



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.
Commonwealth Southern and Eastern Scalefish and Shark Fishery, February 2022**

I, ADAM SINCOCK, Principal Director, Wildlife Trade Office, as Delegate of the Minister for the Environment:

- a) revoke the accreditation of the management regime for the Commonwealth Southern and Eastern Scalefish and Shark Fishery dated 12 February 2019, and
- b) being satisfied that:
 - i) the management regime for the Commonwealth Southern and Eastern Scalefish and Shark Fishery in force under the:
 - *Fisheries Management Act 1991* (Cth)
 - Fisheries Regulations 2019 (Cth)
 - Southern and Eastern Scalefish and Shark Management Plan 2003,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 management regime for the Commonwealth Southern and Eastern Scalefish and Shark Fishery in force under the:

- *Fisheries Management Act 1991* (Cth)
- Fisheries Regulations 2019 (Cth)
- Southern and Eastern Scalefish and Shark Management Plan 2003,

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.

This accreditation is subject to the following conditions under section 303AA of the EPBC Act:

Part 13 Condition A

The Australian Fisheries Management Authority must:

- a) continue to maintain management measures clearly directed toward limiting the impact of fishing activity on Australian Sea Lions to levels which will help enable the recovery of the species, including all sub-populations
- b) continue to monitor and review the Australian Sea Lion Management Strategy, including the adequacy of the management measures, consistent with the review framework in the Strategy, in consultation with marine mammal experts.

Part 13 Condition B

The Australian Fisheries Management Authority must:

- a) collect and report data on dolphin interactions, where possible to species level, and continue to refine management measures to minimise the bycatch of dolphins in gillnets
- b) continue to monitor and review the Gillnet Dolphin Mitigation Strategy, including the adequacy of the management measures, consistent with the review framework in the Strategy, in consultation with marine mammal experts.

Part 13 Condition C

The Australian Fisheries Management Authority must:


- c) continue to work with industry and relevant experts to develop and implement management measures to minimise mortality of seals in the Commonwealth Trawl Sector of the fishery
- d) by 12 August 2024, develop a seal mitigation strategy in an effort to minimise seal interactions. The strategy should be developed in consultation with marine mammal experts.

Part 13 Condition D

The Australian Fisheries Management Authority must:

- a) continue to ensure efficient and effective seabird management plans remain in place for the Commonwealth Trawl Sector and Gillnet Hook and Trap sector automatic longline vessels
- b) ensure adequate monitoring is in place to ensure compliance with seabird management plans
- c) continue to work with industry and relevant experts to develop and implement management measures to minimise mortality of seabirds in the Commonwealth Trawl Sector and for Gillnet Hook and Trap sector automatic longline vessels.

Dated this 11th day of February 2022



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Delegate of the Minister for the Environment