

NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Whiting (Small Mesh Multispecies) Committee

I. STATUS

- A. Amendment 19: Staff completed Draft Amendment 19 and a public hearing document to take out to public hearing. At this meeting, the Council is scheduled to approve final alternatives and the submission of a final amendment document to NMFS.
- B. Meetings: Public hearings on Draft Amendment 19 alternatives were held between April 9 and April 16 in Lakewood, NJ; Riverhead, NY; Plymouth, MA; Portsmouth, NH; and Providence, RI.

The Skate/Whiting Oversight Committee met on April 17 to review oral and written comments on the draft amendment and recommend final alternatives to the Council.

II. COUNCIL ACTION

- A. Approve final alternatives
- B. Approve submission of a Final Amendment 19 document to NMFS, subject to review by the Whiting Committee chair and Executive Director.

III. INFORMATION

1. Draft Amendment 19 public hearing document
2. Draft Amendment 19 to the NE Multispecies FMP
3. Summary of public hearing comments
4. Written comments on Draft Amendment 19