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## Small Entity Compliance Guide for the 2011 Pacific Sardine Annual Specifications

For 2011, the initial commercial fishing harvest guideline (HG) for Pacific sardine is 46,326 metric tons (mt). This is divided into a directed harvest fishery of 41,326 mt and an incidental set aside of 3,000 mt with an additionally 2,000 mt buffer in the last period. The directed and incidental set aside amounts are divided throughout the year in the following way: January 1-June 30, 15,214mt is allocated for directed harvest with an incidental set-aside of 1,000 mt; July 1-September 14, 17,530mt is allocated for directed harvest with an incidental set-aside of 1,000 mt; September 15-December 31, 8,582mt is allocated for directed harvest with an incidental set-aside of 1,000 mt.

	January 1- June 30	July 1- September 14	September 15 – December 31	Total
Total Seasonal Allocation (mt)	16,214	18,530	11,582	46,326
Incidental Set Aside (mt)	1,000	1,000	1,000	3,000
Management Uncertainty Buffer (mt)	--	--	2,000	2,000
Adjusted Directed Harvest Allocation (mt)	15,214	17,530	8,582	41,326

If the Regional Administrator, NOAA Fisheries, Southwest Region, determines that a directed harvest allocation is reached or is estimated to be reached, fishing will be closed to directed harvest. During a directed harvest closure, Pacific sardine may only be landed 1) as part of the live bait fishery, or 2) when caught incidental to other species/fisheries, with incidental harvest constrained by a 30-percent by weight incidental catch rate. After such a closure, any incidental Pacific sardine landings will be counted against that period's incidental set aside.

In the event that an incidental set aside is projected to be attained, no fishery would be allowed to retain Pacific sardine for the remainder of the period. If the *set aside* is not fully used or is exceeded in a given seasonal period, the directed harvest allocation in the following seasonal period would automatically be adjusted to account for the discrepancy. Additionally, if during any seasonal period the *directed harvest allocation*

is not fully used or is exceeded, then the following period's directed harvest total would be adjusted to account for this discrepancy.

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