# Amendment 22 Scoping Comments

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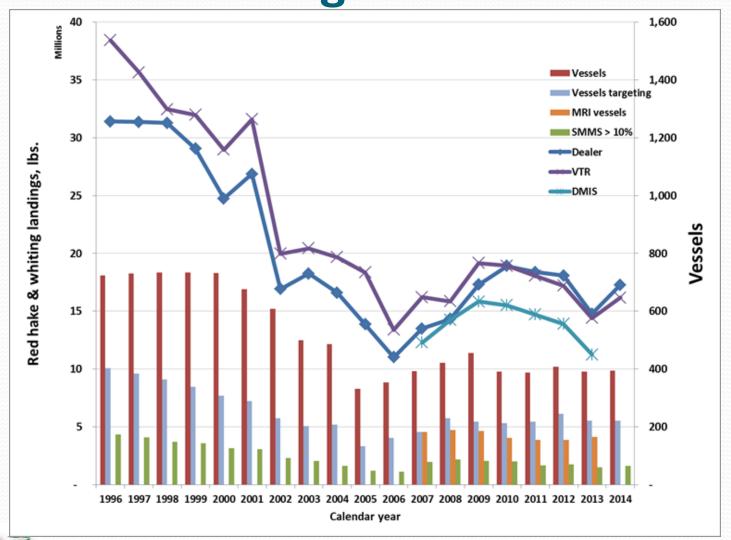


#### Fishery description and history

- 2013 SAFE Report (http://s3.amazonaws.com/nefmc.org/SAFE-Report-for-Fishing-Year-2013.pdf)
- 2014 Annual Monitoring Report (http://s3.amazonaws.com/nefmc.org/2\_2014-Annual-Monitoring-Report.pdf)

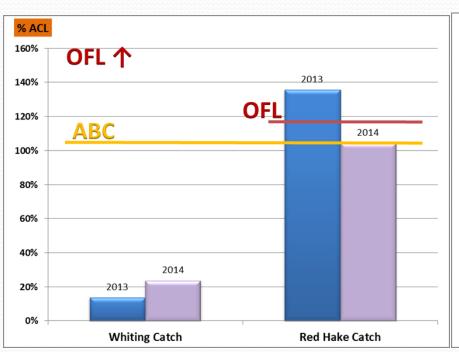


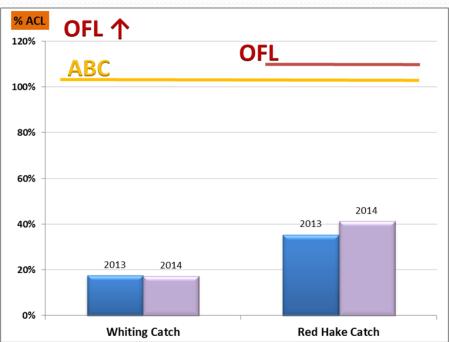
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North South







#### 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



### **Amendment 22 scoping**

(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
  - imited access qualification criteria

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(http://s3.amazonaws.com/nefmc.org/2.-Amendment-22-Scoping-Hearing-Summaries.pdf) (http://s3.amazonaws.com/nefmc.org/3.-Whiting-A22-Comments\_I.pdf)

- Issues
  - Limited access qualification criteria
  - Limited access permit characteristics and conditions
  - Permit categories and associated measures (Multitiered 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.

