



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
Accreditation of a Plan, Regime or Policy for the purposes of Part 13 and pursuant to
section 33(1) of the EPBC Act
North West Slope Trawl Fishery and Western Deepwater Trawl Fishery, December 2020**

I, LAURA TIMMINS, Senior Director, Office of Wildlife Trade, as Delegate of the Minister for the Environment:

- a) revoke the accreditation of the management regime for the Commonwealth North West Slope Trawl Fishery and Western Deepwater Trawl Fishery dated 28 November 2012, and
- b) being satisfied that:
 - i) the management regime for the North West Slope Trawl Fishery and Western Deepwater Trawl Fishery, as defined in the *Western Trawl Fisheries Statement of Management Arrangements 2012* in force under the *Fisheries Management Act 1991* (CTH) and the Fisheries Management Regulations 2019 (CTH), 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 North West Slope Trawl Fishery and Western Deepwater Trawl Fishery as defined in the *Western Trawl Fisheries Statement of Management Arrangements 2012* in force under the *Fisheries Management Act 1991* (CTH) and the Fisheries Management Regulations 2019 (CTH) 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.

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

Condition 1:

The Australian Fisheries Management Authority must ensure there is sufficient ongoing monitoring (electronic or human) to evaluate the nature and level of impacts of fishing on EPBC Act protected species.

The Australian Fisheries Management Authority must provide the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment, as part of the annual reporting at Condition 4 of the Part 13A approval, a report outlining all monitoring of protected species that was undertaken. The report must include how the results of the monitoring will inform the ongoing management of the fisheries, in particular, an observer program for the fisheries.

Dated this

15th

day of

December

2020

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Laura Keane', is positioned above the title of the signatory.

Delegate of the Minister for the Environment