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July 15, 2019

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

As of July 15, 2019, the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife has determined that the Atlantic menhaden quota of 49,161,611 pounds allocated to the commercial purse seine fishery will be harvested by Tuesday, July 30, 2019. 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, Tuesday, July 30, 2019.

Purse Seine Carry Vessels will be **authorized to make 3 trips with no more than 3 landings during the 14-day period from July 16, 2019 through July 30, 2019, 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, Wednesday, July 31, 2019, 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, 2019.

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,

Joseph A. Cimino
Marine Fisheries Administrator

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