



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 of the EPBC Act
Queensland Commercial Trawl (Fin Fish) Fishery, August 2020**

I, STEPHEN OXLEY, First Assistant Secretary, Heritage, Reef and Wildlife Trade Division, as Delegate of the Minister for the Environment:

- a) revoke the accreditation of the management regime for the Queensland Commercial Trawl (Fin Fish) Fishery dated 16 August 2011, and
- b) being satisfied that:
 - i) the management regime for the Queensland Commercial Trawl (Fin Fish) Fishery, in force under the Queensland *Fisheries Act 1994*, Fisheries (General) Regulation 2019, Fisheries (Commercial Fisheries) Regulation 2019, Fisheries Declaration 2019, and the Fisheries Quota Declaration 2019, 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 Queensland Commercial Trawl (Fin Fish) Fishery in force under the Queensland *Fisheries Act 1994*, Fisheries (General) Regulation 2019, Fisheries (Commercial Fisheries) Regulation 2019, Fisheries Declaration 2019, and the Fisheries Quota Declaration 2019 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. Accreditation is subject to the conditions specified in Schedule 1.

Dated this 19th day of August 2020

Stephen Oxley
Delegate of the Minister for the Environment

**Conditions for the purposes of Part 13 of the EPBC Act for interactions with protected species
in the Queensland Commercial Trawl (Fin Fish) Fishery - August 2020**

Condition 1

By **30 March 2021** the Queensland Department of Agriculture and Fisheries must provide the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment with a Data Collection and Validation plan. The Plan must include milestones with clear deadlines for implementing an ongoing independent data collection and validation program in the Commercial Trawl (Fin Fish) Fishery as required in Part 13A Condition 5.

Condition 2

By **31 December 2021** the Queensland Department of Agriculture and Fisheries must commence ongoing independent data collection and validation in the Commercial Trawl (Fin Fish) Fishery. The program must:

- a) validate, with a high degree of confidence, target and non-target catch, effort and protected species interaction data collected by fishers.
- b) ensure there is enough fishery dependent and fishery-independent data sources to ensure all stocks impacted by the fishery remain sustainable.

Performance of the program, including comparative analysis of fishery dependent and independent data sources must be included in annual reports provided to the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment (refer Part 13A Condition 3).