

PACIFIC WHITING UTILIZATION IN THE AT-SEA SECTORS

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) continues to prioritize efforts to address under attainment of fishery resources allocated to the Mothership (MS) sector of the Pacific whiting fishery. At the [March 2021 meeting](#), the Council adopted a purpose and need statement, and a range of alternatives for public review. At the September meeting, the Council is scheduled to adopt a range of alternatives and potentially select a preliminary preferred alternative for further analysis. In support of this action, Council staff has provided a draft analysis for the proposed range of alternatives (Agenda Item C.3, Attachment 1).

The Council discussed timing of this action and managing workload for completion of the analysis at previous meetings; therefore, the Council tentatively scheduled the selection of a final preferred alternative for the March 2022 Council meeting.

Council Action:

Adopt a Range of Alternatives and a Preliminary Preferred Alternative, as Appropriate.

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item C.3, Attachment 1: Draft Analytical Document for Pacific Whiting Utilization in the At-Sea Sectors (***Electronic Only***).
2. If Received, Public Comments are Electronic Only ([see e-portal](#)).

Agenda Order:

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- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
- b. Public Comment
- c. **Council Action:** Adopt a Range of Alternatives and a Preliminary Preferred Alternative, as Appropriate