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SUBJECT: PRELIMINARY Report #1-- 1999 Pacific Whiting Fishery--End of Mothership Season

This report consolidates preliminary state, federal, and tribal data for the 1999 Pacific whiting fishery off Washington, Oregon, and California. The catcher/processor and nontribal mothership fishery started on May 15. The nontribal mothership fishery closed at 9 p.m., Wednesday, June 2 when the 47,900- mt allocation was projected to be reached. The Makah tribal mothership fishery started shortly thereafter, on June 6, 1999, and the shore-based fishery started on June 15. As in 1998, the catcher/processor fishery for whiting continues at a slower pace, due in part to the industry's cooperative agreement to divide the allocation amongst themselves, eliminating the need to compete with more vessels at a faster pace. As of June 17, 1999, only 3 catcher/processors were operating in the fishery, down from 6 that operated earlier in the season.

	Allocation		Catch (mt)	Thru [date]	Status	Percent of allocation taken
	Percentages	Metric Tons				
California (south of 42 N lat.)	(5% shore alloc'n; included in WOC shore allocation)	4,190	82	5/28	CA season started April 1; 5% alloc'n was not reached before WA, OR started 6/15/99	2.0%
Oregon	--	NA	0	6/14	start 6/15	
Washington	--	NA	0	6/14	start 6/15	
WOC shoreside	42% commercial HG	83,800	82	6/14		0.1%
Mothership (n. of 42 N. lat.)	24% commercial HG	47,900	47,315	6/2	closed 2100 hrs Jun2; (started 0001 hrs 5/15/99)	98.8%
Catcher/processor (n. of 42 N. lat.)	34% commercial HG	67,800	44,823	6/17	started 0001 hrs May 15	66.1%
Total nontribal	commercial HG (86% HG)	199,500	92,220	--	--	46.2%
Tribal (Makah)	14% HG	32,500	2,039	6/14	started Jun 6	6.3%
Total	HG (= harvest guideline)	232,000	94,259	--	--	40.6%

* Catch includes discards from at-sea processors; weigh-backs from shore-based catcher vessels; and small amounts landed under the 10,000-pound trip limit between the seasons. The data for at-sea processing (catcher/processors and motherships) are preliminary and are based on reports from NMFS-certified observers. Data for shoreside processors also are preliminary and are provided by each State to NMFS for the purpose of monitoring the fishery. If you have questions on shoreside landings, please contact the appropriate state fishery management agency. Preliminary data for the Makah fishery will be from a NMFS-trained observer. All weights are round weight (the weight of the whole fish before processing) or round-weight equivalents. One metric ton is 2,204.6 pounds.

