

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2022 PACIFIC WHITING FISHERY UNDER THE
U.S./CANADA AGREEMENT

A new [stock assessment](#) for Pacific whiting has been conducted and endorsed by the [Scientific Review Group](#) in the U.S./Canada Pacific Whiting Treaty Process. The 2022 whiting assessment indicates the median estimate of the 2022 relative spawning biomass (depletion) is 65 percent. The median relative spawning biomass has progressively declined since 2019 due to the aging of large cohorts (2010, 2014, and 2016) and relatively high catches.

The Joint Management Committee (JMC) met March 1-3 to formalize their recommendations on the 2022 coastwide (U.S. and Canada combined) total allowable catch (TAC) for Pacific whiting. They recommended a coastwide TAC of 545,000 mt for 2022. Mr. Phil Anderson or Mr. Frank Lockhart will brief the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) on the JMC process this year.

The Council should consider advisory body and public comment before deciding on any actions necessary regarding the 2022 U.S. annual catch limit for Pacific whiting and other associated issues.

Council Action:

Consider any other necessary action for implementation of the 2022 Pacific whiting fishery.

Reference Materials:

1. If received, Public Comments are electronic only ([see e-portal](#)).

Agenda Order:

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| | John DeVore |
| a. Joint Management Committee Report | Phil Anderson/Frank Lockhart |
| b. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies | |
| c. Public Comment | |
| d. Council Action: Consider Necessary Actions for Implementing the 2022 Pacific Whiting Fishery | |