



COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999

DECLARATION OF AN APPROVED WILDLIFE TRADE OPERATION

I, TONY BURKE, Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities, have considered in accordance with section 303FN of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) the application from the Western Australian Department of Fisheries, public comments on the proposal as required under section 303FR, and advice on the ecological sustainability of the operation. I am satisfied on those matters specified in section 303FN of the EPBC Act. I hereby declare the operations for the harvesting of specimens that are, or are derived from, fish or invertebrates, other than specimens of species listed under Part 13 of the EPBC Act, taken in the Western Australian Joint Authority Southern Demersal Gillnet and Demersal Longline Managed Fishery, as defined in the management regime for the fishery made under the Western Australian *Fish Resources Management Act 1994*, to be an approved wildlife trade operation, in accordance with subsection 303FN(2) and paragraph 303FN(10)(d), for the purposes of the EPBC Act.

Unless amended or revoked, this declaration:

- a) is valid until 28 August 2015 and;
- b) is subject to the conditions applied under section 303FT specified in the Schedule.

Dated this 30 day of 8 2012

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Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities

SCHEDULE

Declaration of the Harvest Operations of the Western Australian Joint Authority Southern Demersal Gillnet and Demersal Longline Managed Fishery as an approved wildlife trade operation, August 2012

ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS (section 303FT)

Relating to the harvesting of fish specimens that are, or are derived from, fish or invertebrates, other than specimens of species listed under Part 13 of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act), taken in the Western Australian Joint Authority Southern Demersal Gillnet and Demersal Longline Managed Fishery:

1. Operation of the Western Australian Joint Authority Southern Demersal Gillnet and Demersal Longline Managed Fishery will be carried out in accordance with the management arrangements in force under the Western Australian *Fish Resources Management Act 1994*.
2. The Western Australian Department of Fisheries to inform the Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities of any material change to the Western Australian Joint Authority Southern Demersal Gillnet and Demersal Longline Managed Fishery management arrangements that may affect the assessment of the fishery against the criteria on which *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* decisions are based, within three months of that decision being made.
3. The Western Australian Department of Fisheries to produce and present reports to the Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities annually, as per Appendix B to the 'Guidelines for the Ecologically Sustainable Management of Fisheries – 2nd Edition'.
4. The Western Australian Department of Fisheries to continue to:
 - a) review the outcomes of actions taken to rebuild sandbar shark stocks and publicly report these outcomes; and
 - b) continue to develop strategies to ensure the recovery of dusky and sandbar shark stocks to acceptable levels within biologically appropriate timeframes.