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EFFECTIVE AUGUST 22: COMMERCIAL LIMITED ACCESS MENHADEN FISHERY TRIP LIMIT INCREASED TO 25,000 POUNDS

The Division of Marine Fisheries has received a transfer of commercial menhaden quota enabling the limited access fishery trip limit to be increased back to 25,000 pounds, effective at 0001 hours on Thursday, August 22 ([Re-Opening Notice](#) and [Permit Conditions](#)). This 25,000-pound limited access fishery trip limit will remain in effect until 95% of the adjusted 2019 commercial quota is taken, at which time it will be reduced to 6,000 pounds.

A 25,000-pound trip limit was previously in place during August 9–August 15, 2019. By regulation, the commercial limited access menhaden fishery trip limit starts at 125,000 pounds and is reduced to 25,000 pounds at 85% quota use and 6,000 pounds at 95% quota use. With the receipt of this quota transfer, state landings are now between 85–95% of the adjusted quota, enabling a return to the 25,000-pound limit. This trip limit will allow both small-scale and mid-sized fishery participants continued access to the menhaden population that remains abundant in our state waters.

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