

JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Agreement Between The Government Of The United States Of America And The Government Of Canada On Pacific Hake/Whiting

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Dear Ms. Farlinger and Mr. Stelle:

The Joint Management Committee (JMC) established under the *Agreement Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Canada on Pacific Hake/Whiting* (the Agreement) met in Lynwood, Washington on Monday and Tuesday, March 18-19, 2013. The primary purpose of the meeting was to develop recommendations to the Parties on: 1) the coastwide hake/whiting total allowable catch (TAC) for 2013; 2) each Party's national hake/whiting TAC, including any adjustments (uncaught TAC from the 2012 year to be carried forward to the 2013 year) allowed by the Agreement; and 3) operational and research measures for the proper care and management of the hake/whiting resource.

Recommendation on Coastwide Hake/Whiting TAC and each Party's National TAC

Consistent with Article II 3.(e) of the Agreement, and after reviewing the advice of the Joint Technical Committee (JTC), the Scientific Review Group (SRG), and the Advisory Panel (AP), the JMC recommends a coastwide TAC of 336,200 metric tons (mt). Based on Article III 2. of the Agreement, the Canadian share of the coastwide TAC is 26.12 percent, or 87,815 mt, and the U.S. share is 73.88 percent, or 248,385 mt. Consistent with Article II 5.(b) of the Agreement, an adjustment (carryover from 2012) of 7,552 mt is added to the Canadian share, for an adjusted Canadian TAC of 95,367. In the same manner, an adjustment of 21,360 mt is added to the United States share, for an adjusted United States TAC of 269,745 mt. This results in a coastwide adjusted TAC of 365,112 mt for 2013.

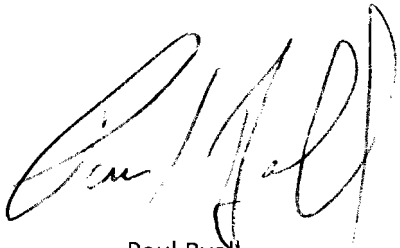
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Additional Recommendations

The JMC recommends establishment of an interim working group made up of scientists, fishery managers, and stakeholders to consider the JTC and SRG recommendations in developing a draft workplan for further consideration by the JMC in May, 2013. This workplan will include further consideration and development of the Management Strategy Evaluation (MSE) process for consideration at the next meeting of the JMC, scheduled for May 22, 2013.

Thank you for your consideration of these recommendations. Additional information, including a summary of the meeting, will be forthcoming.



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