plan 1999* to ensure that TEDs used in the East Coast Otter Trawl Fishery allow the effective escape of those turtle species caught in the fishery by 30 November 2008.

Dated this 28th day of November 2007

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Delegate of the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources