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MEMORANDUM FOR: DISTRIBUTION

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SUBJECT: REAPPORTIONMENT OF PACIFIC WHITING  
ACTUAL NOTICE

**Effective: 1200 Noon, local time, September 12, 2014**

### **Reapportionment**

Regulations at 50 CFR 660.131 (h) provide for the reapportionment of Pacific whiting allocations that the Regional Administrator determines will not be used by the end of the fishing year. The best available information on September 12, 2014 indicates that at least 25,000 metric tons (mt) of the tribal allocation of 55,336 mt for the 2014 tribal Pacific whiting fishery will not be used by December 31, 2014. Recent conversations with tribal fishery managers indicate that reapportioning 25,000 mt, leaving a tribal allocation of 30,336 mt, will not limit tribal harvest opportunities for the remainder of the year. Tribal harvests to date amount to less than 500 mt. Therefore, NMFS is taking action at this time to reapportion 25,000 mt of Pacific whiting. Such reapportionments are disbursed to the other sectors in the same proportion as each sector's allotted portion of the fishery harvest guideline, and all non-tribal commercial sectors have expressed an interest in additional harvest of Pacific whiting. Whiting quota pounds will be allocated to quota share accounts as soon as practicable.

Effective **1200 Noon, local time on September 12, 2014**, 25,000 mt of Pacific whiting is reallocated from the tribal allocation to the non-tribal commercial fishery. The revised Pacific whiting allocations by sector for 2014 are: catcher/processor 96,686 mt; mothership 68,249 mt; and shorebased 119,435 mt.

This communication serves as official notice of the reapportionment.

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