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MEMORANDUM FOR: DISTRIBUTION

FROM:

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SUBJECT: REAPPORTIONMENT OF PACIFIC WHITING

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 November 5, 2008 indicates that 20,000 metric tons (mt) of the 97,669 mt shore-based sector allocation will not be used by December 31, 2008. Therefore, NMFS is taking action at this time to reapportion the surplus whiting. Such reapportionments are disbursed to the other sectors in the same proportion as each sector's allotted portion of the commercial OY.

Effective **0001 local time November 6, 2008** a surplus of 20,000 mt of Pacific whiting is reallocated from the shore-based sector to the mothership and catcher/processor sectors. The revised Pacific whiting allocations by sector for 2008 are: catcher/processor 90,789 mt, mothership 64,087 mt, and shore-based 77,669 mt.

This communication serves as official notice of the reapportionment.

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