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PACIFIC COAST GROUND FISH FISHERY

BILATERAL PACIFIC WHITING JOINT TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING

The second bilateral meeting of the Pacific Whiting Joint Technical Committee (JTC) will be held at the Pacific Biological Station (PBS) in Nanaimo, British Columbia (BC) on Tuesday and Wednesday, January 17-18, 2012.

Meeting Details:

Date: January 17-18, 2012

Time: January 17: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
January 18: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Location: Pacific Biological Station
3190 Hammond Bay Road
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The PBS is located on the northwest shore of Departure Bay in Nanaimo, across the bay from the Departure Bay terminal of BC ferries. Nanaimo is approximately 110 kilometers (km) north of Victoria, BC and 50 km across the Strait of Georgia from Vancouver, BC.

If you are planning on attending, **please bring photo ID to show to the Commissionaire at PBS.**

Draft Agenda:

1. Review of data used in the stock assessment models, including the recently posted results of the acoustic survey which is online at:
<http://www.nwfsc.noaa.gov/research/divisions/fram/acoustics.cfm>;
2. Update on modeling progress from U.S. and Canadian members of the JTC;
3. Work on aligning data and assumptions in candidate models;
4. Identification of base case model;
5. Testing of model(s) sensitivities;

6. Agreement on format of assessment document and model outputs; and
7. Informal presentation by Rob Kronlund on development and outcomes of the BC sablefish MSE (time to be confirmed).