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This report consolidates preliminary state, federal, and tribal data for the 2000 Pacific whiting fishery off Washington, Oregon, and California.

	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-based allocation)	4,190	4,985 (4,109)	9/15 (6/8)	Started 0001 hours April 1; 5% alloc'n taken 6/8/00. Per trip limit in effect from 1200 6/8/00 to 0001 hours 6/15/00	98.1%
Oregon	--	NA	68,613	9/15	Started 0001 hours 6/15. Per trip limit resumed 1800 9/15	
Washington	--	NA	11,967	9/15	Started 0001 hours 6/15. Per trip limit resumed 1800 9/15	
WOC shoreside	42% commercial OY	83,790	85,565			102.1%
Mothership (north of 42 N. lat.)	24% commercial OY	47,880	46,840	6/9	Started 0001 hours 5/15/00, closed 1600 6/9/00	97.8%
Catcher/processor (north of 42 N. lat.)	34% commercial OY	67,830	63,871	10/19	Started 0001 hours 5/15/00	94.2%
Total non-tribal	Commercial OY is 86% of the OY	199,500	196,276	--	--	98.4%
Tribal (Makah)	14% OY	32,500	6,251	9/19	Started 6/10	19.2%
Total	OY=optimum yeild	232,000	202,527	--	--	87.3%

* Catch includes discards from at-sea processors; weigh-backs from shore-based catcher vessels; and small amounts landed under the 20,000-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-trained 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 (s). All weights are round weight (the weight of the whole fish before processing) or round-weight equivalents. One metric ton is 2,204.62 pounds.

