

DRAFT WHITING AMENDMENT TIMELINE

PROJECT #:

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PROJECT TITLE: **Small Mesh Multispecies Amendment/FMP**

SUPPORTS COUNCIL PRIORITY #: High

GOAL: Develop amendment to the Northeast Multispecies FMP to address management of small mesh multispecies and create a separate FMP for small mesh multispecies

TARGET COMPLETION DATE: 2008

TARGET IMPLEMENTATION DATE: May 1, 2009

MILESTONES		PLANNED	MEETINGS
1.	Staff initiates scoping for Small Mesh Multispecies Amendment; publishes NOI in Federal Register	15 MAY 2006	
2.	SCOPING MEETINGS: Pelagics Committee and Council scope issues, identify concern and potential management approaches	24 MAY – 8 JUNE 2006	6 Scoping Hearings
3.	Council/NMFS publishes Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to reaffirm March 25, 2003 control date	12 JUNE 2006	
4.	Pelagics Committee meet to review scoping comments and begin to develop range of alternatives for analysis in small mesh multispecies amendment	8 NOV 2006	
5.	Advisors, Pelagics Committee, and PDT continue to develop range of alternatives for analysis in small mesh multispecies amendment – focus on limited access and TACs	FEB 2007 – JUNE 2007	
6.	NMFS Working Group Meeting to Address Data Poor Stocks	JUNE 2007	
7.	Advisors, Pelagics Committee, and PDT continue to develop range of alternatives for analysis in small mesh multispecies amendment – incorporate working group results and complete alternatives for analysis in DSEIS	JULY-AUG 2007	
8.	Council approves alternatives for analysis in DSEIS and public hearings	18-20 SEPT 2007	
15.	Whiting PDT and Council staff prepares Draft Amendment/DSEIS and public hearing document	OCT-DEC 2007	
16.	Pelagics Committee and Advisory Panel meet to review Draft Amendment/DSEIS and recommend preferred alternatives	JAN 2008	
17.	Council approves Draft Amendment/DSEIS and public hearing document and selects preferred alternatives	JAN/FEB 2008	
18.	Staff submits Draft Amendment /DSEIS	LATE FEB 2008	
19.	NMFS publishes NOA, starts herring public hearings (45-day DSEIS comment period)	APRIL 2008	
20.	Whiting Public Hearings	APRIL/MAY 2008	
21.	PDT, Whiting Advisors, and Pelagics Committee meet to review public comments, recommend final measures	MAY/JUNE 2008	
22.	Council reviews public and advisor comments and O/S recommendations; approves final Amendment measures	JUNE 2008	
23.	Staff completes Final EIS and submits Amendment	AUG 2008	
24.	Small Mesh Multispecies Amendment Implementation	2009 FY (May 1, 2009)	