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Mr. Donald K. Hansen, Chairman  
Pacific Fishery Management Council  
7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 200  
Portland, OR 97220-1384

Dear Chairman Hansen:

The West Coast Seafood Processors Association, on behalf of a number of long-time shore-based Pacific whiting processors, forwards the following proposed options for analysis within the whiting cooperative proposal of the Council's trawl rationalization EIS.

These options represent the consensus request of Ocean Beauty Seafoods, Ocean Gold Seafoods, Pacific Seafood Group, Point Adams Packing Co., and Trident Seafoods.

Under the section "Co-op Formation and Structure" in the shore-based whiting co-op plan being proposed for analysis, we ask that you consider the following vessel-plant linkage options in place of "DATE RANGE TO BE DETERMINED":

1. The single year 2001
2. The single year 2000
3. The range of years from 2000 to 2003, inclusive

Based on our examination of available landing records, we believe that this range of options for determining co-op linkage between permit holders and co-op qualified processors, best represents the status quo of processing operations within the window period specified by the Council in the draft whiting cooperative proposal.

We request that the Council adopt these options for inclusion in the analysis going forward. Please contact me at 503-220-0780 should you or staff have any questions regarding these options.

Sincerely,

Kent Craford

cc: Mid-Water Trawlers Cooperative