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Dear Atlantic Menhaden Pound Net, Otter Trawl, Gill Net, Bait Net License Holder: New Jersey Menhaden Dealer:

The New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife has determined that the Atlantic Menhaden quota allocated to the commercial Pound Net, Otter Trawl, Gill Net, and Bait Net fisheries was closed prematurely. Based upon this information and pursuant to N.J.S.A. 23:3-51.11(d)1 (L. 2013, c.74, s.13) the New Jersey directed harvest of menhaden in the commercial Pound Net, Otter Trawl, Gill Net, and Bait Net fisheries will reopen Thursday, April 24, 2014.

Therefore, effective 12:01 AM, Thursday, April 24, 2014, vessels possessing a valid NJ menhaden landing license are authorized to land Atlantic menhaden as per N.J.S.A 23:3-51. Once the remaining Pound Net, Otter Trawl, Gill Net and Bait Net quota is harvested, all menhaden landing license holders will be notified of the closure via e-mail.

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

Sincerely,

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Brandon Muffley Marine Fisheries Administrator

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