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Pacific hake (whiting). Photo by Sandy Parker-Stetter, NOAA Fisheries.

NMFS announces a virtual meeting to present the results of research studies conducted on seabird cable strikes in the West Coast at-sea Pacific whiting fishery. Seabirds congregate around trawlers to feed on offal, putting them at risk of colliding with cables (trawl warps and data cables) that run aft of at-sea factory trawlers (referred to as catcher/processors). Research projects observing seabird cable strikes and other interactions, as well as testing of mitigation measures, have been conducted in the West Coast at-sea whiting fishery. NMFS will present results from these studies to inform a discussion of their application to management.

The virtual meeting will be held on December 10, 2021, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Pacific Standard Time (or until business is concluded). Instructions for attending the meeting will be provided on the web at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/species/west-coast-groundfish> and through a public notice to be emailed out to the West Coast Groundfish Listserv. Sign up to receive West Coast Groundfish public notices at <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/USNOAAFISHERIES/subscriber/new>. After entering your contact information, check the boxes for the "Groundfish" and/or "Pacific Whiting" topics under "West Coast Updates".

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Contact Keeley Kent, Groundfish Branch Chief, at (206) 247-8252 or keeley.kent@noaa.gov.

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