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July 23, 2014

Dear New Jersey Atlantic Menhaden Purse Seine Holder:
New Jersey Atlantic Menhaden Dealer:

The New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife has determined that the **Atlantic menhaden Purse Seine** fishery was closed prematurely on July 3, 2014. Based upon this information and pursuant to N.J.S.A. 23:3-52.13d(2) (L. 2013, c.74, s.13), the New Jersey Atlantic menhaden purse seine fishery will re-open on Monday, July 28, 2014 and will close on Friday, August 1, 2014.

Purse seine vessels will be **authorized to make 2 trips at 40,000 pounds OR 1 trip at 80,000 pounds during the 5 day period**, with no more than one trip per day. Any vessel fishing for Atlantic menhaden during this period is required to notify the New Jersey Bureau of Law Enforcement at (609) 748-2050 prior to fishing and indicate the trip number (i.e. one or two).

Effective 12:00 AM, Saturday, August 2, 2014, no vessel shall land or possess nor shall any dealer accept any Atlantic menhaden harvested through the use of commercial Purse Seine in excess of the incidental harvest limit of 6,000 pounds per day through December 31, 2014.

If you have any questions, please contact the Bureau of Marine Fisheries at 609-748-2020.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brandon Muffley".

Brandon Muffley
Marine Fisheries Administration

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