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**Notice of Fishery Re-Opening:
2026 Atlantic Menhaden Quota Managed Fishery**

The Division of Marine Fisheries has received a transfer of unused 2026 commercial menhaden quota from another Atlantic coast state. With the receipt of this quota transfer, and 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 7.01(7), the Commonwealth's 2026 Atlantic Menhaden Quota Managed Fishery, as established at 322 CMR §6.43(4), shall reopen effective 0001 hours on Tuesday, September 1, 2026. Commercial fishers may participate in the Quota Managed Fishery consistent with the regulations set forth at 322 CMR 6.43(4)(b). Based on the amount of quota remaining, limited entry fishers are subject to the 6,000-pound trip limit, as established at 322 CMR §6.43(4)(1)b, until further notice.

Dated: August 28, 2026

By: 
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