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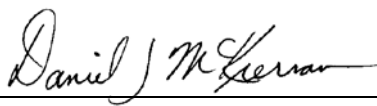
FISHERY RE-OPENING NOTICE

2020 Quota Managed Menhaden Fishery to Re-Open August 28

The Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF) has received a transfer of 2020 commercial menhaden quota. With the receipt of this quota transfer, state landings are now between 85–100% of the adjusted quota. 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(2) and (4)(a), the quota managed menhaden fishery shall reopen on Friday, August 28, 2020 consistent with regulations set forth at 322 CMR 6.43(4)(a)(1)(b) and 6.43(4)(a)(2), as described below.

1. Regulated Fishery Trip Limit. Commercial fishermen who have been issued a regulated Atlantic menhaden fishery permit endorsement, in accordance with 322 CMR 6.43(3), and 322 CMR 7.01(4)(a): *Regulated Fishery Permit Endorsement* may possess and land up to 25,000 pounds of Atlantic menhaden per trip or 24-hour day, whichever duration is longer.
2. Open Access Fishery Trip Limit. Commercial fishermen who have not been issued a regulated Atlantic menhaden fishery permit in accordance with 322 CMR 6.43(3) and 322 CMR 7.01(4)(a): *Regulated Fishery Permit Endorsement* may possess and land up to 6,000 pounds of Atlantic menhaden per trip or 24-hour day, whichever duration is longer.
3. These trip limits shall remain in effect until DMF projects that 100% of the adjusted 2020 commercial menhaden quota is taken and DMF closes the quota managed menhaden fishery in accordance with 322 CMR 6.43(4)(a)(3).

Dated: August 27, 2020

By: 
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