

IMPLEMENT THE 2014 PACIFIC WHITING FISHERY UNDER THE U.S.-CANADA
PACIFIC WHITING AGREEMENT

A new stock assessment for Pacific whiting has been conducted (Agenda Item C.5.a, Attachment 1), reviewed, and used for decision-making in the international whiting treaty process. The Joint Management Committee (JMC) met on March 18-20 to formalize their recommendations on the 2014 coastwide total allowable catch for Pacific whiting. Mr. Phil Anderson and Mr. Frank Lockhart will brief the Council on the JMC's recommendations.

The Council should consider the estimated mortality of Pacific whiting in 2007-2012 research activities and in historical pink shrimp fisheries (Agenda Item C.5.a, Attachment 2) before deciding how much Pacific whiting yield to set aside for 2014. The Council should consider advisory body and public comment before deciding on any actions necessary regarding the 2014 U.S. annual catch limit for Pacific whiting and other associated issues.

Council Action:

- 1. Determine yield set-asides of whiting to accommodate 2014 research activities and incidental catch in the pink shrimp fishery.**
- 2. Consider any other necessary action for implementation of the 2014 Pacific whiting fishery.**

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item C.5.a, Attachment 1: Executive Summary of Status of the Pacific Hake (Whiting) Stock in U.S. and Canadian Waters in 2014 with a Management Strategy Evaluation. (*Full Version Available on Briefing Book Website and CD Only*).
2. Agenda Item C.5.a, Attachment 2: Table 1. Estimates of Pacific whiting mortality from 2007-2012 for Research and the Pink Shrimp Fishery.

Agenda Order:

- a. Agenda Item Overview
- b. Joint Management Committee Report
- c. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
- d. Public Comment
- e. **Council Action:** Consider any Necessary Action for Implementation of the 2014 Pacific Whiting Fishery

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