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## NOTICE OF PACIFIC SARDINE DIRECTED FISHING CLOSURE

This notice announces that through rulemaking in the *Federal Register* the directed harvest/fishing of Pacific sardine off the coasts of Washington, Oregon and California will be closed effective 12:01 AM, Thursday morning, July 22, 2010. Fishing vessels with Pacific sardine on board taken in the directed harvest fishery must be at shore/dock and in the process of offloading at the time of closure.

After the effective time of the closure until September 15, 2010, Pacific sardine may only be caught/landed (i) as part of the live bait fishery, or (ii) when caught incidental to other species/fisheries, with incidental harvest constrained by a 30-percent by weight of all fish per trip.

This action is necessary because the directed harvest allocation total for the second seasonal period (July 1 - September 14) has been reached.

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