



New England Fishery Management Council

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MEMORANDUM

Date: 11/1/2006
To: Pelagics Committee
From: Chad Demarest, Whiting PDT Chair

SUBJECT: Purpose of the Small Mesh Multispecies management action

I have taken the following four stated purposes from the Scoping Document that the Council approved in March of 2006. I would like to ensure that they reflect the Committee and Council's intent for this management action.

**Purpose for the
Small Mesh Multispecies Management Action**

1. Prevent excess capacity in the harvesting sector of the fishery
2. Maintain fishing mortality at acceptable levels
3. Control fishing mortality on juveniles as appropriate
4. Allow for industry flexibility through dedicated access privileges