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## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

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### **BILATERAL JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING FOR PACIFIC WHITING**

The first bilateral meeting of the Pacific Whiting Joint Management Committee (JMC) will be held in Vancouver, B.C., on Wednesday and Thursday, March 14-15, 2012. Members of the other panels created by the Whiting Treaty – the Advisory Panel, the Joint Technical Committee, and the Scientific Review Group – will also meet during this two-day period.

#### Meeting Details:

Location: Simon Fraser University Centre for Dialogue  
580 West Hastings Street  
Vancouver, B.C. V6B 1L6  
(Enter the Centre via Seymour Street courtyard entrance)

Starting Time: 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday and Thursday, March 14-15

#### DRAFT Outline of Agenda:

(A final agenda will be sent in a later announcement)

### **March 14, 2012**

#### **Morning Plenary Session**

Includes JMC, Scientific Review Group (SRG), Joint Technical Committee (JTC), Advisory Panel (AP), and public.

- Opening Remarks and Agenda Review
- SRG and JTC present final report to JMC
- SRG and JTC Report (continued)
- Public Comment

### **Afternoon Session**

The JMC and AP will meet separately in the early afternoon, before coming back into a joint meeting in late afternoon.

#### **Closed Executive Session**

Includes only JMC members and others designated by JMC Chairs

- Review draft JMC, JTC, and SRG Terms of Reference
- Review and consider reports and advice from SRG and JTC
- Refer any technical issues to SRG or JTC as appropriate

#### **Advisory Panel Meeting**

Agenda to be determined by Advisory Panel and will be posted in a following announcement.

#### **Reconvene Joint Plenary Session**

- Initial AP report
- Public Comment
- JMC Direction and Requests to AP, JTC, SRG

## **March 15, 2012**

### **Morning**

#### **Plenary Session**

Advisory Panel report on fishery management issues from previous year and recommendation on annual Pacific whiting/hake Total Allowable Catch (TAC)

#### **Closed Executive Session**

Includes only JMC members and others designated by JMC Chairs

- Final Discussion on Terms of Reference for the JMC, JTC, and SRG
- Final Discussion on recommendation to the Parties of the annual TAC for 2012

### **Afternoon**

#### **Plenary Session**

- Identification of TAC recommendation to the Parties for 2012
- Identification of each Parties TAC for 2012 and any adjustments

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