



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  
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I, PAUL MURPHY, Assistant Secretary, Wildlife Trade and Biosecurity Branch, as Delegate of the Minister for the Environment:

- a) revoke, under subsection 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 30 August 2012, and the management regime for the Joint Authority Southern Demersal Gillnet and Demersal Longline Managed Fishery dated 30 August 2012
- b) being satisfied that:
  - i) the management regime for the Western Australian West Coast Demersal Gillnet and Demersal Longline [Interim] Managed Fishery and the management regime for the Joint Authority Southern Demersal Gillnet and Demersal Longline Managed Fishery, in force under the Western Australian *Fish Resources Management Act 1994* and Western Australian Fish Resources Management Regulations 1995, require persons engaged in fishing under the management regimes 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 fisheries to which the management regimes relate do not, or are 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 Western Australian West Coast Demersal Gillnet and Demersal Longline [Interim] Managed Fishery and the management regime for the Western Australian Joint Authority Southern Demersal Gillnet and Demersal Longline 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) implement an effective network of gillnet exclusion zones to protect foraging Australian sea lions by no later than mid 2016
- b) continue to monitor and annually review fishing effort within the foraging range of Australian sea lions and report on likely encounters, and
- c) implement further mitigation measures to minimise interactions, should encounter rates increase outside the gillnet exclusion zones.

Dated this 26<sup>th</sup> day of August 2015



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Delegate of the Minister for the Environment