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This report consolidates preliminary state, federal, and tribal data for the 2001 Pacific whiting fishery off Washington, Oregon, and California. The catcher/processor and mothership fisheries started on May 15. The shore-based season in most of the Eureka area (between 42°- 40°30' N. lat.) began on April 1, the fishery south of 40° 30' N. lat. opened April 15, and the primary shore-based fishery north of 42° N. lat. began on June 15. The primary season for the shore-based sector ended at noon August 21 and per-trip limits have been reimposed.

On August 31, 2001 NMFS received notification from the tribal fishery participants indicating that 10,000 metric tons (mt) of the tribal allocation was not expected to be harvested before the end of the fishing year. As a result, NMFS intends on reapportioning the 10,000 mt of surplus whiting from the tribal allocation to the catcher/processor, mothership, and shore-based sectors. This reapportionment will be disbursed in the same proportions as each sector's allotted portion of the commercial OY.

	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)	3,421	2,305	8/21	CA season started 4/1, 5% alloc'n, per-trip limits resume 1200 8/21	
Oregon	--	NA	50,412	8/21	started 0001 hrs 6/15, per-trip limits resume 1200 8/21	
Washington	--	NA	14,757	8/21	started 0001 hrs 6/15, per-trip limits resume 1200 8/21	
WOC shoreside	42% commercial OY	68,418	67,474			98.6%
Mothership (n. of 42 N. lat.)	24% commercial OY	39,096	35,823	7/15	started 0001 hrs 5/15	91.6%
Catcher/processor (n. of 42 N. lat.)	34% commercial OY	55,386	35,827	9/6	started 0001 hrs 5/15	64.7%
Total nontribal	commercial OY (86% OY)	162,900	139,124		--	85.4%
Tribal (Makah)	14% OY	27,500	0	9/6		0.0%
Total	OY=optimum yield	190,400	139,124		--	73.1%

\* 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-certified observers. Data for shoreside processors also are preliminary and are provided by each State to NMFS for the purpose of monitoring the fishery. 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.

