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**Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities**

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Dear Ms Gibson

I am writing to you as Delegate of the Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities in relation to the email of 21 September 2010 from Mr Graeme Rudd regarding proposed management amendments to the *Southern Squid Jig Fishery (SSJF) Management Plan 2005* (SSJF plan).

In the context of current *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) decisions for the Southern Squid Jig Fishery (SSJF), I have considered the Australian Fisheries Management Authority (AFMA) Commission's decision of 21 June 2010 to amend the following parts of the SSJF Plan:

- Section 3 – definitions;
- Paragraph 6(a) - developing fisheries management practices for the SSJF;
- Subsection 7(2) - participating with AFMA in assessment of the SSJF Management Plan;
- Paragraph 11(2)(a) - participating in consultations with AFMA on the determination of the Total Allowable Effort for the SSJF; and
- Paragraph 18(2)(a) - participating in consultations with AFMA on proposed directions for the SSJF.

I note the above amendments reflect changes to the SSJF Plan regarding the transfer of prescribed functions from the Southern Squid Jig Fishery Management Advisory Committee (SquidMAC) to the South East Management Advisory Committee (SEMAC).

Accordingly, I would like to advise you that I am of the view that these proposed management changes are minor. Therefore, in relation to the declaration pursuant to section 33 of the EPBC Act, I have determined that section 36A of the EPBC Act applies to the amendments. I am also of the view that the proposed management changes will not require a reassessment of the fishery under Parts 13 or 13A of the EPBC Act. As such, the inclusion of product derived from the SSJF in the List of Exempt Native Specimens will continue until 30 April 2015.

If you have any queries in relation to the above, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Nathan Hanna, Director, Sustainable Fisheries Section on (02) 6274 1917 or [nathan.hanna@environment.gov.au](mailto:nathan.hanna@environment.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

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