



COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999

Accreditation of a Plan of Management for the Purposes of Part 13

I, ANDREW MCNEE, Assistant Secretary, Marine Environment Branch, as Delegate of the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources, being satisfied that:

- The management regime for the Northern Territory Offshore Net and Line Fishery in force under the Northern Territory *Fisheries Regulations* and the Northern Territory *Fisheries Act 1988*, to the extent that the management regime is a plan of management for the Northern Territory Offshore Net and Line Fishery, 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
- The fishery to which the management regime relates does not, or is not likely to, adversely affect:
 - the survival or recovery in nature of any listed threatened species; or
 - the conservation status of a listed migratory species, cetacean, or listed marine species or a population of that species,

hereby accredit the Northern Territory *Fisheries Regulations* and the Northern Territory *Fisheries Act 1988*, to the extent that the Regulations and Act apply to the Northern Territory Offshore Net and Line Fishery, pursuant to 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 of Part 13 of the EPBC Act.

Unless amended or revoked, this accreditation is subjected to the following condition applied under section 303AA:

1. Within three years, the Department of Primary Industry, Fisheries and Mines to prohibit the retention of all EPBC Act listed Chondrichthyan species in the Northern Territory Offshore Net and Line Fishery.

Dated this 28th day of November 2007

.....Andrew McNee.....
Delegate of the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources