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 SUBJECT: PRELIMINARY Report #4-- 2009 Pacific Whiting Fishery

This report consolidates preliminary state, federal, and tribal data for the 2009 Pacific whiting fishery. Due to concerns about the incidental catch of overfished species, sector-specific bycatch limits are in place in the non-tribal sectors of the fishery for canary, darkblotched and widow rockfish. If any of the sector-specific bycatch limits is reached, the primary whiting seasons for that sector will end regardless of the amount of whiting allocation remaining.

	Original Allocation as Adjusted by Reapportionments		Whiting Catch* (mt)	Overfished Species and Chinook salmon catch	Thru [date]	Status	Percent of allocation taken
	Percentages	Metric Tons					
California (south of 42 N lat.)	(5% shore alloc'n; included in WOC shore allocation)	1,721	1,929			started 4/1, closed noon 5/14	112.1%
Oregon	--	NA					
Washington	--	NA					
WOC shore-based	42% commercial OY	42,063	1,929	Canary - 0.02 mt Widow - 2.43 mt Darkblotched - 0.21 mt Chinook # 214	5/14		4.6%
Mothership (n. of 42 N. lat.)	24% commercial OY	24,034	24,091	Canary - 0.60 mt Widow - 24.90 mt Darkblotched - 0.20 mt Chinook # 297	6/1	started 5/15, closed 10pm 6/1	100.2%
Catcher/processor (n. of 42 N. lat.)	34% commercial OY	34,051	1,732	Canary - 0.04 mt Widow - 0.70 mt Darkblotched - 0.12 mt Chinook # 7	6/8	started 5/15	5.09%
Total nontribal	commercial OY	110,148	27,745	Canary - 0.66 mt Widow - 28.03 mt Darkblotched - 0.53 mt Chinook # 518	--	--	25.2%
Tribal (Makah)		31,789	0	Canary - 0. mt Widow - 0 mt Darkblotched - 0 mt Chinook # 0			
Total directed fishing		131,937	27,745	Canary - 0.66 mt Widow - 28.03 mt Darkblotched - 0.53 mt Chinook # 518	--		21.0%

* Catch includes: discards from at-sea processors; weigh-backs from shore-based vessels; and catch landed under trip limits prior to the season. The values for at-sea processing sectors are based on NMFS observer data. Data for shore-based vessels were derived from electronic fish ticket submissions. Data for the at-sea processing portion of the Makah fishery are based on preliminary NMFS observer data and shore-based catch provided by tribal samplers. All weights are in metric ton (2,204.6 pounds)