

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2023 PACIFIC WHITING FISHERY UNDER THE
U.S./CANADA AGREEMENT

Pacific whiting is a transboundary species. It is managed jointly by Canada and the United States through the [Pacific Hake/Whiting Treaty](#) (Treaty). Under this agreement Canada has a right to 26.12 percent of the overall total allowable catch (TAC) and the United States has a right to 73.88 percent. The treaty process, in brief, initiates with an annual assessment of the Pacific whiting resource by a [Joint Technical Committee](#), which is completed by January. The assessment is reviewed by the [Scientific Review Group](#) in February or March. A [Joint Management Committee](#) (JMC) and [Advisory Panel \(AP\)](#), consisting of US and Canadian government and industry representatives, meets shortly thereafter to review the assessment and provide advice to their respective governments. Mr. Frank Lockhart and Mr. Phil Anderson are part of this process.

The JMC/AP will meet February 28 – March 2 to formalize their recommendations on the 2023 coastwide (U.S. and Canada combined) TAC for Pacific whiting. Their recommendations were not available as of the printing of the March 2023 Briefing Book. Mr. Lockhart and Mr. Anderson are expected to inform the Pacific Council on the JMC/AP outcomes at this meeting.

Council Action:

Consider any other necessary action for implementation of the 2023 Pacific whiting fishery.

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item F.2, Attachment 1: Status of the Pacific Hake (whiting) stock in U.S. and Canadian waters in 2023. [DRAFT SUBMISSION 1/27/2023 \(Electronic Only\)](#).
2. If received, Public Comments are electronic only ([see e-portal](#)).

Agenda Order:

- F.2 Implementation of the 2023 Pacific Whiting Fishery Under the U.S./Canada Agreement
- a. Joint Management Committee Report Todd Phillips
 - b. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies Phil Anderson/Frank Lockhart
 - c. Public Comment
 - d. **Council Action:** Consider Necessary Actions for Implementing the 2023 Pacific Whiting Fishery