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MEMORANDUM FOR: DISTRIBUTION

FROM:

for D. Robert Lohn
Regional Administrator

SUBJECT: REAPPORTIONMENT OF PACIFIC WHITING

Regulations at 50 CFR 66.323 (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 November 26, 2008 indicates that at least 4,000 metric tons (mt) of the 62,669 mt shore-based sector allocation will not be used by December 31, 2008. In addition, the best available information also indicates that 6,000 mt of the mothership sector allocation of 64,087 mt will not be used by December 31, 2008. Therefore, NMFS is taking action at this time to reapportion 10,000 mt of the surplus Pacific whiting to the catcher/processor sector.

Effective **1400 local time November 26, 2008** a surplus of 4,000 mt of Pacific whiting is reallocated from the shore-based sector to the catcher/processor sector, and a surplus of 6,000 mt of Pacific whiting is reallocated from the mothership sector to the catcher/processor sector. The revised Pacific whiting allocations by sector for 2008 are: catcher/processor 115,789 mt; shore-based 58,669 mt; and mothership 58,087 mt.

This communication serves as official notice of the reapportionment.

