

NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
Whiting (Small Mesh Multispecies) Committee

I. STATUS

A. Meetings:

- The Whiting PDT met on Aug. 20 and Sept. 10 to prepare an update assessment/status determination for silver and red hake stocks. The PDT also began developing a SAFE Report to be included in Amendment 17, and a landings data base to develop and analyze limited access qualification criteria.
- The Oversight Committee met jointly with the Advisory Panel on Sept. 14 to begin development of draft alternatives for Amendment 17. A general set of alternatives will be recommended during the Sept. Council meeting with more details to follow in November.

II. COUNCIL ACTION

- A. No formal action is needed at this time, but the Council may provide guidance on developing draft alternatives to the Oversight Committee, Advisors, and PDT

III. INFORMATION

1. Whiting PDT report to the Oversight Committee.
2. Whiting Oversight Committee and Advisory Panel meeting summary
3. Rough draft of Amendment 17 issues and alternatives – presentation.