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 SUBJECT: PRELIMINARY Report #6 -- 2003 Pacific Whiting Fishery

This report consolidates preliminary state, federal, and tribal data for the 2003 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 allocation) | 2,545 | 1,731 | 8/23 | CA season started April 1; 5% alloc'n | |
| Oregon | -- | NA | 36,576 | 8/23 | | |
| Washington | -- | NA | 12,901 | 8/23 | | |
| WOC shoreside | 42% commercial OY | 50,904 | 51,208 | | started 0001 hrs 6/15/03 ended noon 7/14/03 | 100.5% |
| Mothership (n. of 42° N. lat.) | 24% commercial OY | 29,088 | 26,021 | 6/7 | started 0001 hrs 5/15/03 | 89.4% |
| Catcher/processor (n. of 42° N. lat.) | 34% commercial OY | 41,208 | 27,999 | 9/1 | started 0001 hrs 5/15/03 | 67.9% |
| Total nontribal | the commercial OY is 82% of the total catch OY | 121,200 | 105,228 | | -- | 86.8% |
| Tribal (Makah) | 17% of the total catch OY | 25,000 | 22,274 | 9/1 | started 6/13/03 | 89.0% |
| Total directed fishing | | 146,200 | 127,502 | | | 87.2% |
| Other (research & incidental catch in non- groundfish fisheries) | 1% of the total catch OY | 2,000 | unknown at this time | | | |
| Total | OY=optimum yield | 148,200 | 127,502 | -- | -- | 86.0% |

* Catch includes discards from at-sea processors; weigh-backs from shore-based catcher vessels; and small amounts landed under the 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 is from NMFS-trained observers and shore-based samplers. 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.