



*Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*

**DECLARATION OF AN APPROVED WILDLIFE TRADE OPERATION –  
WESTERN AUSTRALIAN PILBARA FISH TRAWL INTERIM MANAGED  
FISHERY, JANUARY 2024**

I, JESSICA HOEY, A/Branch Head, Ocean and Wildlife, as Delegate of the Minister for the Environment and Water, hereby vary under paragraph 303FT(7)(b) of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) the declaration of an approved wildlife trade operation dated 21 August 2021 for the Western Australian Pilbara Fish Trawl Interim Managed Fishery, as defined in the management regime in force under the *Fish Resources Management Act 1994* (WA), Fish Resources Management Regulations 1995 (WA), and the Pilbara Trawl Interim Managed Fishery Management Plan 1997, such that the conditions specified in the Schedule to that declaration are varied as follows:

In Condition 5, delete the words

“By December 2022 the Western Australian Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development must publish an ecological risk assessment of the Western Australian Pilbara Fish Trawl Interim Managed Fishery, which considers the impacts of the fishery on all target and non-target species, habitats and other ecological processes.”

and replace with the words

“By February 2024, the Western Australian Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development must report to the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water on progress towards the ecological risk assessment for the North Coast Demersal Scalefish Resource. The report must provide information on the interim ecological risk mitigation measures being taken to minimise the impact of the fishery on all target and non-target species and habitats. The report must include a description of progress towards development and implementation of a rebuilding strategy for depleted or overfished stocks.”

Delete Condition 6.

Dated this 4th day of January 2024

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Delegate of the Minister for the Environment and Water

Notes:

1. 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 reasons may be made in writing to the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water 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, Wildlife Trade Assessments Section, Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water, Email: [sustainablefisheries@environment.gov.au](mailto:sustainablefisheries@environment.gov.au).