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MEMORANDUM FOR: DISTRIBUTION

FROM:

For Barry A. Thom
Acting Regional Administrator

SUBJECT: REAPPORTIONMENT OF PACIFIC WHITING

Regulations at 50 CFR 660.323 (c) 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 December 4, 2009 indicates that 1,325 metric tons (mt) of the shore-based sectors allocation will not be used by December 31, 2009. Therefore, NMFS is taking action at this time to reapportion the surplus whiting. Such reapportionments are generally disbursed to the other sectors in the same proportion as each sector's allotted portion of the commercial OY. Because the mothership sector has not expressed an interest in harvesting reapportioned whiting in 2009, all surplus whiting from the shore-based sector will be reallocated to the catcher/processor sector.

Effective **1200 local time December 7, 2009** 1,325 mt of Pacific whiting is reallocated from the shore-based sector to the catcher/processor sector. The revised Pacific whiting allocations by sector for 2009 is: catcher/processor 35,376 mt, mothership 24,034 mt, and shore-based 40,738 mt.

This communication serves as official notice of the reapportionment.

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