

AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
ON PACIFIC HAKE/WHITING

THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA and **THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA** (hereinafter referred to as “the Parties”),

RECOGNIZING the transboundary nature of the offshore hake/whiting (*Merluccius productus*) resource off the Pacific coast of Canada and the United States,

MINDFUL of the importance of this resource to the social and economic sustainability of fishing communities, including harvesters, processors, license holders, and other stakeholders reliant on the offshore hake/whiting fishery,

DESIRING to cooperate in the stewardship of this resource and to benefit the industries involved in this fishery, and

RECOGNIZING the desirability of maintaining existing levels of scientific research with respect to the offshore hake/whiting resource,

HAVE AGREED as follows:

ARTICLE I

Definitions

For the purposes of this Agreement:

“Catch” means all fishery removals from the offshore hake/whiting resource, including landings, discards, and bycatch in other fisheries;

“F-40 percent” means a fishing mortality rate that would reduce the biomass, calculated on a per recruit basis, to 40 percent of what it would have been in the absence of fishing mortality;