



**COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA**

*Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*

**DECLARATION OF AN APPROVED WILDLIFE TRADE OPERATION**

I, ANDREW MCNEE, Assistant Secretary, Marine Environment Branch, as Delegate of the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources, have considered in accordance with section 303FN of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (the EPBC Act) the application from the Northern Territory Department of Primary Industry, Fisheries and Mines (DPIFM), public comments on the proposal as required under section 303FR, and advice on the ecological sustainability of the operation. I am satisfied on those matters specified in section 303FN of the EPBC Act. I hereby declare the operations for the harvesting of specimens that are, or are derived from, fish or invertebrates, other than specimens of species listed under Part 13 of the EPBC Act, taken in the Northern Territory Offshore Net and Line Fishery, as defined in the Northern Territory *Fisheries Regulations* and the Northern Territory *Fisheries Act 1988*, to be an approved Wildlife Trade Operation, in accordance with section 303FN (2) and (10)(d), for the purposes of the EPBC Act.

Unless amended or revoked, this declaration:

- a) is valid until 28 November 2010 and;
- b) is subject to the conditions applied under section 303FT specified in the Schedule (dated November 2007).

Dated this 28<sup>th</sup> day of November 2007

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

Under the *Administrative Appeals Tribunal Act 1975*, a person whose interests are affected by this decision may apply for a statement of reasons and for independent review of the decision. An application for a statement of reason may be made in writing to Department of the Environment and Water Resources within 28 days of the date of the declaration. An application for independent review may be made to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal on payment of the relevant fee within 28 days of the date of the declaration, or if reasons are sought, within 28 days of receipt of reasons. Further information may be obtained from the Director, Sustainable Fisheries Policy and Assessment Section.

## SCHEDULE

### **Declaration of the Harvest Operations of the Northern Territory (NT) Offshore Net and Line Fishery as an approved Wildlife Trade Operation, November 2007**

#### **ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS (section 303FT)**

Relating to the harvesting of fish specimens that are, or are derived from, fish or invertebrates, other than specimens of species listed under Part 13 of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act), taken in the NT Offshore Net and Line Fishery.

1. Operation of the NT Offshore Net and Line Fishery will be carried out in accordance with the management regime in force under the NT *Fisheries Regulations* and the NT *Fisheries Act 1988*.
2. The NT Department of Primary Industry, Fisheries and Mines (DPIFM) to advise the Department of the Environment and Water Resources (DEW) of any intended change to the NT Offshore Net and Line Fishery management arrangements that could affect the criteria on which EPBC Act decisions are based.
3. DPIFM to produce and present reports to DEW annually as per Appendix B to the *Guidelines for the Ecologically Sustainable Management of Fisheries - 2nd Edition*.