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Sustainable Fisheries Division

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DATE: September 29, 2006
TO: DISTRIBUTION
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SUBJECT: **END OF MOTHERSHIP WHITING SEASON**

The National Marine Fisheries Service has announced that the 55,696 metric ton allocation of whiting for the mothership sector in 2006 is projected to be taken by 9:00 p.m. (2100 hours) September 29, 2006. Therefore, the following action is taken in accordance with the regulations at 50 CFR 660.323 (b)(2):

Effective – 9:00 p.m. (2100 hours) September 29, 2006

(1) Further receiving or at-sea processing of whiting by a mothership is prohibited. No additional unprocessed whiting may be brought on board after at-sea processing is prohibited, but a mothership may continue to process whiting that was on board before at-sea processing was prohibited; and

(2) Whiting may not be taken and retained, possessed, or landed by a catcher vessel participating in the mothership sector. (This means no further deliveries may be made to the mothership after 9:00 p.m. September 29, 2006).

We appreciate your efforts to keep us informed of your performance, and welcome voluntary reports of your activities to the end of the season. This communication serves as official notice of the closure.

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