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## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

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### **PACIFIC COAST GROUND FISH FISHERY**

#### **NEW WEB PAGE**

A new webpage for the Pacific Whiting Treaty can be accessed at:

<http://www.nwr.noaa.gov/Groundfish-Halibut/Groundfish-Fishery-Management/Whiting-Management/Treaty.cfm>

Under the "Documents" link, you can access the Pacific whiting Draft Stock Assessment as well as the Integrated Acoustic Survey.

#### **BILATERAL PACIFIC WHITING SCIENTIFIC REVIEW GROUP MEETING**

The first bilateral meeting of the Pacific Whiting Scientific Review Group (SRG) will be held in Seattle, WA on Tuesday through Friday, February 21-24, 2012.

##### Meeting Details:

Date: February 21-24, 2012

Time: 9:00 am start on Tuesday Feb 21,  
8:00 am start all other days

Location: Watertown Hotel  
4242 Roosevelt Way NE  
Seattle, WA 98105

#### **Outline of Agenda**

##### **Tuesday, February 21**

- Review Terms of Reference
- Overview of the Pacific Whiting Acoustic Survey, 2011 survey, and 2011 fisheries
- Overview of the Data Sources for the 2012 Assessment (JTC)
- Public comment on data sources

**Wednesday, February 22**

- Presentation of draft 2012 assessment & sensitivity analyses (JTC)
- Public comment on assessment
- SRG develops list of requests for additional information from the JTC

**Thursday, February 23**

- Distribute and review status of notes and draft SRG Report
- JTC response to SRG requests

- Public comment period

**Friday, February 24**

- Distribute and review status of notes and draft SRG Report
- JTC presentations and comments on SRG advice
- SRG discussion on research needs for 2013 and longer-term
- SRG statement of findings and finalization of report