

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

**I. STATUS**

- A. Whiting limited access amendment: Five public hearings and one webinar were held in December and January, followed by a Small Mesh Multispecies Committee meeting on January 21. The Committee will recommend the scope of alternatives to be developed and analyzed in Draft Amendment 22.
  
- B. Red Hake Specifications: A specifications package to adjust the 2017-2018 red hake catch limits has been submitted to NOAA Fisheries for review and implementation.

**II. COUNCIL ACTION**

Approve the scope of measures to be developed and analyzed for Draft Amendment 22.

**III. INFORMATION**

1. Scoping hearing summaries
2. Written scoping comments
3. Small Mesh Multispecies Committee January 21, 2016 meeting summary