

INACTIVE New England silver hake - trawl

Overview

FIP Description

Note: This FIP went inactive on December 3, 2018.

The New England whiting fishery is a small mesh trawl fishery. The FIP will help to reduce bycatch of flatfish, haddock and cod.

The whiting stock has recovered from overfishing and currently has a low probability of overfishing. Silver Dollar Seafood and others support progress on Amendment 22 (A22) to the Small-mesh Multispecies Fishery Management Plan, which is meant to establish the whiting fishery as a limited access fishery. It will put a cap on the number of participants in the fishery and is being taken up as a way to reduce bycatch, make the fishery more easily manageable, and reduce the future risk of overfishing.

The fishery is managed and assessed in context of multispecies and multi-gear fisheries targeting silver hake and uncertainties and challenges facing the stock assessment have been considered (Helsler and Alavade 2012). Corrective management measures are initiated through annual quota limitations in U.S. waters. Boats can fish for whiting with small mesh (3"), but smaller mesh is penalized with much smaller catch limits. Use of larger mesh gear is encouraged so juveniles can escape. The FIP will promote bycatch reduction measures and encourage incentives (higher trip limits, permission to fish in the northern area) for vessels using larger mesh sizes to improve selectivity.

How is this FIP Doing?

Current Status:

% of Indicators Tracked Basic FIPs may focus their workplans on a subset of the indicators. This shows the proportion of total indicators the FIP is working on.

71%

Actions Progress This shows the proportion of actions in the workplan that the FIP has completed.

0%

Actions Overview This shows the proportion of actions that are behind schedule, on track, completed, or not yet started.

Behind	On Track	Complete	Future
100%	0%	0%	0%

FIP Objective(s)

By 2018:

1. Reduce discards in the whiting fishery by adding haddock to the New England bycatch avoidance program operated by Cornell cooperative extension.
2. Reduce bycatch of flatfish, haddock and cod with a rule to use big mesh belly panels and / or raised footrope trawls for permission to fish for whiting in the northern area.

FIP Type

Basic

FIP Stage

Stage 4: Improvements in Fishing Practices or Fishery Management

Start and Projected End Dates

July, 2015 -
December, 2019

Species

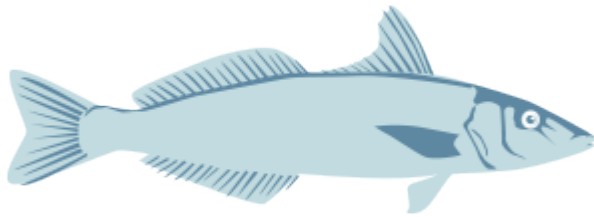
Common Name

Silver Hake

Scientific Name

Merluccius bilinearis

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Gear Type

[Bottom Trawl](#)

[Trawl](#)

Location

FAO Major Fishing Area

[Area 21 \(Atlantic, Northwest\)](#)

Exclusive Economic Zones

Country

United States of America (the)

Country Flag of Vessel

United States of America (the)

Estimated Total FIP Landings

1592 metric tons

FIP Leads

Organization Name

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Organization Type

Industry

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