



## COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

*Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*

### **Accreditation of a plan of management and declaration pursuant to section 33**

I, ANDREW MCNEE, Assistant Secretary, Marine Environment Branch, as Delegate of the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources, pursuant to subsection 33(3) of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act), hereby accredit the *Western Tuna and Billfish Fishery Management Plan 2005*, as amended by the *Western Tuna and Billfish Fishery Management Plan Amendment 2006 (No. 1)*, in force under the *Commonwealth Fisheries Management Act 1991*, as an accredited management plan at the date of this instrument.

Pursuant to subsection 33(1) of the EPBC Act, I hereby declare that actions taken in a Commonwealth marine area that are approved by the Australian Fisheries Management Authority in accordance with the *Western Tuna and Billfish Fishery Management Plan 2005*, as amended by the *Western Tuna and Billfish Fishery Management Plan Amendment 2006 (No. 1)*, do not require approval under Part 9 of the EPBC Act for the purposes of subsections 23(1), (2) and (3) and subsections 24A(1), (2), (3), (4), (5) and (6) of the EPBC Act.

Dated this 14<sup>th</sup> day of May 2007

.....Andrew McNee.....  
Delegate of the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources