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FISHERY RE-OPENING NOTICE

2019 LIMITED ENTRY COMMERCIAL MENHADEN FISHERY TO RE-OPEN AT 25,000 POUND TRIP LIMIT

The Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF) has received a transfer of 2019 commercial menhaden quota. With the receipt of this quota transfer, state landings are now between 85–95% of the adjusted quota. Accordingly, 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 §§6.43(1) and (4)(a)(2), and 7.01(7), the limited entry commercial menhaden fishery shall reopen on August 22, 2019 with a 25,000-pound trip limit.

In accordance with 322 CMR §6.43(4)(a), this 25,000-pound trip limit shall remain in effect for the limited entry commercial menhaden fishery until DMF projects 95% of the 2019 commercial menhaden quota is taken. At that time, the trip limit shall be reduced to 6,000 pounds for all participants. This action does not impact the open access commercial menhaden fishery trip limits, as established at 322 CMR §6.43(4)(b).

These trip limits are enforceable by regulation at 322 CMR §6.43(4) and by permit condition at 322 CMR §7.01(7).

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