

WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE (WDFW) REPORT ON  
FMP AMENDMENT 20 – TRAWL RATIONALIZATION – COMMUNITY FISHERY  
ASSOCIATION (CFA) AND MISCELLANEOUS CLARIFICATION ISSUES

With regard to the three miscellaneous trawl rationalization issues relating to the whiting fishery, the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife would like to offer the following clarifications:

- 1. Dropping the same two years** – The intent of the motions adopted in November 2008 was such that permit holders participating in the shoreside and mothership whiting fisheries could select two different sets of years to drop. The public testimony provided in November favored this approach as requiring the same set of years be dropped could cause a permit holder to select catch history in one sector over the other. **For clarification, the intent was for permit holders to have the ability to select different sets of years.**
- 2. Whiting rollover** – The intent of the motion adopted by the Council was to not have a rollover of unused whiting. By not adopting the option that allowed a rollover, we thought that a rollover would not be allowed. We understand the confusion surrounding this point as Council staff points out that under status quo, rollover is allowed. **For clarification, the intent had been to not allow a rollover for whiting.**
- 3. Buffers** – The motion adopted by the Council specified that a sector's fishery would close upon projected attainment (rather than actual attainment) of its whiting or one or more of its bycatch limits; therefore, we did not think that a buffer for the non-co-op fishery was necessary. We agree with Council staff's interpretation of how this issue is to be addressed. **For clarification, the intent of the motion in November was to not have buffers for the non-co-op segment of the mothership fishery.**