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United States and Canada Pacific Whiting Agreement JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING July 31-August 1, 2018

The Joint Management Committee (JMC) created under the Pacific Hake/Whiting Agreement will meet July 31-August 1 in Victoria, BC, Canada.

Meeting Location

Chateau Victoria Hotel and Suites 740 Burdett Avenue Victoria, BC V8W 1B2 - Canada

Agenda (Subject to Change)

<u>Day 1 - July 31:</u>

- 1:00pm Introductions & review/revise/approve Agenda
- 1:15 2018/2019 Meeting Schedule review & approve
- 1:30 Fishery Update

2:00 Recap Management Strategy Evaluation (MSE) process and recent MSE working group meetings (30 min)

2:30 Operating model overview and initial summary of retrospective performance metrics (1-2 hours)

- 3:30 Break
- 5:00 Recap and overview of Day 2 agenda

Day 2 - August 1:

8:00 am Open meeting, brief overview of agenda

- 8:15 Revisit performance metrics, as desired (30 min)
- 8:45 Discuss management strategies to test (60 min)
- 10:00 Break
- 10:15 Discuss future scenarios (30 min)

10:45 Next steps: conditioning the model, further MSEWG communications, etc (30 min)

- 11:30 Update on Bzero issue from SRG/JTC & next steps
- Noon Opportunity for public comments. Recap action items and assignments 12:30 Adjourn

More information on the Pacific Whiting Treaty can be found at: <u>www.westcoast.fisheries.noaa.gov/fisheries/management/whiting/pacific_whiting</u> <u>treaty.html</u>