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

Due to inclement weather, the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife has elected to extend the open period for the Atlantic menhaden commercial Purse Seine fishery through **Friday, September 21, 2018**. 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, September 21, 2018.**

Purse Seine Carry Vessels are still only authorized to make 3 trips with no more than 3 landings during the period of September 5, 2018 through September 21, 2018, unless the quota is projected to be taken earlier. 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.

Effective 12:00 AM, Saturday, September 22, 2018, 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, 2018.

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 the fishery for that gear type will be provided.

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

Sincerely,

Joseph A. Cimino
Marine Fisheries Administrator

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