



# Australian Government

## Department of the Environment and Water Resources

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Dear Mr Millington

As Delegate of the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources, I am writing to you regarding the new recommendations negotiated between the Department of the Environment and Heritage (DEW) and the Department of Fisheries Western Australia (DFWA) for the two Western Australian (WA) Temperate Shark Fisheries - the Joint Authority Southern Demersal Gillnet and Demersal Longline Managed Fishery (JASDGDLF) and the West Coast Demersal Gillnet and Demersal Longline [Interim] Managed Fishery (WCDGDLF).

The conditions for the two fisheries remain the same; however, there have been several changes made to the recommendations. Including, a new recommendation on the validation of logbook data, the removal of the recommendation on the development of a strategic research plan and amendments to the recommendation on the review of objectives, performances indicators and measures for target species and protected species interactions.

Please note that the Wildlife Trade Operation (WTO) declaration extensions for these two Western Australian Temperate Shark Fisheries are subject to the conditions and recommendations at **Attachment A**. If any condition is not met, the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources is compelled to revoke the WTO declaration.

I look forward to receiving your confirmation that the conditions and recommendations applying to the JASDGDLF and the WCDGDLF will be implemented, and of progress in meeting the relevant conditions for the fisheries' WTOs. I would also like to take this opportunity to remind you that condition 3 for the two Temperate Shark Fisheries is due by 26 August 2007.

Yours sincerely

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Acting Delegate of the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources

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CC:  
Senator the Hon Eric Abetz  
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**Conditions on the Wildlife Trade Operation Declaration for the Joint Authority Southern Demersal Gillnet and Demersal Longline Managed Fishery (JASDGDLF) and the West Coast Demersal Gillnet and Demersal Longline [Interim] Managed Fishery (WCDGDLF)**

1. Operation of the fishery will be carried out in accordance with the JASDGDLF and WCDGDLF's management regime in force under the *Fish Resources Management Act 1994*;
2. Department of Fisheries, Western Australia (DFWA) to advise the Department of the Environment and Water Resources (DEW) of any material change to the JASDGDLF and the WCDGDLF's legislated management plan and/or arrangements that could affect the criteria on which EPBC decisions are based, within three months of that change being made.
3. DFWA to provide DEW with six monthly reporting on progress with implementing the management arrangements and DEW's conditions and recommendations.

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1. DFWA to monitor compliance with objectives, performance indicators and measures. DFWA to review and if necessary amend fishery specific objectives linked to performance indicators and performance measures for target species, and protected species interactions. Within 3 months of becoming aware that a performance measure has not been met, DFWA will develop appropriate management responses for timely implementation.
2. DFWA to conduct a compliance risk assessment for the JASDGDLF and WCDGDLF, and DFWA to develop compliance strategies for the Fisheries to address these risks.
3. DFWA to ensure that adequate validation of logbook data is undertaken.
4. DFWA to implement, review and if necessary further develop recovery strategies for all overfished target stocks to actively promote their recovery.
5. Where a statistically significant increase in the rate of protected species interactions is identified, DFWA will initiate a management response within 3 months to mitigate the risk of further interactions.
6. DFWA to ensure that recreational, indigenous and illegal harvest are factored into the stock assessment.