



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 Commonwealth Southern and Eastern Scalefish and Shark Fishery, February 2019

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

- a) revoke the accreditation of the management regime for the Southern and Eastern Scalefish and Shark Fishery dated 22 February 2016, and
- b) being satisfied that:
 - i) the *Southern and Eastern Scalefish and Shark Fishery Management Plan 2003* for the Commonwealth Southern and Eastern Scalefish and Shark Fishery, in force under the *Fisheries Management Act 1991* (Cth) and the *Fisheries Management Regulation 1992* (Cth), 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 *Southern and Eastern Scalefish and Shark Fishery Management Plan 2003* for the Commonwealth Southern and Eastern Scalefish and Shark Fishery in force under the *Fisheries Management Act 1991* (Cth) and the *Fisheries Management Regulation 1992* (Cth) 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:

In relation to Australian Sea Lions, AFMA to continue 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, and
- b) monitor and review the adequacy of its Australian Sea Lion management measures, in consultation with marine mammal experts.

Condition B:

In relation to dolphins, AFMA 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:

In relation to seals, 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:

In relation to seabirds, AFMA to

- a) ensure efficient and effective seabird management plans remain in place for the 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) continue to implement measures such as bycatch devices and/or offal management to address the risk of interactions with seabirds in the Commonwealth Trawl Sector and for Gillnet Hook and Trap sector automatic longline vessels.

Condition E:


In relation to non-target sharks, AFMA to monitor catch and effort data and implement programs to improve the accuracy of identification and recording of all non-target shark species.

Dated this

12th day of

February

2019



Delegate of the Minister for the Environment