



Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999

**DECLARATION OF AN APPROVED WILDLIFE TRADE OPERATION –
QUEENSLAND EAST COAST INSHORE FIN FISH FISHERY, DECEMBER 2018**

I, PAUL MURPHY, Assistant Secretary, Wildlife Trade and Biosecurity 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 26 September 2018, for the Queensland East Coast Inshore Fin Fish Fishery as defined in the management regime in force under the *Queensland Fisheries Act 1994* and the Queensland Fisheries Regulations 2008, such that the condition specified in the Schedule to that declaration is varied as follows:

In Condition 1, delete the words:

“1. Unless otherwise amended or revoked, this declaration is valid until 14 December 2018, to allow for the Department’s assessment of the fishery, for a longer term wildlife trade operation approval period, to be finalised.”

and replace with the words:

“1. Unless otherwise amended or revoked, this declaration is valid until 28 February 2019, to allow for the Department’s assessment of the fishery, for a longer term wildlife trade operation approval period, to be finalised.”

In Condition 5, delete the words:

“5. The Queensland Department of Agriculture and Fisheries to continue to develop a strategy for the harvest of key fish and shark species taken in the Queensland East Coast Inshore Fin Fish Fishery in consultation with relevant experts and stakeholders. The strategy should include decision rules and reference points that trigger management actions to ensure catch limits remain ecologically sustainable. Performance against this strategy to be included in annual reports specified at Condition 3.”

and replace with the words:

“5. The Queensland Department of Agriculture and Fisheries to continue to develop a strategy for the harvest of key fish and shark species taken in the Queensland East Coast Inshore Fin Fish Fishery in consultation with relevant experts and stakeholders. The strategy should include decision rules and reference points that trigger management actions to ensure catch limits remain ecologically sustainable. Performance against this strategy to be included in annual reports specified at Condition 4.”

In Condition 6, delete the words:

“6. The Queensland Department of Agriculture and Fisheries to continue to develop an improved data collection and validation approach that supports the strategy outlined in Condition 4, and facilitates monitoring and management of all target, bycatch and protected species impacted by the fishery.”

and replace with the words:

“6. The Queensland Department of Agriculture and Fisheries to continue to develop an improved data collection and validation approach that supports the strategy outlined in Condition 5, and facilitates monitoring and management of all target, bycatch and protected species impacted by the fishery.”