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SUBJECT: PRELIMINARY Report #9 -- 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 of Primary season	Percent of allocation taken
	Percentages	Metric Tons				
California (south of 42° N lat.)	(5% shore alloc'n; included in WOC shore allocation)	2,545	1,741	9/13	CA season started April 1; 5% alloc'n	
Oregon	--	NA	36,576	9/13		
Washington	--	NA	12,901	9/13		
<b>WOC shoreside</b>	42% commercial OY	<b>50,904</b>	51,218		started 0001 hrs 6/15/03 ended noon 7/14/03	100.6%
<b>Mothership</b> (n. of 42° N. lat.)	24% commercial OY	<b>29,088</b>	26,021	6/7	started 0001 hrs 5/15/03	89.5%
<b>Catcher/processor</b> (n. of 42° N. lat.)	34% commercial OY	<b>41,208</b>	41,210	10/24	started 0001 hrs 5/15/03 ended noon 10/24/03	100.0%
Total nontribal	the commercial OY is 82% of the total catch OY	121,200	118,449		--	97.7%
<b>Tribal (Makah)</b>	17% of the total catch OY	<b>25,000</b>	22,274	9/1	started 6/13/03	89.1%
Total directed fishing		146,200	140,723			96.3%
<b>Other</b> (research & incidental catch in non- groundfish fisheries)	1% of the total catch OY	<b>2,000</b>	unknown at this time			
Total	OY=optimum yield	148,200	140,723	--	--	95.0%

\* 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.