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Motion for Groundfish E.3:

A Maximized Retention and Monitoring Program for the Pacific Whiting
Shoreside Fishery

Adopt Alternative 4 (EMS and Catch Monitors) as presented in the draft EA
(Agenda Item E.3.b, Attachment 3) Table 2.1 with the following amendments:

1. Third-party shoreside catch monitors (trained by or to NMFS specifications) responsible for all shoreside observation, species composition, fish ticket verification, biological sampling and all other duties and responsibilities defined in the EA for the combination of Data Compliance Monitors, Industry Samplers and Port Biologists.
2. The initial shoreside sampling level will be determined by using the current level of program funding for shoreside observation to hire catch monitors. Evaluation of the appropriateness of this level to be conducted using the initial data collected via the program.
3. Overages will be reported on fish ticket and abandon to the state. Prohibited species will be donated. State enforcement will track compliance (status quo).

ODFW Monitoring Program Alternatives for the Pacific Whiting Shoreside Fishery

Issues	ODFW Preferred Alternative
Management structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement Federal regulations • Maximized retention • Whiting OY may be fully available with fleetwide bycatch limits for overfished species • With high coverage level, may be adequate to support sector bycatch limits. • NMFS coordinates and oversees monitoring program
Federal permits and endorsements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vessels required to have limited entry permit with trawl endorsement • Annual whiting endorsement to identify intent to fish
Recordkeeping and reporting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When fully developed, (as early as 2008) require electronic logbooks • Processors - Daily electronic fish ticket submission requirements. Required in 2007 under related action, may be revised as needed by this action
Monitoring shore-based catcher vessels at-sea	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EMS used to monitor maximized retention at sea. Full coverage of all trips • Retain current authority to place WCGOP observers • NMFS funds EMS analysis • Vessels procure EMS service from permitted provider
Monitoring shoreside processors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Third-party shoreside catch monitors (trained by or to NMFS specifications) and identify them to be responsible for all shoreside observation responsibilities • The initial shoreside sampling level will be determined by using the current level of industry funding to hire third-party catch monitors • Evaluation of the appropriateness of this level to be conducted using the initial data collected via the program.
Disposition of Overage Fish	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overages reported on fish tickets • Overage fish abandoned to state • Prohibited species donated • State enforcement tracks compliance