Squid Capacity

- Relatively small % of vessels catch most of the squid

- Concern: If latent capacity activated: seasons shorter, market issues, and bycatch/protected resource issues potentially increase.
Scoping Hearings – April 2015

- Pt. Judith – no action
- Montauk – remove unused capacity
- New Bedford – no action
- Cape May – mixed, most for no action
- Long Branch – no action, wide criteria
- Webinar/Newport News, no action
Written Comments

- Majority of written comments supported no action, i.e. not proceeding.

- Some comments supported proactive latent capacity reduction.
New Issues

- Consider new allocations/permits for Maine/northern states
- Control dates (a,b,c)
- Specs issues
- Remove butterfish discard cap
New Issues

- Consider gear solutions to bycatch
- Consider buffer zones (e.g. 10 miles) beyond state waters to allow squid to enter/spawn in Nantucket Sound
- Lower quotas and address illegal fishing in New Jersey.