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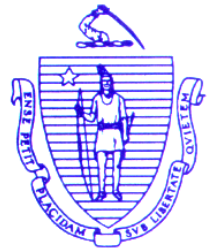
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**DIRECTOR'S DECLARATION:
COMMERCIAL LIMITED ACCESS MENHADEN FISHERY
TRIP LIMIT REDUCED TO 6,000 POUNDS**

Pursuant to the notice and public comment requirements of G.L. c. 30A §3 and under the authority at G.L. c. 130 §§17A and 80 and 322 CMR §§6.41(2), 6.43(4)(a)(2) and 7.01(7), the Director of the Division of Marine Fisheries makes the following Declaration pertaining to the commercial limited access menhaden fishery trip limit:

- 1. 95% of the Commonwealth's 2017 commercial menhaden quota will have been landed on Wednesday, September 13, 2017; and**
- 2. Effective 0001 hours on Thursday, September 14, 2017 it shall be unlawful for any commercial fisherman who has been issued a regulated Atlantic menhaden fishery permit endorsement, in accordance with 322 CMR §§ 6.43(3) and 7.01(4)(a), to possess or land more than 6,000 pounds of menhaden per trip or per calendar day, whichever duration is longer.**

Dated: September 13, 2017

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