

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2018 PACIFIC WHITING FISHERY UNDER THE
U.S./CANADA AGREEMENT

A new stock assessment for Pacific whiting has been conducted and, by the start of this Council agenda item, will be reviewed, and possibly recommended for decision-making in the international whiting treaty process (the assessment review is scheduled for February 26-March 1, 2018). The Joint Management Committee (JMC) will meet March 5-7, 2018 to formalize their recommendations on the 2018 coastwide total allowable catch for Pacific whiting. Mr. Phil Anderson will brief the Council on the JMC's recommendations.

The Council should consider advisory body and public comment before deciding on any actions necessary regarding the 2018 U.S. annual catch limit for Pacific whiting and other associated issues.

Council Action:

- 1. Consider any other necessary action for implementation of the 2018 Pacific whiting fishery.**

Reference Materials:

None.

Agenda Order:

H.3 Implementation of the 2018 Pacific Whiting Fishery Under the U.S./Canada Agreement

- Joint Management Committee Report
- Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
- Public Comment
- Council Action:** Consider Necessary Actions for Implementing the 2018 Pacific Whiting Fishery

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