



## 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, TONY BURKE, Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities:

- (a) revoke, under section 33(3) of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901*, the accreditation of the management regime for the West Coast Demersal Gillnet and Demersal Longline [Interim] Managed Fishery dated 24 February 2006, and
- (b) being satisfied that:
- (i) the management regime for the West Coast Demersal Gillnet and Demersal Longline [Interim] Managed Fishery, in force under the Western Australian *Fish Resources Management Act 1994* and the Western Australian Fish Resources Management Regulations 1995, 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 West Coast Demersal Gillnet and Demersal Longline [Interim] Managed Fishery in force under the Western Australian *Fish Resources Management Act 1994* and the Western Australian Fish Resources Management Regulations 1995 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 condition applied under section 303AA:

The Western Australian Department of Fisheries to:

- a) continue monitoring fishing effort around Australian sea lion colonies (on an annual or per breeding cycle basis) and investigate and implement (in consultation with the Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities) management measures to minimise fishery interactions with the species;

- b) independently monitor and validate interaction rates with Australian sea lions when/where fishing effort overlaps with foraging areas, such as through an appropriate study; and
- c) until such time as the population status of Australian sea lions is reliably demonstrated, consider areas that may require closures, or other measures, to safeguard small colonies (producing less than 4-5 pups per cycle) as well as those identified as having potential significant encounterability with fishing gear.


Dated this

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day of

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2012



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Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities