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MENHADEN: Small Scale Fishery opens Thursday, July 9, 2020

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Notice to all Commercial Pelagic and Anadromous License holders targeting Menhaden:

A preliminary estimate of 4.1 million pounds of menhaden have been landed during the Episodic fishery of an available 4.7 million pounds and the Department has declared the episodic quota fishery closed on Tuesday, July 7 at 12:01 a.m. to avoid incurring overage in this program.

The Incidental and Small Scale fishery will open on Thursday, July 9 at 12:01 a.m. and continue until further notice.

Please review and adhere to the following regulatory provisions for the Small Scale fishery:

- Harvest seven days a week, starting Thursday, July 9, 2020
- Daily landing limit is 6,000 lbs
 - All fish must be immediately stored in totes, crates or barrels
- Transfers at sea are prohibited
- For all landings from Monday through Sunday, reports are due the following Monday
 - Use either [LEEDS](#) or [FISH ONLINE](#).

Atlantic Menhaden Small Scale Fishery opens Thursday July 9, 2020

Maine Department of Marine Resources would like to inform all Menhaden harvesters that the episodic quota has been consumed and the episodic event fishery closed on Tuesday, July 7 at 12:01 a.m. The Incidental Catch and Small Scale menhaden fishery opens on Thursday, July 9 at 12:01 a.m. Menhaden may be harvested seven days a week, with a daily landing limit of 6,000 lbs, and electronic landing reports are due at the end of each week.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 9, 2020

Additional information:

[Reporting through LEEDS](#)

[Reporting through NOAA FISH ONLINE](#)

[DMR Menhaden Webpage](#)

Need help with electronic reporting? Please contact Marissa.L.DeCosta@maine.gov or 207-633-9566 or Rob.Watts@maine.gov or 207-633-9412

For questions on menhaden fishery regulations, please contact your [local patrol officer](#), or your **Division Lieutenants:**

Division 1 - Lt Danny White at 207-633-9596

Division 2 - Lt Troy Dow at 207-664-2393

For questions on menhaden fishery management, please contact Melissa.Smith@maine.gov or 207-624-6558.

- [File Negative Landings Report.pdf](#)
 - [File Positive Landings Report_Menhaden.pdf](#)
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Fair winds to you and yours.

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