



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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Commonwealth Northern Prawn Fishery, January 2019**

I, VERONICA BLAZELY, Acting Assistant Secretary, Wildlife Trade and Biosecurity Branch,
as Delegate of the Minister for the Environment:

- a) revoke the accreditation of the *Northern Prawn Fishery Management Plan 1995* dated 20 December 2013, and
- b) being satisfied that:
 - i) the *Northern Prawn Fishery Management Plan 1995*, in force under the *Fisheries Management Act 1991* (Cth) and the *Fisheries Management Regulation 1992* (Cth), requires persons engaged in fishing under the management plan 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 plan 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 *Northern Prawn Fishery Management Plan 1995*, in force under the *Fisheries Management Act 1991* (Cth) and the *Fisheries Management Regulation 1992* (Cth) 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 Australian Fisheries Management Authority to:

- A. ensure there is sufficient ongoing monitoring (electronic or human) to evaluate the nature and level of impacts of fishing on EPBC Act protected species.
- B. ensure that interactions with species of sawfish and sea snakes are minimised by facilitating research and monitoring programs that contribute to:
 - i. understanding the unique characteristics of sawfish and sea snake interactions with the fishing gear,
 - ii. understanding the population dynamics, including size and structure of sawfish species populations that occur within the fishing area, and

- iii. implementing appropriate mitigation measures that aim to increase the survival of sawfish and sea snake species.
- C. develop an education program or materials that improve the accurate identification of sawfish and sea snake species.

Dated this 9 day of January 2019

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "A. Blazely", is centered within a rectangular area with a light gray halftone dot pattern.

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Delegate of the Minister for the Environment