

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

I. STATUS

- A. Meetings: The committee met on June 20th to develop guidance on development of Amendment 22 alternatives and comment on law enforcement priorities. The committee developed advice about whether and how the Council should proceed with the amendment to address the purpose and need. The PDT held two conference calls to consider the pros and cons of using limited access to address the purpose and need for Amendment 22. The PDT also reviewed and discussed fleet history characteristics.
- B. Amendment 22 (limited access): The PDT developed advice about the pros and cons for developing limited access alternatives to address the purpose and need for the amendment. The Plan Development Team (PDT) analyzed fleet history using the three possession limit cut points and three time periods previously identified by the committee.

II. COUNCIL ACTION

Approve committee recommendations on Amendment 22 development.

III. INFORMATION

- 1. PDT advice on development of Amendment 22 alternatives (*to be distributed*)
- 2. Fleet history analysis presentation (*to be distributed*)
- 3. Letter from Dan Farnham on Amendment 22, May 28, 2016
- 4. Amendment 22 scoping hearing results (presentation)
- 5. Scoping hearing summaries (<http://s3.amazonaws.com/nefmc.org/2.-Amendment-22-Scoping-Hearing-Summaries.pdf>)
- 6. Written scoping comments (http://s3.amazonaws.com/nefmc.org/3.-Whiting-A22-Comments_1.pdf)