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MEMORANDUM FOR: Distribution

FROM:

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SUBJECT: END OF THE PACIFIC WHITING PRIMARY SEASON
FOR THE SHORE-BASED SECTOR SOUTH OF 42° N. LAT

This notice announces achievement of the shore-based sector allocation specified at 50 CFR 660.323(a) for the fishery south of 42° N. lat. The best available information on May 13, 2009 indicates that 1,119 metric tons (mt) of whiting had been taken through May 11, 2009 and that the 1,712 mt shore-based allocation for the early season fishery south of 42° N. lat will be reached by noon May 14, 2009. Therefore, the following action is taken in accordance with the regulations at 50 CFR 660.323(b)(4):

Effective noon May 14, 2009 until 0001 hours June 15, 2009, the shore-based Pacific whiting fishery south of 42° N. lat is closed. "Per trip" limits for whiting will be reinstated until 0001 hours June 15, 2009, at which time the primary season for the shore based sector will be open coastwide. Offloading must begin before the time the fishery closes.

This communication serves as official notice.

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