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Nominations to Advisory Panel for Pacific Whiting Agreement with Canada

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) is soliciting nominations for the United States [Advisory Panel \(AP\)](#) established in the Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Canada on Pacific Hake/Whiting. Nominations are being sought to fill one vacancy on the AP for the remainder of a 4-year term expiring on January 22, 2016. The appointee will be eligible for reappointment at the expiration of the term.

DATES: Nominations must be received by February 28, 2014.

NOMINATIONS: Nomination packages for appointment to the AP should include:

- 1) The name of the applicant or nominee and a description of his/her interest in Pacific whiting; and
- 2) A statement of background and/or description of how the following qualifications are met.

QUALIFICATIONS: AP member nominees must be knowledgeable or experienced in the harvesting, processing, marketing, management, conservation, or research of the offshore whiting resource; and must not be employees of the United States government.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Miako Ushio, Whiting Treaty Coordinator, at 206-526-4644.

ADDRESSES: You may submit nominations by any of the following methods:

E-mail: whiting.nominations.nwr@noaa.gov

Mail: William W. Stelle, Jr., Regional Administrator, West Coast Region, NMFS, 7600 Sand Point Way, NE., Seattle, WA 98115-0070.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Title VI of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Reauthorization Act of 2006 (MSRA) entitled "The Pacific Whiting Act of 2006," (Whiting Act) implements the 2003 "Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Canada on Pacific Hake/Whiting." Among other provisions, the Whiting Act provides for the establishment of an AP to advise the [Joint Management Committee \(JMC\)](#) on bilateral whiting management issues. NMFS seeks nominations for any persons meeting the qualifications previously described. The term of office for the Pacific Whiting AP members is not to exceed 4 years (48 months). Members appointed to the AP will be reimbursed for necessary travel expenses in accordance with Federal Travel Regulations and sections 5701, 5702, 5704 through 5708, and 5731 of Title 5. NMFS anticipates that 1-2 meetings of the AP will be held annually, and these meetings will be held in the United States or Canada. AP members will need a valid U.S. passport.