



COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999

DECLARATION OF AN APPROVED WILDLIFE TRADE OPERATION

I, TONY BURKE, Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities, have considered in accordance with section 303FN of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) the application from the Western Australian Department of Fisheries 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 Western Australian West Coast Rock Lobster Managed Fishery as defined in the management plan in force under the Western Australian *Fish Resources Management Act 1994* and the Western Australian Fish Resources Management Regulations 1995, to be an approved wildlife trade operation, in accordance with subsection 303FN(2) and paragraph 303FN(10)(d), for the purposes of the EPBC Act.

Unless amended or revoked, this declaration:

- a) is valid until 28 May 2015 and;
- b) is subject to the conditions applied under section 303FT specified in the Schedule.

Dated this 28 day of May 2013

.....Tony Burke.....
Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities

SCHEDULE

Declaration of the Harvest Operations of the Western Australian West Coast Rock Lobster Managed Fishery as an approved wildlife trade operation, May 2013

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 Western Australian West Coast Rock Lobster Managed Fishery:

1. Operation of the fishery will be carried out in accordance with the West Coast Rock Lobster Managed Fishery management regime made under the Western Australian *Fish Resources Management Act 1994*.
2. The Western Australian Department of Fisheries to advise the department of any intended material change to the West Coast Rock Lobster Managed Fishery legislated management plan and arrangements that may affect the assessment against which *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* decisions are made.
3. The Western Australian Department of Fisheries, in its Annual State of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Report, to report on the performance of the fishery against performance measures that relate to the sustainability of the fishery.