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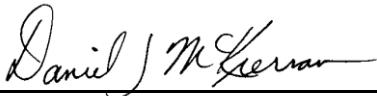
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**Notice of Fishery Closure:
2026 Atlantic Menhaden Episodic Event Set Aside Fishery**

Pursuant to the notice and public comment requirements at G.L. c. 30A, §3 and under the authority of G.L. c. 130, §§ 17A, 21, and 80, and 322 CMR §§ 6.41(2)(c), 6.43(6), and 322 CMR 7.01(7), the Commonwealth's 2026 Atlantic Menhaden Episodic Event Set Aside Fishery, as established at 322 CMR §6.43(2), is closed effective 0001 hours on Tuesday, September 1, 2026. This action is being taken in response to the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission determining the 2026 Atlantic Menhaden Episodic Event Set Aside may be exhausted following Monday, August 31, 2026 once all landings are accounted for.

Dated: August 28, 2026

By: 
Daniel J. McKiernan, Director