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MEMORANDUM FOR: DISTRIBUTION

FROM:

for D. Robert Lohn
Regional Administrator

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Frank Schubert".

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 18, 2008 indicates that at least 15,000 metric tons (mt) of the 77,669 mt shore-based sector allocation will not be used by December 31, 2008. Therefore, NMFS is taking action at this time to reapportion 15,000 mt of the surplus Pacific whiting to the catcher/processor sector.

Effective **1400 local time November 18, 2008** a surplus of 15,000 mt of Pacific whiting is reallocated from the shore-based sector to the catcher/processor sector. The revised Pacific whiting allocations by sector for 2008 are: catcher/processor 105,789 mt; mothership 64,087 mt; and shore-based 62,669 mt.

This communication serves as official notice of the reapportionment.

