

Small-Mesh Multispecies (Whiting) Fishery Performance Discussion Questions for Advisors

1. What factors have influenced recent fishing activity and how?
 - Wind farms, environmental change, market pricing, etc.?
 - Regulations in related fisheries (e.g. squid) and relative prices?
 - Recent changes in catch per day fished?
 - Recent changes in bycatch, any ‘hotspots’?
 - Any recent market changes affecting whiting prices?

2. How might these factors change in the near future? How do you anticipate that the fishery will adjust to these changes? How is the industry adjusting to changes in fish distribution?

3. Have any recent regulatory changes in related fisheries affected your small-mesh multispecies fishing and how?

4. Are the current small-mesh fishery regulations appropriate? How could they be improved and how would they affect the small-mesh multispecies fishery?

5. What other factors may affect the small-mesh multispecies fishery going forward?

6. Are there any recreational fishing issues that should be considered?