

## **Maine Department of Marine Resources**

### **Notice to Atlantic Menhaden Fishery: Menhaden Episodic Event Fishery Closure**

The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission Atlantic Menhaden Management Board approved an episodic event fishery for the 2016 fishing season of 1878 mt, or 1% of the total TAC of 187,880 mt per year. The Department of Marine Resources is closing the 2016 episodic event fishery for menhaden in Maine territorial waters as of 11:59 on September 1, 2016, at which time the remaining 2016 episodic event quota is anticipated to be fully utilized based on daily landings reported by harvester vessels. This announcement serves as notice that the episodic event fishery is closed, as provided by 41.30(2)(A), as of 11:59 on September 1, 2016. With the closure of the episodic fishery, vessels are once more eligible to fish for or take up to 6,000 lbs of menhaden per day as incidental bycatch. A vessel may not land more than 6,000 lbs per day, and may not transfer menhaden at sea.