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SUBJECT: PRELIMINARY Report #6 -- 2007 Pacific Whiting Fishery

This report consolidates preliminary state, federal, and tribal data for the 2007 Pacific whiting fishery. Due to concerns about the incidental catch of overfished species, bycatch limits are in place for canary (4.7 mt), darkblotched rockfish (23 mt) and widow rockfish (220 mt) taken in the non-tribal sectors of the fishery. The non-tribal fisheries were closed on July 26 because the widow rockfish bycatch limit had been reached.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Allocation</th>
<th>Percentages</th>
<th>Metric Tons</th>
<th>Whiting Catch* (mt)</th>
<th>Overfished Species and Chinook salmon catch</th>
<th>Thru [date]</th>
<th>Status</th>
<th>Percent of allocation taken</th>
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<tr>
<td>California</td>
<td>(5% shore alloc'n; included in WOC shore allocation)</td>
<td>4,370</td>
<td>2,967</td>
<td>Canary = 2.01 mt Widow = 90.27 mt Darkblotched = 0.80 mt Chinook # 2,400</td>
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<td>started 4/1</td>
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<td>Oregon</td>
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<td>NA</td>
<td>41,347</td>
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<td>Washington</td>
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<td>NA</td>
<td>23,583</td>
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<td><strong>WOC shore-based</strong></td>
<td>42% commercial OY</td>
<td><strong>87,398</strong></td>
<td><strong>67,897</strong></td>
<td>Canary = 1.62 mt Widow = 72.99 mt Darkblotched = 6.73 mt Chinook # 589</td>
<td>7/26</td>
<td>coastwide started 6/15, ended 7/26</td>
<td>77.7%</td>
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<td><strong>Mothership</strong></td>
<td>24% commercial OY</td>
<td><strong>49,942</strong></td>
<td><strong>47,809</strong></td>
<td>Canary = 0.35 mt Widow = 71.74 mt Darkblotched = 5.25 mt Chinook # 434</td>
<td>7/26</td>
<td>started 5/15, ended 7/26</td>
<td>95.7%</td>
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<td><strong>Catcher/processor</strong></td>
<td>34% commercial OY</td>
<td><strong>70,751</strong></td>
<td><strong>42,330</strong></td>
<td>Canary = 3.98 mt Widow = 235.00 mt Darkblotched = 12.79 mt Chinook # 3,423</td>
<td>7/26</td>
<td>started 5/15, ended 7/26</td>
<td>59.8%</td>
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<td><strong>Total nontribal</strong></td>
<td>commercial OY</td>
<td><strong>208,091</strong></td>
<td><strong>158,036</strong></td>
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<td>76.0%</td>
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<td><strong>Tribal (Makah)</strong></td>
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<td>Canary = 0.55 mt Widow = 1.88 mt Darkblotched = 0.00 mt Chinook # 1,179</td>
<td>9/2</td>
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<td>33.8%</td>
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<td><strong>Total directed fishing</strong></td>
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<td><strong>240,591</strong></td>
<td><strong>169,006</strong></td>
<td>Canary = 4.53 mt Widow = 236.88 mt Darkblotched = 12.79 mt Chinook # 4,607</td>
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<td>70.2%</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td>OY=optimum yield</td>
<td><strong>242,591</strong></td>
<td><strong>169,006</strong></td>
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* Catch includes: discards from at-sea processors; weigh-backs from shore-based vessels; catch landed under trip limits prior to the season, and estimated bycatch from non-EFP vessels. 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 observer data and shore-based catch was provided by tribal samplers. All weights are in metric ton (2,204.6 pounds).