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SUBJECT: PRELIMINARY Report #3 -- 2006 Pacific Whiting Fishery

This report consolidates preliminary state, federal, and tribal data for the 2006 Pacific whiting fishery. Due to concerns about the incidental catch of overfished species, bycatch limits are in place for canary (4.7 mt) and widow rockfish (200 mt) taken in the non-tribal sectors of the fishery. If either bycatch limit is reached, the primary whiting seasons for the non-tribal fisheries will end regardless of the amount of whiting allocation remaining.

| | Allocation | | Whiting Catch* (mt) | Overfished Species and Chinook salmon catch | Thru [date] | Status | Percent of allocation taken |
|---|--|----------------|---------------------|--|-------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | Percentages | Metric Tons | | | | | |
| California (south of 42 N lat.) | (5% shore alloc'n; included in WOC shore allocation) | 4,873 | 5,241 | | 5/25 | started 4/1, closed 1800 5/25 | 107.5% |
| Oregon | -- | NA | 0 | | | | |
| Washington | -- | NA | 0 | | | | |
| WOC shore-based | 42% commercial OY | 97,469 | 5,241 | Canary - 0.00 mt Widow -3.38 mt Darkblotched - 2.12 mt Chinook # 210 | -- | starts 6/15 | 5.3% |
| Mothership (n. of 42 N. lat.) | 24% commercial OY | 55,696 | 35,896 | Canary - 0.55 mt Widow - 64.47 mt Darkblotched - 3.94 mt Chinook # 546 | 6/8 | started 5/15 | 64.4% |
| Catcher/processor (n. of 42 N. lat.) | 34% commercial OY | 78,903 | 23,207 | Canary - 0.07 mt Widow - 27.80 mt Darkblotched - 0.91 mt Chinook - #108 | 6/8 | started 5/15 | 29.4% |
| Total nontribal | commercial OY | 232,069 | 64,344 | Canary - 0.62 mt Widow - 95.65 mt Darkblotched - 6.97 mt Chinook - # 864 | -- | -- | 27.7% |
| Tribal (Makah) | | 35,000 | 175 | Canary - 0.00 mt Widow - 0.00 mt Darkblotched - 0.00 mt Chinook - #173 | | | 0.5% |
| Total directed fishing | | 267,069 | 64,519 | Canary - 0.62 mt Widow - 95.65 mt Darkblotched - 6.97 -mt Chinook - # 1,037 | -- | | 24.1% |

* Catch includes: discards from at-sea processors; weigh-backs from shore-based vessels; and catch landed under trip limits prior to the season. The values for at-sea processing sectors are based on NMFS observer data. Data for shore-based vessels were provided by the States. Data for the at-sea processing portion of the Makah fishery are based on preliminary NMFS observers data and shore-based catch was provided by tribal samplers. All weights are in metric ton (2,204.6 pounds).