



# Australian Government

## Department of the Environment and Energy

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Dear Mr Whittington

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 the fishery 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, we 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.

I consider that the fishery operates in line with the Australian Government *Guidelines for the Ecologically Sustainable Management of Fisheries – 2nd Edition* and meets relevant requirements of the EPBC Act. Given the management arrangements and precautionary measures in place, I wish to advise that I have agreed to amend the List of Exempt Native Specimens (LENS) allowing export until 19 April 2024. The amendment to the LENS includes three recommendations that were agreed by officials from the Department and the fishery as issues to be addressed before the next assessment. These recommendations can be found at [Attachment 1](#).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Gibbs', written over a horizontal line.

John Gibbs  
Delegate of the Minister for the Environment

11 April 2019

**Recommendations to the Tasmanian Department of Primary Industries, Parkes, 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 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*.