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July 9, 2015

Dear New Jersey Atlantic Menhaden Purse Seine License 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, 2015. Based upon this information and pursuant to N.J.S.A. 23:3-51.11d(2) (L. 2013, c.74, s.13), the New Jersey Atlantic menhaden purse seine fishery will re-open on Monday, July 13, 2015 and will close on Wednesday July 15, 2015.

Purse seine vessels will not be limited to any trip limits. Any purse seine 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.

Effective 12:00 AM, Thursday, July 16, 2015 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, 2015.

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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