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**DIRECTOR'S DECLARATION:
COMMERCIAL MENHADEN REGULATED FISHERY
TRIP LIMIT REDUCTION**

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)(c), 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 menhaden regulated fishery quota and trip limit:

1. **75% of the Commonwealth's 2016 commercial menhaden quota has been landed as of Wednesday, September 28, 2016; and**
2. **Effective 0001 hours on Monday, October 3, 2016 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)(4), to possess or land more than 25,000 pounds of menhaden per trip or per calendar day, whichever duration is longer.**

Dated: September 29, 2016

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