

GROUND FISH ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON FINAL ACTION TO IMPLEMENT
2015 PACIFIC WHITING FISHERY UNDER THE U.S.-CANADA
PACIFIC WHITING AGREEMENT

The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) was briefed about the 2015 Total Allowable Catch (TAC) determination by the U.S./Canada Whiting Agreement Joint Management Committee (JMC). The JMC process addressed issues relevant to setting the 2015 TAC and reached a consensus recommendation, which was forwarded to the Parties for implementation. The GAP is pleased that once again the JMC provided a consensus recommendation.

Council action is required to establish a set-aside amount for incidental catches of whiting in non-whiting fisheries and catches in research surveys. The GAP recommends 1,500 metric tons be established as the 2015 set-aside to accommodate research and incidental catch. From data provided to the GAP ([Agenda Item E.9 Attachment 2: Table 1. Estimates of Pacific whiting mortality from 2007-2013 for Research and the Pink Shrimp Fishery](#)), this amount is sufficient to cover research and incidental catches.

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