



COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999

DECLARATION OF AN APPROVED WILDLIFE TRADE OPERATION

I, ANDREW MCNEE, Acting First Assistant Secretary, Marine Division, as Delegate of the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts, have considered in accordance with section 303FN of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) the application from the Queensland Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries, 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 in the family Syngnathidae taken from Queensland state waters, in the Queensland Marine Aquarium Fish Fishery, as defined in the management arrangements for the fishery, made under the Queensland *Fisheries Act 1994* and the Queensland *Fisheries Regulation 2008* 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 25 November 2011 and;
- b) is subject to the conditions applied under section 303FT specified in the Schedule dated November 2008.

Dated this 21st day of November 2008

[signed]

.....Andrew McNee.....

Delegate of the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts

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 reason may be made in writing to Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts 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.

SCHEDULE

Declaration of the Harvest Operations of the Queensland Marine Aquarium Fish Fishery as an approved Wildlife Trade Operation November 2008

ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS (section 303FT)

Relating to the harvesting of specimens in the family Syngnathidae taken in Queensland state waters, in the Queensland Marine Aquarium Fish Fishery (MAFF), as defined in the management arrangements for the fishery made under the Queensland *Fisheries Act 1994* and the Queensland *Fisheries Regulation 2008*.

1. Operation of the fishery will be carried out in accordance with the MAFF management arrangements in force under the Queensland *Fisheries Act 1994* and the Queensland *Fisheries Regulations 2008*.
2. The Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries (DPI&F) to inform the Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts (DEWHA) of any intended amendments to the management arrangements that may affect the assessment of the MAFF against the criteria on which *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) decisions are based.
3. DPI&F to produce and present reports to DEWHA annually as per Appendix B to the *Guidelines for the Ecologically Sustainable Management of Fisheries 2nd Edition*.
4. DPI&F to consult with DEWHA prior to a change to the management arrangements for a species listed under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora or EPBC Act listed species being implemented.