



COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999

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

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I, Paul Murphy, Assistant Secretary, Wildlife Trade and Biosecurity Branch, as Delegate of the Minister for the Environment:

- (a) revoke, under section 33(3) of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901*, the accreditation of the management regime for the Queensland East Coast Otter Trawl Fishery dated 17 December 2010; and
- (b) being satisfied that:
 - (i) the Queensland Fisheries (East Coast Trawl) Management Plan 2010, in force under the *Queensland Fisheries Act 1994* and *Queensland Fisheries Regulation 2008*, 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 Queensland Fisheries (East Coast Trawl) Management Plan 2010, in force under the *Queensland Fisheries Act 1994* and *Queensland Fisheries Regulation 2008* 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.

This accreditation is subjected to the following condition under section 303AA of the EPBC Act:

- 1. Fisheries Queensland to work closely with the fishing industry to:
 - a) reduce the bycatch of sea snakes, including by methods such as trawl nets to be fitted with bycatch reduction devices that are demonstrably capable of minimising the bycatch, with a progress report to be provided by 1 December 2014
 - b) continue to monitor and report on the uptake and correct use of bycatch reduction devices to assist achieving reductions in sea snake bycatch

- c) increase the accuracy of reporting of EPBC Act protected species interactions in fishers' log books, and
- d) following the progress report outlined in a) above, obtain independent verification of the effectiveness of the bycatch reduction devices in minimising EPBC Act protected species bycatch.

Dated this 26th day of November 2013



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Delegate of the Minister for the Environment