



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
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I, PAUL MURPHY, Assistant Secretary, Wildlife Trade and Biosecurity Branch, as Delegate of the Minister for the Environment:

- a) revoke, under subsection 33(3) of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901*, the accreditation of the management plan for the Southern and Eastern Scalefish and Shark Fishery dated 25 February 2013, and,
- b) being satisfied that:
 - i) the management plan for the Southern and Eastern Scalefish and Shark Fishery, in force under the *Fisheries Management Act 1991* and the Fisheries Management Regulations 1992, requires persons engaged in fishing under the management plan to take all reasonable steps to ensure that members of listed threatened species (except a conservation dependent 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 plan for the Southern and Eastern Scalefish and Shark Fishery, in force under the *Fisheries Management Act 1991* and the Fisheries Management Regulations 1992 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 A

AFMA to:

- a) maintain management measures clearly directed toward limiting the impact of fishing activity on Australian sea lions to levels which will assist in enabling the recovery of the species, including all subpopulations
- b) continue to monitor and review the adequacy of its Australian sea lion management measures, in consultation with marine mammal experts.

Condition B

AFMA to continue to collect and report on dolphin interactions, where possible to species level, and continue to refine management measures to minimise the bycatch of dolphins in gillnets. This should include ongoing monitoring and review of these measures, in consultation with marine mammal experts.

Condition C:

AFMA to continue to work with industry and relevant experts to develop and implement management measures to minimise mortality of seals in the Commonwealth Trawl Sector of the fishery.

Condition D:

AFMA to:

- a) ensure efficient and effective Seabird Management Plans remain in place for Commonwealth Trawl Sector and Gillnet Hook and Trap sector automatic longline vessels.
- b) ensure adequate monitoring is in place to ensure compliance with Seabird Management Plans, and
- c) implement management measures to address the risk of interactions with seabirds in the Commonwealth Trawl Sector and for Gillnet Hook and Trap sector automatic longline vessels. This should include implementing bycatch devices and/or offal management measures that have been demonstrated to be highly effective in reducing seabird mortality.

Dated this

22nd

day of

February

2016



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Delegate of the Minister for the Environment