I, JOSH FRYDENBERG, Minister for the Environment and Energy, have considered in accordance with section 303FN of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) the application from the Australian Fisheries Management Authority, 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 Commonwealth Southern Bluefin Tuna Fishery, as defined in the management regime for the fishery made under the Commonwealth *Fisheries Management Act 1991* and the Fisheries Management Regulations 1992, 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 13 December 2019 and;

b) is subject to the conditions applied under section 303FT specified in the Schedule.

Dated this 12 day of December 2016

Josh Frydenberg
Minister for the Environment and Energy
SCHEDULE

Declaration of the Harvest Operations of the Commonwealth Southern Bluefin Tuna Fishery as an approved wildlife trade operation, December 2016

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 Commonwealth Southern Bluefin Tuna Fishery:

**Condition 1:**
Operation of the Commonwealth Southern Bluefin Tuna Fishery will be carried out in accordance with the Southern Bluefin Tuna Fishery Management Plan 1995 in force under the **Fisheries Management Act 1991.**

**Condition 2:**
The Australian Fisheries Management Authority to inform the Department of the Environment and Energy of any intended material changes to the Commonwealth Southern Bluefin Tuna Fishery management arrangements that may affect the assessment against which Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 decisions are made.

**Condition 3:**
The Australian Fisheries Management Authority to produce and present reports to the Department of the Environment and Energy annually as per Appendix B of the Guidelines for the Ecologically Sustainable Management of Fisheries - 2nd Edition.

**Condition 4:**
The management arrangements for the Commonwealth Southern Bluefin Tuna Fishery to implement catch monitoring technologies which provide a high degree of confidence in the estimates of southern bluefin tuna catch in the purse seine sector.

**Condition 5:**
The management arrangements for the Commonwealth Southern Bluefin Tuna Fishery to begin accounting for Australia’s attributable (commercial, Indigenous and recreational fishing sector) southern bluefin tuna catch as soon as possible, and at least by 2018.

**Condition 6:**
The management arrangements for the Commonwealth Southern Bluefin Tuna Fishery to continue to implement all relevant measures agreed by the Commission for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna in the Commonwealth Southern Bluefin Tuna Fishery, to the extent that these are within the remit of AFMA, to support the recovery of the southern bluefin tuna stock to ecologically sustainable levels.