

## COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

**Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999** 

## DECLARATION OF AN APPROVED WILDLIFE TRADE OPERATION – COMMONWEALTH WESTERN TUNA AND BILLFISH FISHERY, NOVEMBER 2019

I, NATHAN SIBLEY, Acting Assistant Secretary, Environment Approvals and Wildlife Trade Branch, as Delegate of the Minister for the Environment, have considered in accordance with section 303FN of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) the application from the Australia 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, taken in the Commonwealth Western Tuna and Billfish Fishery as defined in the management regime in force under the *Fisheries Management Act 1991* (Cth), but not including

- (a) specimens that belong to taxa listed under section 209 of the EPBC Act (Australia's List of Migratory Species), or
- (b) specimens that belong to taxa listed under section 248 of the EPBC Act (Australia's List of Marine Species), or
- (c) specimens that belong to eligible listed threatened species, as defined under section 303BC of the EPBC Act, or
- (d) specimens that belong to taxa listed under section 303CA of the EPBC Act (Australia's CITES List).

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 11 November 2022 and;
- b) is subject to the conditions applied under section 303FT specified in the Schedule.

Dated this

15th day of

November 2019

## SIGNED

......Nathan Sibley..... Delegate of the Minister for the Environment

A person whose interests are affected by this declaration may, within 28 days, make an application in writing to the Department of the Environment and Energy for the reasons for the decision.

An application for independent review of the decision (under section 303GJ(1) of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*) may be made to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT), on payment of the