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### NOTICE OF ENTRY INTO 2021 EPISODIC EVENT SET ASIDE PROGRAM FOR COMMERCIAL MENHADEN FISHERY

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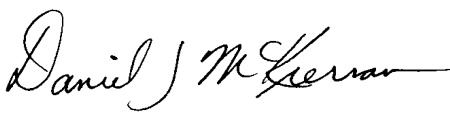
Whereas on June 17, 2021 the Division of Marine Fisheries closed Massachusetts' 2021 quota managed commercial menhaden fishery for June 18, 2021, and the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission approved Massachusetts' application to participate in the 2021 Episodic Event Set Aside Program, the Director of the Division of Marine Fisheries is now providing notice of entry into the 2021 Episodic Event Set Aside Program for the commercial menhaden fishery. This action is being taken consistent with the provisions set forth at 322 CMR 6.43(4)(c)(1).

Commercial fishermen may participate in the 2021 Episodic Event Set Aside fishery in accordance with the restrictions set forth at 322 CMR 6.43(4)(c)(2). Except that the Director of the Division of Marine Fisheries has issued [permit conditions](#) per his authority at G.L. c. 130, §80 and 322 CMR 7.01(7) to further restrict the possession and landing limit for commercial fishermen who have been issued a regulated Atlantic menhaden fishery permit endorsement set forth at 322 CMR 6.43(4)(c)(2)(a). Pursuant to these [permit conditions](#), these fishery participants may possess and land up to 25,000 pounds of Atlantic menhaden per trip or calendar day, whichever duration is longer.

The 2021 Episodic Event Set Aside has been set at 4,285,786 pounds. Once the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission determines the 2021 Episodic Event Set Aside is exhausted, the Division of Marine Fisheries shall close the Episodic Event Set Aside Fishery in accordance with the process set forth at 322 CMR 6.41(2)(c). Unless otherwise notified, upon the closure of the Episodic Event Set Aside Fishery, commercial fishermen may possess and land menhaden in accordance with the Incidental Catch and Small-Scale Fishery restrictions set forth at 322 CMR 6.43(4)(b).

Dated: June 17, 2021

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