

June 30, 2015

Dear Menhaden Purse Seine License Holder and Menhaden Dealer,

This is a follow up e-mail regarding the Menhaden Purse Seine Fishery closure notification sent earlier today.

This e-mail is being sent to help clarify and answer any questions regarding the purse seine fishery and the July 4th holiday which will be observed by the State on Friday, July 3. According to N.J.S.A. 23:3-51.11c "no person who intends to take menhaden with a purse seine or shirred net shall fish for menhaden in the State on the days in which a public holiday is officially observed by the State."

In other words, no purse seine gear for the harvest of menhaden can be used in State waters this Friday, July 3, 2015. Purse seine license holders can use purse seines in federal waters and can land those menhaden on Friday.

Sorry for any confusion and hope this clarifies the situation.

For any other questions, please call the Bureau of Marine Fisheries at 609-748-2020.