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MEMORANDUM FOR: DISTRIBUTION

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SUBJECT: REAPPORTIONMENT OF PACIFIC WHITING
ACTUAL NOTICE

Effective: 1200 Noon, local time, September 18, 2013

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 16, 2013 indicates that at least 30,000 mt of the tribal allocation of 63,205 mt for the 2013 tribal Pacific whiting fishery will not be used by December 31, 2013. Recent conversations with tribal fishery managers indicate that reapportioning 30,000 mt, leaving a tribal allocation of 33,205 mt, will not limit tribal harvest opportunities for the remainder of the year. Tribal harvests to date amount to approximately 3,000 mt. Therefore, NMFS is taking action at this time to reapportion 30,000 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 18, 2013**, 30,000 mt of Pacific whiting is reallocated from the tribal allocation to the non-tribal commercial fishery. The revised Pacific whiting allocations by sector for 2013 are: catcher/processor 79,573 mt; mothership 56,170 mt; and shorebased 98,297 mt.

This communication serves as official notice of the reapportionment.

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