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DIRECTOR'S DECLARATION: COMMERCIAL LIMITED ACCESS MENHADEN FISHERY TRIP LIMIT REDUCED TO 25,000 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 §§ 6.43(4)(a)(1)(b) 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. 85% of the Commonwealth's 2022 commercial menhaden quota has been landed as of June 14, 2022; and
- 2. Effective 0001 hours on June 15, 2022 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 25,000 pounds of menhaden per trip or per calendar day, whichever duration is longer.

Dated: June 14, 2022 Signed: Signed: Daniel M. Kierrar