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This report consolidates preliminary state, federal, and tribal data for the 2004 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) | 4,526 | 4,589 | -- | CA season began April 1; temporary closure from May 22 to June 15 | |
| Oregon | -- | NA | 58,637 | -- | | |
| Washington | -- | NA | 25,659 | -- | | |
| WOC shore-based | 42% commercial OY | 90,510 | 88,885 | 8/14 | Began June 15; ended 1600 August 14 | 98.2% |
| Mothership (n. of 42 N. lat.) | 24% commercial OY | 51,720 | 24,102 | 6/12 | Began May 15 | 46.6% |
| Catcher/processor (n. of 42 N. lat.) | 34% commercial OY | 73,270 | 41,269 | 9/7 | Began May 15 | 56.0% |
| Total nontribal | commercial OY | 215,500 | 154,256 | -- | -- | 71.6% |
| Tribal (Makah) | | 32,500 | 28,648 | 8/15 | Began May 20 | |
| Total directed fishing | | 248,000 | 182,904 | -- | -- | 73.8% |
| Other (research & incidental catch in non- groundfish fisheries) | | 2,000 | unknown at this time | | | -- |
| Total | OY=optimum yield | 250,000 | -- | -- | -- | -- |

* 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-trained observers. Data for shore-based 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 are from NMFS-trained observers or state fish tickets. 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.

