



COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999

Accreditation of a Plan of Management for the Purposes of Part 13

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

- The Northern Territory *Spanish Mackerel Fishery Management Plan 2005* in force under the Northern Territory *Fisheries Regulations 1993* and the Northern Territory *Fisheries Act 1988*, requires persons engaged in fishing under the management plan 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 plan 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 Northern Territory *Spanish Mackerel Fishery Management Plan 2005* in force under the Northern Territory *Fisheries Regulations 1993* and the Northern Territory *Fisheries Act 1988*, to the extent that the management regime applies to the Northern Territory Spanish Mackerel 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.

Dated this 6th day of February 2008

.....Andrew McNee.....
Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts