



COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999

DECLARATION OF AN APPROVED WILDLIFE TRADE OPERATION

I, ANDREW MCNEE, Assistant Secretary, Marine Environment Branch, as Delegate of the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources, have considered in accordance with section 303FN of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (the EPBC Act) the application from the Fisheries Victoria Division of the Department of Primary Industries, 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 *Catostylus mosaicus* taken in the Victorian Developmental Jellyfish Fishery, as defined in the management regime for the fishery, made under the *Victorian Fisheries Act 1995*, to be an approved Wildlife Trade Operation, in accordance with section 303FN (2) and (10)(d), for the purposes of the EPBC Act.

Unless amended or revoked, this declaration:

- a) is valid until 10 April 2010; and
- b) is subject to the conditions applied under section 303FT specified in the April 2007 Schedule.

Dated this 10th day of April 2007

.....Andrew McNee.....
Delegate of the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources

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 and Water Resources 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 Policy and Assessment Section.

SCHEDULE

Declaration of the Harvest Operations of the Victorian Developmental Jellyfish Fishery as an approved Wildlife Trade Operation, April 2007

ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS (section 303FT)

Relating to the harvesting of fish specimens that are, or are derived from, fish or invertebrates, other than specimens of species listed under Part 13 of the EPBC Act, taken in the Victorian Developmental Jellyfish Fishery, as defined in the management regime for the fishery, made under the Victorian *Fisheries Act 1995*.

1. Operation of the fishery will be carried out in accordance with the management regime for the fishery in force under the Victorian *Fisheries Act 1995*.
2. Fisheries Victoria to inform the Department of the Environment and Water Resources of any material change to the Victorian Developmental Jellyfish Fishery management arrangements that could affect the criteria on which the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* decisions are based, within three months of any change being made.
3. Reports to be produced and presented to the Australian Government Department of the Environment and Water Resources annually, and to include:
 - a. a description of the status of the fishery, catch and effort information and the total allowable catch setting process and outcomes of that process;
 - b. the performance of the fishery against stated goals, objectives, strategies and reference points;
 - c. research undertaken or completed relevant to the fishery; and
 - d. an outline of progress in implementing the recommendations made in the *Assessment of the Victorian Developmental Jellyfish Fishery 2007*.