



## 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 of the EPBC Act  
Western Australian West Coast Demersal Gillnet and Demersal Longline Interim Managed  
Fishery and Southern Demersal Gillnet and Demersal Longline Managed Fishery,  
AUGUST 2021**

I, LAURA TIMMINS, Senior Director, Wildlife Trade Office, as Delegate of the Minister for the Environment:

- a) revoke the accreditation of the management regime for the West Coast Demersal Gillnet and Demersal Longline [Interim] Managed Fishery and the Joint Authority Southern Demersal Gillnet and Demersal Longline Managed Fishery, dated 22 August 2018, and
- b) being satisfied that:
  - i) the Western Australian West Coast Demersal Gillnet and Demersal Longline Interim Managed Fishery and Southern Demersal Gillnet and Demersal Longline Managed Fishery, in accordance with the management arrangements specified in the *Fish Resources Management Act 1994* (WA), the *Aquatic Resources Management Act 2016* (WA), the Fish Resources Management Regulations 1995 (WA), the West Coast Demersal Gillnet and Demersal Longline Interim Managed Fishery Management Plan 1997 and the Southern Demersal Gillnet and Longline Management Plan 2018, requires persons engaged in fishing under the management regime to take all reasonable steps to ensure that members of eligible 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 regimes for the Western Australian West Coast Demersal Gillnet and Demersal Longline Interim Managed Fishery and Southern Demersal Gillnet and Demersal Longline Managed Fishery, in accordance with the management arrangements specified in the *Fish Resources Management Act 1994* (WA), the *Aquatic Resources Management Act 2016* (WA), the Fish Resources Management Regulations 1995 (WA), the West Coast Demersal Gillnet and Demersal Longline Interim Managed Fishery Management Plan 1997 and the Southern Demersal Gillnet and Longline Management Plan 2018, 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 conditions applied under section 303AA:

**Condition A:**

The Western Australian Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development to develop and implement an independent data collection and validation program in the Western Australian West Coast Demersal Gillnet and Demersal Longline Interim Managed Fishery and Southern Demersal Gillnet and Demersal Longline Managed Fishery by February 2024. This may involve the use of electronic monitoring, onboard observers or other means. The information collected must be sufficient to reliably demonstrate the accuracy of all reported catch, effort and protected species interaction data collected via logbooks.

**Condition B:**

By December 2021 the Western Australian Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development must publish an ecological risk assessment of the Western Australian West Coast Demersal Gillnet and Demersal Longline Interim Managed Fishery and Southern Demersal Gillnet and Demersal Longline Managed Fishery, which considers the impacts of the fisheries on all target and non-target species, habitats and other ecological processes.

**Condition C:**

The Western Australian Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development must develop, review and implement ecological risk mitigation measures to address any significant risks identified in the ecological risk assessment for the Western Australian West Coast Demersal Gillnet and Demersal Longline Interim Managed Fishery and Southern Demersal Gillnet and Demersal Longline Managed Fishery.

Dated this 20<sup>th</sup> day of August 2021



Delegate of the Minister for the Environment