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### **United States and Canada Pacific Whiting Agreement** **SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH GROUP MEETING** **February 24 - 27, 2015**

The Pacific Hake/Whiting Treaty Scientific Review Group (SRG) will meet on February 24 - 27, 2015 at the Simon Fraser University's Centre for Dialogue in Vancouver, B.C. A draft agenda is attached to this meeting notice.

#### **Meeting Time**

Tuesday, February 24 9:00 am – 5:30 pm  
Wednesday and Thursday, February 25- 26: 8:00 am – 5:30 pm  
Friday, February 27: 8:00 am – 1:00 pm

#### **Meeting Location**

Simon Fraser University  
Wosk Centre for Dialogue, Room 320  
580 West Hastings Street,  
Vancouver, BC

#### **Accommodation**

Delta Suites Hotel  
550 West Hastings Street  
Vancouver, BC V6B 1L6

Rooms are available at a government group rate of \$135 CDN/ night + applicable taxes. To receive this rate, individuals need to mention that they are attending the "Pacific Hake Scientific Review Group meeting."

- Call in-house reservations at (604) 689-8188 or toll free at (888) 890-3222
- E-mail: [vancouversuites@deltahotels.com](mailto:vancouversuites@deltahotels.com)

#### **Information about the Pacific Whiting Treaty**

Information about the treaty including background documents for this meeting can be found at:  
[http://www.westcoast.fisheries.noaa.gov/fisheries/management/whiting/pacific\\_whiting\\_treaty.html](http://www.westcoast.fisheries.noaa.gov/fisheries/management/whiting/pacific_whiting_treaty.html)

# National Marine Fisheries Service, West Coast Region

## Joint US-Canada Scientific Review Group for Pacific Whiting

Room 320  
Morris J. Wosk Centre for Dialogue  
Simon Fraser University  
580 West Hastings Street  
Vancouver, B.C., Canada, V6B 1L6

February 24 – 27, 2015

### MEETING AGENDA

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#### Tuesday, February 24, 2015

- 9:00 AM Welcome and Introductions
- 9:15 AM Review and Approve Meeting Agenda (Chair)  
Review Terms of Reference for Assessments and Review Meeting  
Assignment of reporting duties
- 10:00 AM General Overview of the Pacific Whiting Acoustic Survey (survey team & JTC)
- 10:30 AM Presentation of the 2014 research and survey efforts (JTC & survey team)
- 11:30 AM Presentation of survey methodology and biomass estimation methods (SRG, JTC and survey team)
- 12:00 AM Lunch (on your own)
- 1:30 PM Continue presentation of survey methodology and biomass estimation methods (SRG, JTC and survey team)
- 2:30 PM Discussion of survey methodology and biomass estimation methods (SRG, JTC and survey team). 4:30 PM Public comment on acoustic survey and research
- 5:00 PM SRG develops list of request for additional information from JTC and survey team
- 5:30 PM Adjourn for the day

#### Wednesday, February 25, 2015

- 8:00 AM Review of topics/questions from previous day (survey related)
- 9:00 AM Overview of the 2014 Whiting Fisheries
  - Canadian Waters
  - U.S. Waters
- 10:00 AM Presentation of draft 2015 update assessment (JTC)
- 12:00 PM Lunch (on your own)
- 1:00 PM Discussion of update assessment with the STATs
- 2:00 PM Presentation of MSE progress (JTC)
- 3:00 PM Discussion of MSE with the STATs

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- 4:30 PM Public comment on assessment and MSE  
5:00 PM SRG develops list of requests for additional information from the JTC  
5:30 PM Adjourn for day

### **Thursday, February 26, 2015**

- 8:00 AM Discussion – MSE and JTC presentation(s) of response to SRG requests  
10:00 AM Survey design and planning for the Joint Hake/Sardine survey in 2015  
11:00 AM Distribute and review status of notes and draft SRG Report  
12:00 PM Lunch (on your own)  
1:30 PM SRG discussion
- Evaluation of base model and primary sources of uncertainty
  - Compile a list of catch levels to consider in a decision table
  - Evaluate MSE methodology and approaches
  - Develop list of additional requests to the JTC
- 4:00 PM Public comment period  
4:15 PM Initial SRG discussion of research needs for 2015, 2016 and longer-term  
5:30 PM Adjourn for day

### **Friday, February 27, 2015**

- 8:00 AM Distribute and review status of notes and draft SRG Report  
8:15 AM JTC presentations and comments on SRG advice  
10:00 AM SRG discussion on research needs for 2015, 2016 and longer-term  
11:00 AM SRG statement of findings and finalization of report  
1:00 PM Panel adjourns