

<u>Notice of Fishery Closure</u>: 2021 Menhaden Episodic Event Set Aside Fishery

Pursuant to the notice and public comment requirements at G.L. c. 30A, §3 and under the authority of G.L. c. 130, §§ 17A, 21, and 80, and 322 CMR §§ 6.41(2)(c), 6.43(4)(c)(1), and 322 CMR 7.01(6), the Commonwealth's 2021 Atlantic Menhaden Episodic Event Set Aside Fishery, as established at 322 CMR §6.43(1)(c) is closed effective 0001 hours on Saturday, July 17, 2021. This action is being taken in response to the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission determining the 2021 Episodic Event Set Aside will be exhausted following Friday, July 16, 2021.

Dated: July 16, 2021

By:

Daniel J. McKiernan, Director