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SUBJECT: PRELIMINARY Report #6 -- 2007 Pacific Whiting Fishery

This report consolidates preliminary state, federal, and tribal data for the 2007 Pacific whiting fishery. Due to concerns about the incidental catch of overfished species, bycatch limits are in place for canary (4.7 mt), darkblotched rockfish (25 mt) and widow rockfish (220 mt) taken in the non-tribal sectors of the fishery. The non-tribal fisheries were closed on July 26 because the widow rockfish bycatch limit had been reached.

	Allocation		Whiting Catch* (mt)	Overfished Species and Chinook salmon catch	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)	4,370	2,967			started 4/1	
Oregon	--	NA	41,347				
Washington	--	NA	23,583				
WOC shore-based	42% commercial OY	87,398	67,897	Canary - 2.01 mt Widow - 90.27 mt Darkblotched - 0.80 mt Chinook # 2,400	7/26	coastwide started 6/15, ended 7/26	77.7%
Mothership (n. of 42 N. lat.)	24% commercial OY	49,942	47,809	Canary - 1.62 mt Widow - 72.99 mt Darkblotched - 6.73 mt Chinook # 589	7/26	started 5/15, ended 7/26	95.7%
Catcher/processor (n. of 42 N. lat.)	34% commercial OY	70,751	42,330	Canary - 0.35 mt Widow - 71.74 mt Darkblotched - 5.25 mt Chinook # 434	7/26	started 5/15, ended 7/26	59.8%
Total nontribal	commercial OY	208,091	158,036	Canary - 3.98 mt Widow - 235.00 mt Darkblotched - 12.79 mt Chinook - # 3,423	--	--	76.0%
Tribal (Makah)		32,500	10,970	Canary - 0.55 mt Widow - 1.88 mt Darkblotched - 0.00 mt Chinook # 1,179	9/2		33.8%
Total directed fishing		240,591	169,006	Canary - 4.53 mt Widow - 236.88 mt Darkblotched - 12.79 mt Chinook # 4,607	--		70.2%
Total	OY=optimum yield	242,591	169,006		--	--	--

* Catch includes: discards from at-sea processors; weigh-backs from shore-based vessels; catch landed under trip limits prior to the season, and estimated bycatch from non-EFP vessels. The values for at-sea processing sectors are based on NMFS observer data. Data for shore-based vessels were provided by the States. Data for the at-sea processing portion of the Makah fishery are based on preliminary NMFS observer data and shore-based catch was provided by tribal samplers. All weights are in metric ton (2,204.6 pounds).