



COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999

DECLARATION OF AN APPROVED WILDLIFE TRADE OPERATION

I, ANDREW MCNEE, Assistant Secretary, Marine Environment Branch, as Delegate of the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources, have considered in accordance with section 303FN of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (the EPBC Act) the application from the Queensland Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries (DPI&F), public comments on the proposal as required under section 303FR, and advice on the ecological sustainability of the operation. I am satisfied on those matters specified in section 303FN of the EPBC Act. I hereby declare the operations for the harvesting of specimens that are, or are derived from, fish or invertebrates, other than specimens of species listed under Part 13 of the EPBC Act, taken in the Queensland Gulf of Carpentaria Inshore Finfish Fishery, as defined in the *Queensland Fisheries Regulation 1995* and the *Queensland Fisheries (Gulf of Carpentaria Inshore Fin Fish) Management Plan 1999* in force under the *Queensland Fisheries Act 1994*, to be an approved Wildlife Trade Operation, in accordance with section 303FN (2) and (10)(d), for the purposes of the EPBC Act.

Unless amended or revoked, this declaration:

- a) is valid until 20 August 2009 and;
- b) is subject to the conditions applied under section 303FT specified in the Schedule (dated August 2007).

Dated this 21st day of August 2007

[signed]

Andrew McNee

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Delegate of the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources

Under the *Administrative Appeals Tribunal Act 1975*, a person whose interests are affected by this decision may apply for a statement of reasons and for independent review of the decision. An application for a statement of reason may be made in writing to Department of the Environment and Water Resources within 28 days of the date of the declaration. An application for independent review may be made to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal on payment of the relevant fee within 28 days of the date of the declaration, or if reasons are sought, within 28 days of receipt of reasons. Further information may be obtained from the Director, Sustainable Fisheries Policy and Assessment Section.

SCHEDULE

Declaration of the Harvest Operations of the Queensland Gulf of Carpentaria Inshore Finfish Fishery as an approved Wildlife Trade Operation, August 2007

ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS (section 303FT)

Relating to the harvesting of fish specimens that are, or are derived from, fish or invertebrates, other than specimens of species listed under Part 13 of the EPBC Act, taken in the Queensland Gulf of Carpentaria Inshore Finfish Fishery.

1. Operation of the fishery will be carried out in accordance with the Queensland *Fisheries Regulation 1995* and the Queensland *Fisheries (Gulf of Carpentaria Inshore Fin Fish) Management Plan 1999* in force under the Queensland *Fisheries Act 1994*.
2. The Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries (DPI&F) to inform the Department of the Environment and Water Resources of any intended amendments to the management arrangements that may affect the criteria on which EPBC Act decisions are based.
3. DPI&F to continue to produce and present reports to the Department of Environment and Water Resources annually. Reports to include:
 - a. Information sufficient to allow assessment of the progress of DPI&F in implementing the recommendations made in the Assessment of the Queensland Gulf of Carpentaria Inshore Finfish Fishery 2007; and
 - b. A description of the fishery, management arrangements in place, recent catch data for all sectors of the fishery, status of target stock including performance of the fishery against objectives, performance indicators and measures, interactions with protected species, impacts of the fishery on the ecosystem in which it operates and research and monitoring outcomes.

Information should only be provided on those aspects which are relevant to the fishery and that articulate 'changes' since the last annual report.