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## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

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**PACIFIC COAST GROUND FISH FISHERY**  
**Emergency rule to establish a**  
**salmon conservation zone for the Pacific whiting fishery**

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) would like to notify participants in the Pacific whiting (whiting) fishery that an emergency rule that establishes a salmon conservation zone for the primary whiting fishery became **effective August 26, 2005**. This rule prohibits fishing for Pacific whiting within the newly created Ocean Salmon Conservation Zone.

Federal regulations at 50 CFR 660.373(c) establish two closed areas for the Pacific whiting fishery that are intended to constrain the effects of the fishery on Klamath and Columbia River salmon. Additional salmon protection is provided at 50 CFR 660.373(d), which sets whiting trip limits for vessels operating shoreward of the 100-fm (183-m) depth contour in the Eureka management area (from 43°00' to 40°30' N. lat.) This emergency rule temporarily establishes an additional salmon conservation zone, referred to as the Ocean Salmon Conservation Zone and defined as follows: All waters shoreward of a boundary line approximating the 100-fm (183-m) depth contour. Latitude and longitude coordinates defining the boundary line approximating the 100-fm (183-m) depth contour are provided at § 660.393(a).

The coordinates for the 100-fm (183-m) depth contour are available on line at:  
[www.nwr.noaa.gov/1sustfish/groundfish/gConservAreas/](http://www.nwr.noaa.gov/1sustfish/groundfish/gConservAreas/)