

Amendment 22

Scoping Comments

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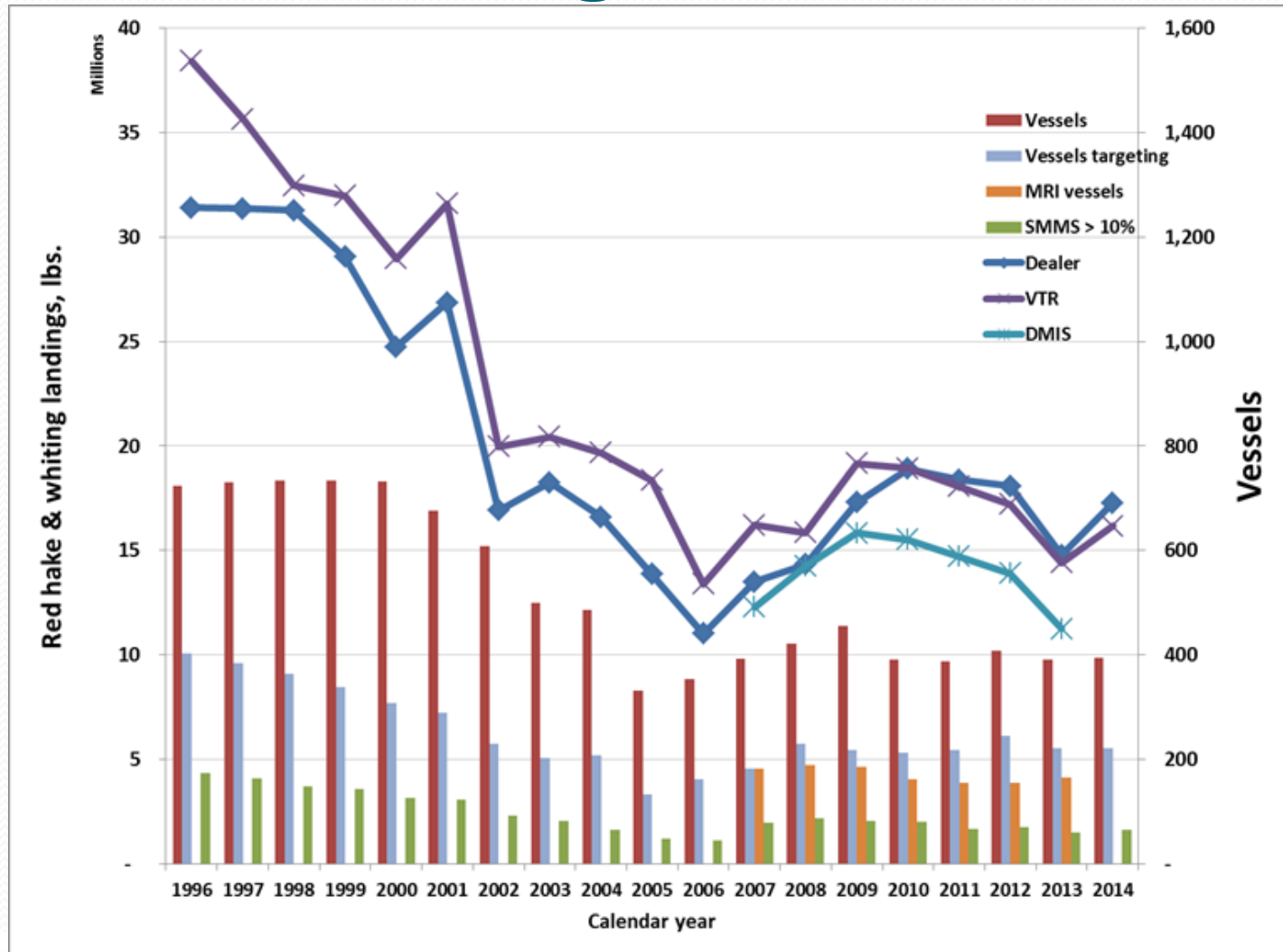
Fishery description and history

- 2013 SAFE Report
(<http://s3.amazonaws.com/nefmc.org/SAFE-Report-for-Fishing-Year-2013.pdf>)
- 2014 Annual Monitoring Report
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Figure 3

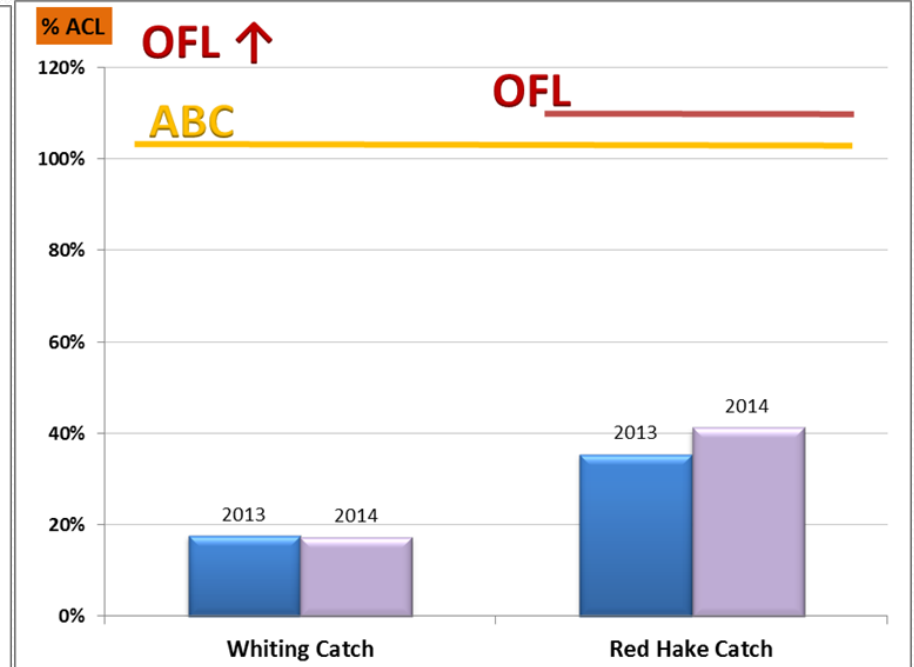
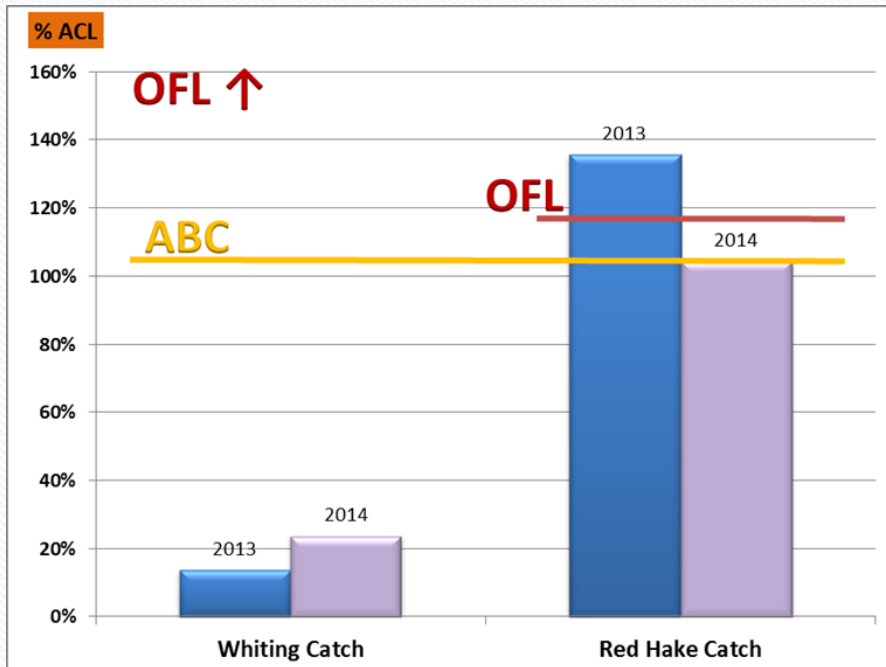


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Figure 3

North

South



Previous Limited Access Development

- Amendment 12 – disapproved
 - Fairness and equity
 - Would be ineffective
 - Data quality issues
- 2006-2007 Amendment
 - Accommodation of historical participants
 - Unsatisfactory data driven qualification criteria alternatives
 - Differential north/south qualification
 - Data quality issues



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(<http://s3.amazonaws.com/nefmc.org/a-22-whiting-Scoping-document-4.pdf>)

- Purpose

- *“To implement measures that would prevent unrestrained increases in fishing effort by new entrants to the fishery”*
- *“The amendment will help ensure that catches of the small-mesh multispecies and other non-target species will be at or below specifications, reducing the potential for causing accountability measures to be triggered and resulting closure of the directed fishery.”*

- Five hearings, one webinar

- Issues

● Limited access qualification criteria



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(<http://s3.amazonaws.com/nefmc.org/2.-Amendment-22-Scoping-Hearing-Summaries.pdf>)

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- Issues
 - Limited access qualification criteria
 - Limited access permit characteristics and conditions
 - Permit categories and associated measures (Multi-tiered limited access and incidental permits)
- Five hearings, one webinar
 - Limited access
 - Modifications to small-mesh exemption areas



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- Comments
 - Active, full-time whiting fishermen
 - Less active whiting fishermen
 - Previously active whiting fishermen
 - Others opposed to limited access as a means to address choke species issues.

