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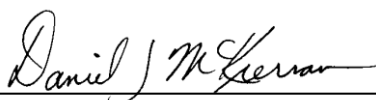
NOTICE OF FISHERY CLOSURE

2022 ATLANTIC MENHADEN QUOTA-MANAGED FISHERY

Pursuant to the notice and public comment requirements of 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) and 7.01(7), the Commonwealth's 2022 commercial menhaden quota, as established at 322 CMR §6.43(2), is projected to be taken on Wednesday, July 27, 2022. In accordance with 322 CMR §6.43(4)(a)(3), the quota-managed commercial menhaden fishery in Massachusetts will be closed effective Thursday, July 28, 2022.

Unless otherwise notified, the quota managed commercial menhaden fishery will remain closed until 2023. During this period, it shall be unlawful for any fisherman to retain, possess, land, offer for sale or sell menhaden in a manner that does not conform with the incidental catch and small-scale fishery limit for menhaden set forth at 322 CMR 6.43(4)(b). Additionally, pursuant to 322 CMR 7.07(5)(b), it shall be unlawful for bait dealers, permitted in accordance with G.L. c. 130 § 80 and 322 CMR §7.01(3), to purchase any menhaden from any fisherman during this closed period in quantities that exceed the above stated incidental catch and small-scale fishery limit for menhaden.

Dated: July 27, 2022

By: 

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