



Australian Government
Department of the Environment

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Dear Mr Sloan,

I am writing to you with regards to the South Australian Sardine Fishery and its assessment under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act).

On 5 November 2014 you contacted me seeking an update on the assessment of the fishery. As you are aware, product derived from the fishery is currently included in the list of exempt native specimens until 27 November 2014.

I am pleased to advise that given the management arrangements currently in place for the fishery, the Delegate of the Minister for the Environment has decided to amend the list of exempt native specimens to allow ongoing export of product from the South Australian Sardine Fishery for a period of 12 months, until 27 November 2015, during which time the Department will complete its assessment. I have attached for your information the signed list of exempt native specimens variation instrument, which will be gazetted and registered on the Federal Register of Legislative Instruments, and placed on the Department's web site.

The South Australian Sardine Fishery was most recently accredited under Part 13 of the EPBC Act in November 2009. This accreditation is unaffected and remains in place. While this accreditation remains in place, it ensures that individual fishers operating in accordance with the current management regime are not required to seek permits if they are at risk of killing or injuring listed species in Commonwealth waters.

If you have any further queries regarding the export approval for this fishery, please contact me on 02 6274 1917.

Yours sincerely

Nathan Hanna
Director
Sustainable Fisheries Section

13 November 2014



COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999

Amendment of List of Exempt Native Specimens

I, ILSE KIESSLING, A/g Assistant Secretary, Wildlife Trade and Biosecurity Branch, as Delegate of the Minister for the Environment, pursuant to subsection 303DC(1) of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act), hereby amend the list of exempt native specimens established under section 303DB of the EPBC Act by revoking the conditions to which the inclusion of the following item in the list on 27 November 2009 is subject:

- specimens that are or are derived from fish or invertebrates; other than specimens that belong to species listed under Part 13 of the EPBC Act, taken in the South Australian Sardine Fishery, as defined in the *Management Plan for South Australian Pilchard Fishery 2005*, in force under the *South Australian Fisheries Management Act 2007*, the *Fisheries Management (General) Regulations 2007*, and the *Fisheries Management (Marine Scalefish Fisheries) Regulations 2007*.

and imposing the following conditions to which inclusion of the specimens in the list is subject:

- the specimen, or the fish or invertebrate from which it is derived, was taken lawfully, and
- the specimens are included in the list until 27 November 2015.

Dated this 11 day of Nov. 2014


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Delegate of the Minister for the Environment