EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act, 1999

Amendment of the List of Exempt Native Specimens in accordance with Section 303DC

Section 303DB of the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (the EPBC Act) provides for the establishment of a list of exempt native specimens. Specimens included on the list are exempt from the trade control provisions that apply to regulated native specimens.

The effect of this instrument is to delete from the list of exempt native specimens the following specimens and any associated notations:

- Specimens that are or are derived from fish or invertebrates, other than specimens that belong to species listed under Part 13 of the EPBC Act, taken in the Joint Authority Northern Shark Fishery.

The rationale for the deletion was to update the list of exempt native specimens to reflect the revocation of the Wildlife Trade Operation declaration for the Joint Authority Northern Shark Fishery on 11 April 2008. The revocation of the Wildlife Trade Operation declaration means that export of product from the fishery is no longer permitted.

In accordance with section 303DC(3) of the EPBC Act, consultation was undertaken with the following Ministers of the Commonwealth and of each State and self-governing Territory: the Hon Tony Burke MP, Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry and the Hon Jon Ford JP MLC, Western Australia Minister for Fisheries.

Consultation was also undertaken in accordance with section 303DC(3)(c) of the EPBC Act. This extended to the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry and the Department of Fisheries, Western Australia.

This instrument is a legislative instrument for the purposes of the Legislative Instruments Act 2003.

The instrument commenced on the day after it was registered on the Federal Register of Legislative Instruments.

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