



## 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**

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

- a) revoke, under subsection 33(3) of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901*, the accreditation of the management regime for the Queensland Blue Swimmer Crab Fishery dated 12 October 2010, and
- b) being satisfied that:
  - i) the management regime for the Queensland Blue Swimmer Crab Fishery, in force under the *Queensland Fisheries Act 1994* and the *Queensland Fisheries Regulation 2008*, 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 management regime for the Queensland Blue Swimmer Crab Fishery in force under the *Queensland Fisheries Act 1994* and the *Queensland Fisheries Regulation 2008* 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 1:**

The Queensland Department of Agriculture and Fisheries (QDAF), in consultation with crab fishery stakeholders and other government agencies to:

- a) complete a robust evaluation of operational management measures to examine the risk of EPBC Act listed threatened, endangered and protected (TEP) species entanglements with crab pots; and
- b) taking into account the evaluation of management arrangements, implement a suite of management measures to minimise the risk of TEP species entanglement with crab pots. Measures could include spatial and seasonal closures and/or potential gear modifications.

**Condition 2:**

QDAF to work with crab fishery stakeholders, to:

- a) investigate and improve monitoring and reporting of protected species interactions by fishers in the commercial sector; and
- b) implement a system to independently validate commercial fishery interactions with TEP species.

Dated this 12<sup>th</sup> day of October 2015

  
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Delegate of the Minister for the Environment