

##### **Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999**

**DECLARATION OF AN APPROVED WILDLIFE TRADE OPERATION – NORTHERN TERRITORY OFFSHORE NET AND LINE FISHERY, MARCH 2024**

I, BELINDA JAGO, Branch Head, Ocean and Wildlife Branch, as Delegate of the Minister for the Environment, 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 15 November 2023 for the Northern Territory Offshore Net and Line Fishery as defined in the management regime in force under the *Fisheries Act 1988* (NT) and Fisheries Regulations 1992 (NT)*,* such that the conditions specified in the Schedule to that declaration are varied as follows:

Replace the following condition:

**Condition 7**

By 27 June 2024, the Northern Territory Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade must provide an updated Ecological Risk Assessment to the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water that considers all species interacted with by the Offshore Net and Line Fishery.

With the following amended condition:

**Condition 7**

By 28 September 2024, the Northern Territory Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade must provide an updated Ecological Risk Assessment to the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water that considers all species interacted with by the Offshore Net and Line Fishery.

Dated this 7th day of March 2024

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Delegate of the Minister for the Environment

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, Sustainable Fisheries Section, Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water, Email: sustainablefisheries@dcceew.gov.au.

2. Australia’s obligations under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) are met through Part 13A of the EPBC Act. Specimens of species listed in Appendix II of Australia’s CITES list under section 303CA of the EPBC Act may only be exported, under a CITES export permit issued under the EPBC Act, if Australia’s CITES Scientific Authority has issued a non-detriment finding for that species. Further information, including a list of species for which non detriment findings have been issued and the fisheries from which they may be sourced, is available from https://www.dcceew.gov.au/environment/wildlife-trade/publications.