

NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Whiting (Small Mesh Multispecies) Committee

I. STATUS

- A. Amendment 19: The Council plans to approve a draft amendment document in January 2012 and approve a final amendment in April 2012, which will include ACL specifications and accountability measures. Public hearings will be held in early March, followed by an Oversight Committee meeting to choose a final alternative.

- B. Meetings: The Whiting PDT met in December and January to develop and analyze Draft Amendment 19 alternatives. The PDT has completed a draft document for the Oversight Committee meeting and has recommended consideration of specific alternatives as preferred.

The Whiting Advisory Panel and Skate/Whiting Oversight Committee met on Jan 18 to review the Draft Amendment 19 alternatives and choose preferred alternatives.

II. COUNCIL ACTION

- A. Approve preferred alternatives
- B. Approve Draft Amendment 19 for public hearings

III. INFORMATION

1. Draft Amendment 19 decision document
2. Memo from Whiting PDT recommending specific alternatives as preferred
3. Secretarial Amendment and proposed regulations, letter from the Regional Office to the Council.
4. Draft Amendment 19 document