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Limited Access Commercial Menhaden Fishery to Close Effective Friday, August 7, 2020

The 2020 limited access commercial menhaden fishery is projected to have harvested 100% of its 2020 commercial quota on Thursday, August 6, 2020. Accordingly, the directed fishery will close effective at 12:01am on Friday, August 7, 2020 ([Closure Notice](#)). This closure will remain in effect until 2021, unless Massachusetts obtains a transfer of menhaden quota from another Atlantic coastal state.

Once the limited access commercial menhaden fishery is closed, industrial scale fishing for menhaden is prohibited. However, commercial fishing for menhaden may continue under the state's incidental catch and small-scale fishery limits. This allows any commercial fishermen to continue to retain, possess, land and sell up to 6,000 pounds of menhaden per trip or calendar day, whichever period of time is longer.

For more information about the management of menhaden in Massachusetts, contact DMF at 617-626-1520 or visit our website at www.mass.gov/marinefisheries.