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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE

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MEMORANDUM FOR: DISTRIBUTION

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SUBJECT:

**END OF THE PACIFIC WHITING PRIMARY
SEASON FOR THE MOTHERSHIP SECTOR**

The National Marine Fisheries Service projects that the Pacific whiting mothership sector will take 33,839 metric tons (mt) of Pacific whiting by midnight (2359) local time (l.t.) June 5, 2010. The following action is taken in accordance with the regulations at 50 CFR 660.323(b)(2):

Effective midnight (2359) l.t. June 5, 2010

- (1) Further receiving or at-sea processing of whiting by a mothership is prohibited. No additional unprocessed whiting may be brought on board after at-sea processing is prohibited, but a mothership may continue to process whiting that was on board before at-sea processing was prohibited; and
- (2) Whiting may not be taken and retained, possessed, or landed by a catcher vessel participating in the mothership sector. (This means no further deliveries may be made to the mothership after midnight (2359) l.t. June 5.)

We appreciate your efforts to keep us informed of your performance, and welcome voluntary reports of your activities to the end of the season. This communication serves as official notice of the closure.

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