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MEMORANDUM FOR: DISTRIBUTION

FROM:


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SUBJECT:

REAPPORTIONMENT OF PACIFIC WHITING

Effective:

1200 Noon, local time, September 23, 2010

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 September 22, 2010 indicates that a significant portion of the tribal allocation of 49,939 mt for the 2010 tribal Pacific whiting fishery will not be used by December 31, 2010. 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, and all non-tribal commercial sectors have expressed an interest in additional harvest of Pacific whiting.

Effective **1200 Noon, local time on September 23, 2010, 8,000** mt of Pacific whiting is reallocated from the tribal allocation to non-tribal commercial fishery. The revised Pacific whiting allocations by sector for 2010 are: catcher/processor 50,659 mt; mothership 35,759 mt; and shore-based 62,578 mt.

This communication serves as official notice of the reapportionment.

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