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### **NOTICE OF PACIFIC SARDINE DIRECTED FISHING CLOSURE**

This notice announces that through rulemaking in the *Federal Register* the directed harvest/fishing of Pacific sardine off the coasts of Washington, Oregon and California will be closed effective 12:01 AM, Tuesday morning, April 28, 2015. Fishing vessels with Pacific sardine on board taken in the directed harvest fishery must be at shore/dock and in the process of offloading at the time of closure.

After the effective time of the closure until June 30, 2015, Pacific sardine may only be caught/landed (i) as part of the live bait fishery, (ii) when caught incidental to other species/fisheries, with incidental harvest constrained by a 45-percent by weight of all fish per trip, or (iii) as part of the tribal set-aside.

This action is necessary because the adjusted directed fishing allocation of approximately 5,084 mt for the third allocation period of the 2014-2015 fishing season is expected to be reached by the time of the closure.