



COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999

DECLARATION OF AN APPROVED WILDLIFE TRADE OPERATION

I, IAN CRESSWELL, Assistant Secretary, Marine Environment Branch, as Delegate of the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts, have considered in accordance with section 303FN of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (the EPBC Act) the application from the Queensland Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries, public comments on the proposal as required under section 303FR, and advice on the ecological sustainability of the operation. I am satisfied on those matters specified in section 303FN of the EPBC Act. I hereby declare the operations for the harvesting of specimens that are, or are derived from, fish or invertebrates, other than specimens of species listed under Part 13 of the EPBC Act, taken in the Queensland East Coast Inshore Finfish Fishery, as described in the Queensland *Fisheries Act 1994* and the *Fisheries Regulation 2008*, to be an approved Wildlife Trade Operation, in accordance with section 303FN (2) and (10)(d), for the purposes of the EPBC Act.

Unless amended or revoked, this declaration:

- a) is valid until 30 November 2008 and;
- b) is subject to the conditions applied under section 303FT specified in the April 2008 Schedule.

Dated this tenth day of April 2008

Ian Cresswell
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Delegate of the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts

Under the *Administrative Appeals Tribunal Act 1975*, a person whose interests are affected by this decision may apply for a statement of reasons and for independent review of the decision. An application for a statement of reason may be made in writing to Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts within 28 days of the date of the declaration. An application for independent review may be made to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal on payment of the relevant fee within 28 days of the date of the declaration, or if reasons are sought, within 28 days of receipt of reasons. Further information may be obtained from the Director, Sustainable Fisheries Section.

SCHEDULE
April 2008

**Declaration of the Harvest Operations of the Queensland East Coast Inshore
Finfish Fishery as an approved Wildlife Trade Operation**

ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS (section 303FT)

Relating to the harvesting of fish specimens that are, or are derived from, fish or invertebrates, other than specimens of species listed under Part 13 of the EPBC Act, taken in the Queensland East Coast Inshore Finfish Fishery.

1. Operation of the fishery will be carried out in accordance with the management regime in force under the Queensland *Fisheries Act 1994* and the *Fisheries Regulation 2008*.
2. The Queensland Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries (QDPI&F) to inform the Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts (DEWHA) of any intended amendments to the management regime or managerial commitments made in the submission that may affect sustainability of the target/by-product species or have a negative impact on the status of bycatch, protected species or the ecosystem.
3. QDPI&F to finalise the development of a formal management regime, including fishery specific objectives, performance measures and criteria and management responses, that addresses the ecological sustainability of target (including byproduct) and bycatch species (including protected species) taken in the East Coast Inshore Finfish Fishery.
4. QDPI&F to conduct the program of stock assessments for species taken in the fishery based on priorities established through a risk assessment analysis.
5. QDPI&F to report on progress in developing the formal management arrangements for the fishery and progress in conducting stock assessments for species considered at risk by 1 November 2008.