



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 and Heritage, being satisfied that:

- The management regime in force under scientific permits granted under section 33 of the Commonwealth *Fisheries Management Act 1991* for the Bass Strait Central Zone Scallop Fishery scientific surveys, 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 Commonwealth *Fisheries Management Act 1991*, to the extent that the Act applies to the Bass Strait Central Zone Scallop scientific surveys, 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 17th of November 2006

[signed]

.....Andrew McNee.....

Delegate of the Minister for the Environment and Heritage

