

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2013 PACIFIC WHITING FISHERY UNDER THE U.S.-
CANADA PACIFIC WHITING AGREEMENT

A new stock assessment for Pacific whiting has been conducted (Agenda Item D.4.a, Attachment 1), reviewed, and used for decision-making in the international whiting treaty process. The Joint Management Committee (JMC) met on March 18-19 to formalize their recommendations on the 2013 coastwide total allowable catch for Pacific whiting (Agenda Item D.4.b, JMC Report). Mr. Phil Anderson and Mr. Frank Lockhart will brief the Council on the JMC's recommendations.

The Council should consider advisory body and public comment before deciding on any actions necessary regarding the 2013 U.S. annual catch limit for Pacific whiting and other associated issues.

Council Action:

- 1. Consider any necessary action for implementation of the 2013 Pacific whiting fishery.**

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item D.4.a, Attachment 1: Executive Summary of Status of the Pacific hake (Whiting) stock in U.S. and Canadian Waters in 2013. (*Full Version Available on Briefing Book Website and CD Only*).
2. Agenda Item D.4.b, JMC Report: March 19, 2013 Letter from the Joint Management Committee detailing their recommendations on the 2013 total allowable catch of Pacific whiting.

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 2013 Pacific Whiting Fishery

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