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MEMORANDUM FOR: DISTRIBUTION

FROM:

For Barry Thom *Frank Lobhat*
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SUBJECT: END OF THE PACIFIC WHITING PRIMARY SEASON
FOR THE SHORE-BASED SECTOR

This notice announces achievement of the shore-based sector allocation specified at 50 CFR 660.323(a) and in the final rule published on May 5, 2009 (74 FR 20620). The best available information on July 6, 2009 indicates that 32,933 metric tons (mt) of whiting had been taken through July 3, 2009 and that the 42,063 mt shore-based allocation will be reached by 10 a.m. local time July 7, 2009. Therefore, the following action is taken in accordance with the regulations at 50 CFR 660.323(b)(3):

Effective 10 a.m. local time July 7, 2009, the shore-based Pacific whiting fishery is closed. "Per trip" limits for whiting will be reinstated. Offloading must begin before the time the fishery closes.

This communication serves as official notice.

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