



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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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, August 2018**

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

- a) revoke the accreditation of the West Coast Demersal Gillnet and Demersal Longline Interim Managed Fishery Management Plan 1997 for the Western Australian West Coast Demersal Gillnet and Demersal Longline [Interim] Managed Fishery dated 26 August 2015, and the Joint Authority Southern Gillnet and Longline Limited Entry Fishery Notice 1992 for the Western Australian Joint Authority Southern Demersal Gillnet and Demersal Longline Managed Fishery dated 26 August 2015, and
- b) being satisfied that:
 - i) the West Coast Demersal Gillnet and Demersal Longline Interim Managed Fishery Management Plan 1997 for the Western Australian West Coast Demersal Gillnet and Demersal Longline [Interim] Managed Fishery, and the Joint Authority Southern Gillnet and Longline Limited Entry Fishery Notice 1992 for the Western Australian Joint Authority Southern Demersal Gillnet and Demersal Longline Managed Fishery, in force under the *Fish Resources Management Act 1994* (WA) and the Fish Resources Management Regulations 1995 (WA), 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 West Coast Demersal Gillnet and Demersal Longline Interim Managed Fishery Management Plan 1997 for the Western Australian West Coast Demersal Gillnet and Demersal Longline [Interim] Managed Fishery, and the Joint Authority Southern Gillnet and Longline Limited Entry Fishery Notice 1992 for the Western Australian Joint Authority Southern Demersal Gillnet and Demersal Longline Managed Fishery, in force under the *Fish Resources Management Act 1994* (WA) and the Fish Resources Management Regulations 1995 (WA) 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:

Condition A:

Following the recent implementation of the Australian Sea Lion gillnet exclusion zones, the Western Australian Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development to:

- a) monitor and review the gillnet exclusion zones (and associated spatial effort changes) by 2021.
- b) conduct further research on Australian Sea Lion populations, to obtain more reliable population estimates.

Dated this 22nd day of August 2018



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Delegate of the Minister for the Environment and Energy