

#1

**New England Fishery Management Council**  
Whiting Advisory Panel Meeting  
Providence, RI

Meeting Summary  
August 24, 2010

**Purpose of meeting:** The advisory panel developed recommendations for Annual Catch Limit allocations, accountability measures, and management alternatives for Draft Amendment 19.

**Attendance:** Advisors: Vito Calomo (chair), Dan Farnham (vice-chair), Hank Lankner, Tom Testeverde, and Bill Phoel. Also in attendance were Andrew Applegate (staff), Moira Kelly (NMFS staff), Malcolm McClintock, Corey Harris, Donald Fox, Aaron Williams, Tom Williams, Paddy McGlah, and Patrick Knapp.

The Whiting Advisory Panel met on August 24, 2011 and discussed alternatives to recommend to the Whiting Oversight Committee and Council to include for development and analysis in Draft Amendment 19, which will implement Annual Catch Limits and Accountability Measures for the 2012-2014 fishing years. After hearing from Council staff regarding updates to whiting assessments and ABC ranges approved by the SSC, the AP approved the following motions.

In addition to the recommendations for Draft Amendment 19 alternatives, the AP was concerned about the accuracy of the high discard mortality rates for red hake and asked the PDT to provide more details about the data used in the estimates. The AP also passed a motion asking the Council to initiate a new amendment that would implement limited access for the small mesh multispecies fisheries.

The Advisory Panel elected Vito Calomo as Chair and Dan Farnham as Vice Chair

**MOTIONS**

**Motion 1: Hank Lankner/Dan Farnham:**

That Amendment 19 include an alternative that would set an annual TAL for southern whiting stocks, unless the TAL were less than 50% higher than last year's landings. In that case, the plan would trigger an allocation of the TAL to fishing year quarters, according to 2008-2010 proportions, with a provision to roll over underages to the next quarter and overages to be deducted from the fourth fishing year quarter. First quarter underages would roll over to the third quarter (winter), instead of the second quarter.

The motion carried 4-0.

**Motion 2: Tom Testeverde/Dan Farnham:**

To include as an Amendment 19 alternative an allocation of northern area TALs into 3 area groups (Cultivator Shoals, Other Exempted Areas, Gulf of Maine regulated mesh area), according to historic (2004-2010) proportions.

The motion carried 4-0

**Motion 3: Tom Testeverde/Dan Farnham:**

To include a rollover provision, so that underages in Cultivator Shoals are allocated to other Gulf of Maine exempted areas during the fishing year.

The motion carried 4-0.

**Motion 4: Tom Testeverde/ Hank Lankner:**

To include in Amendment 19 an alternative that would establish a red hake possession limit by cod end mesh size in the northern stock area, similar to the provision for silver hake.

The motion carried 4-0.

**Motion 5: Tom Testeverde/ Hank Lankner:**

To include in Amendment 19 an alternative that would specify no red hake possession for vessels fishing in the northern area and using less than 2.5 inch mesh.

The motion carried 4-0.

**Motion 6: Hank Lankner/Dan Farnham:**

To include in Amendment 19 an alternative that would reduce the silver hake possession limit in the southern area to 3,500 lbs. when landings reach 90% of the TAL.

The motion carried 4-0.

**Motion 6A: Hank Lankner/Dan Farnham:**

Motion to reconsider above motion. The motion carried 4-0.

**Motion 6B: Hank Lankner/Dan Farnham moved to substitute the following motion:**

To include in Amendment 19 alternatives to trigger reduced possession limits for northern and southern stocks of red and silver hakes when landings for each stock reaches 90% of its respective TAL.

The motion carried 4-0.

**Motion 7: Dan Farnham/ Hank Lankner:**

To include in Amendment 19 an alternative that would establish a southern area red hake possession limit intended to keep the fishery open throughout the year.

The motion carried 4-0.

**Motion 8: Dan Farnham/ Hank Lankner:**

Reactive accountability measures should be made through a one for one pound payback and the Council should consider ways to make state boats accountable for their share of the ACL.

The motion carried 4-0.

**Motion 9: Dan Farnham/Tom Testeverde:**

To ask the Council to develop an amendment to implement limited access for the small mesh multispecies fishery.

The motion carried 4-0.

