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Industry Scoping Meeting for 2025 Menhaden Management

The Division of Marine Fisheries is holding an industry scoping meeting to discuss the state's management of the 2025 commercial menhaden fishery in Massachusetts. During the meeting, DMF will review recent fishery performance and the existing management measures before seeking input on potential revisions for 2025. This scoping meeting serves as a precursor to DMF developing any specific management proposals that would be subject to public comment prior to rulemaking.

What	Scoping Meeting on 2025 Commercial Menhaden Fishery Management
When	Wednesday, October 16 at 6:00 PM
Where	DMF Annisquam River Marine Fisheries Station 30 Emerson Avenue Gloucester, MA 01930

Massachusetts' commercial menhaden quota for 2025 is expected to be roughly 10.8 million pounds, consistent with 2024 (representing a 2.12% share of the coastwide quota set by the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission). Since the onset of interstate quota management in 2013, DMF has developed and continuously refined an extensive management system, including seasons, trip limits, gear and vessel restrictions, time/area constraints, and permitting and reporting requirements. We continue to be interested to fine-tune these measures to achieve management objectives and adapt to changing fishery conditions. One area of interest to DMF for possible modification in 2025 includes the limited entry fishery's trip limit triggers that are based on quota use (specifically the 90% quota use trigger that reduces the trip limit to 6,000 pounds).

Please contact Nichola Meserve at nichola.meserve@mass.gov or 978-619-0017 for more information about the meeting.