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June 30, 2015

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

As of June 30, 2015, the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife has determined that the Atlantic Menhaden quota of 43,598,470 pounds allocated to the commercial Purse Seine fishery will be harvested by Friday, July 3, 2015. Based upon this information and pursuant to N.J.S.A. 23:3-51.11d(1) the **New Jersey directed harvest of menhaden in the commercial Purse Seine fishery will be closed** as of 11:59 PM, Friday, July 3, 2015.

Therefore, effective 12:00 AM, Saturday, July 4, 2015, no vessel shall land or possess nor shall any dealer accept any Atlantic menhaden harvested by Purse Seine in excess of the Incidental Catch limit of 6,000 pounds per day through December 31, 2015. The commercial Atlantic Menhaden Purse Seine fishery will re-open on January 1, 2016.

If the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife determines the directed commercial quota for harvesting Atlantic menhaden using Purse Seine was closed prematurely, notification re-opening that gear type will be provided.

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, Administrator  
Marine Fisheries Administration

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