



Australian Government

Department of the Environment and Energy

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Dear Mr Richey

I am writing to you as the Delegate of the Minister for the Environment in relation to the reassessment of the Tasmanian Richey Fishing Company – Australian Salmon (the fishery) under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act).

On 4 December 2018, the Department received an application from your company seeking continued export approval for Australian salmon (*Arripis trutta*) harvested in the Tasmanian Scalefish Fishery. The fishery seeks export approval under Part 13 and Part 13A of the EPBC Act. After an initial assessment, the Department requested additional information to further address the Australian Government *Guidelines for the Ecologically Sustainable Management of the Fisheries – 2nd Edition*. A second application that included the requested additional information was received by the Department on 26 January 2019.

The application has been assessed and I have amended the List of Exempt Native Specimens (LENS) to allow export of product from the Fishery until 19 April 2024. The amendment to the LENS includes three recommendations. While there are some environmental risks associated with the harvest of Australian salmon in the Tasmanian Scalefish Fishery, I consider that there are appropriate measures in place to address these issues. Your company and the Department's officials have agreed upon the recommendations found at ([Attachment 1](#)) as issues to be addressed before the next assessment of the fishery.

As the fishery operates within Tasmanian state waters, I have sent a letter to the Secretary of the Tasmanian Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment, Mr John Whittington, for his information.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Gibbs'.

John Gibbs
Delegate of the Minister for the Environment

11 April 2019

Recommendations to the Tasmanian Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment on the ecologically sustainable management of the Tasmanian Richey Fishing Company – Australian Salmon, April 2019

1. Recommendation 1: Operation of the Tasmanian Richey Fishing Company – Australian Salmon will be carried out in accordance with Fisheries (Scalefish) Rules 2015 in force under the Tasmanian *Living Marine Resources Management Act 1995*.
2. Recommendation 2: The Tasmanian Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment to inform the Department of the Environment and Energy of any intended material changes to the Tasmanian Richey Fishing Company – Australian Salmon management arrangements that may affect the assessment against which *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* decisions are made.
3. Recommendation 3: The Tasmanian Richey Fishing Company – Australian Salmon to produce and present reports to the Department of the Environment and Energy annually as per Appendix B of the *Guidelines for the Ecologically Sustainable Management of Fisheries – 2nd Edition*.