

## **US Canada Whiting Treaty**

### **October 22, 2012 Advisory Panel U.S. Delegation Minutes**

A meeting of the U.S. Delegation of the Advisory Panel to the U.S. Canada Whiting Treaty was held on October 22, 2012 at 1300 hours.

Roll Call:

Joe Bersch, Mike Okoniewski and Richard Carroll attended in person at the United Catcher Boat office in Seattle, WA. Tom Libby and Dave Jincks attended by teleconference.

Members of the public, Dave Smith, Dan Waldeck, Kelly Ames and Heather Mann also attended by teleconference.

The Agenda consisted of two items:

1. Update on JTC and SRG Appointments
2. Treaty Implications Associated with the Implementation of U.S. Domestic Carryover Provisions

The Agenda was approved.

#### **1. Update on JTC and SRG Appointments**

Chairman Bersch gave the AP Members an update on the status of the Parties' appointment of the AP nominated positions on the JTC and the SRG. A meeting was held with Frank Lockhart, Paul Ryall, Barry Ackerman, Michelle McLure and AP Co-chairs Dave Dawson and Joe Bersch on October 19. Canada reported that they have received a total of \$7500 to put towards the appointments. The U.S. Government has agreed to provide JTC and SRG Members reimbursement for travel and a stipend to attend meetings, but cannot pay anything for work outside of the meetings. They can pay travel only for Public Advisors to the SRG. These amounts will be consistent with what was paid to CIE reviewers in 2012. The AP Co-chairs voiced their disappointment with this level of funding and reiterated

that the Treaty made it clear that these individuals are to be full participants in the Treaty process. As such, it is an obligation of the Parties to provide adequate funds and resources to allow for this.

Frank Lockhart suggested that it would be appropriate for the AP Co-Chairs to write representatives of their Governments asking for such funding to be made available so as to insure these Members' full participation in all aspects of the science and management processes as specified by the Treaty.

The AP requested that Joe follow-up with Frank Lockhart for contact information such that the AP can write a letter as appropriate. The AP also requested that Joe follow up with Michelle McClure to inquire about who was interested in serving.

## **2. Treaty Implications Associated with the Implementation of U.S. Domestic Carryover Provisions**

The AP Members reviewed November 2012 PFMC Council Agenda Item I.5.a, Attachment 8- Whiting Carryover.

Discussion ensued regarding the interplay between the Treaty TAC setting process and the domestic management of the adjusted or unadjusted TAC in the U.S. and Canada. It was agreed that how the U.S. or Canada managed their individual portion of the TAC was up to each country, so long as it did not impact the overall apportionment of TAC or allow for fishing beyond the default harvest policy or the adjusted TAC. It was noted that in the 2012 TAC setting process, the JMC set a TAC which included carryovers for the U.S. and Canada and took into account historical utilization rates. The AP supported this bi-lateral TAC setting process and wants to insure that if the U.S. domestic regulations provide for implementation of a 10% carryover that it does not reduce the tools available to the AP or JTC at the Treaty level. Likewise, they do not support any regulations which may result in harvest in excess of the default harvest policy or adjusted TAC. Adding a domestic carryover on top of this TAC could lead to harvest in excess of the default harvest policy.

After full discussion, it was moved, seconded and unanimously approved that:

“The AP recommends that the PFMC should not approve “Approach A” or any other “adjusted TAC plus carryover” mechanism for apportionment of the U.S. portion of the TAC within the U.S.. The PFMC should take steps to encourage full

utilization of the U.S. portion of the TAC annually and should insure that whatever mechanism is chosen that it is consistent with and encourages release of unused TAC consistent with the Tribal Reapportionment regulations.”

While many of the Members of the AP who were present supported eliminating the 10% whiting carryover provision in the shoreside IFQ program altogether, it was determined that providing such advice was beyond the authority of the AP.

Joe Bersch will attend the Whiting Carryover Workshop on November 2 and present the views of the AP.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Bersch  
AP Co-Chair