



**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 of the EPBC Act  
QUEENSLAND BLUE SWIMMER CRAB FISHERY, FEBRUARY 2021**

I, LAURA TIMMINS, Senior Director, Wildlife Trade Office, as Delegate of the Minister for the Environment:

- a) revoke the accreditation of the management regime for the Queensland Blue Swimmer Crab Fishery dated 28 May 2019, and
- b) being satisfied that:
  - i) the management regime for the Queensland Blue Swimmer Crab Fishery, in force under the *Fisheries Act 1994* (Qld), *Fisheries (General) Regulation 2019* (Qld) and *Fisheries (Commercial Fisheries) Regulation 2019* (Qld), 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 *Fisheries Act 1994* (Qld), *Fisheries (General) Regulation 2019* (Qld) and *Fisheries (Commercial Fisheries) Regulation 2019* (Qld) 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 of the EPBC Act:

1. The Queensland Department of Agriculture and Fisheries to:
  - a. Develop risk mitigation strategies for marine turtles by January 2022. Mitigation strategies to be implemented in parallel with the development of a harvest strategy for the fishery.
2. Queensland Department of Agriculture and Fisheries to continue to work with crab fishery stakeholders to:
  - a. Implement the relevant plans under Queensland's Sustainable Fisheries Strategy 2017-2027 to 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 protected species.

Dated this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February 2021



Delegate of the Minister for the Environment