**Menhaden Episodic Event Fishery to close Saturday, August 11, 2018**

Maine Department of Marine Resources would like to inform all menhaden harvesters that the Episodic Event fishery will close **Saturday, August 11, 2018 at 11:59 p.m.** Based on daily landing reports, and with the understanding that latent reporting remains an issue, the Episodic Events Set Aside allocation menhaden quota is projected to be 85% consumed by the end of this harvest week.

The Department would like to inform all menhaden harvesters that the Incidental Catch and Small Scale Fishery for Atlantic menhaden fishery in Maine waters will commence **Monday, August 13, 2018 at 12:01 a.m.** Under the incidental and small scale fishery, harvest may occur seven days a week with a daily landing limit of 6,000 lbs; catcher vessels are prohibited from selling, sharing or transferring fish at sea; all menhaden must be immediately stored in barrels and/or fish totes upon harvest; and, monthly logbook reporting of landings is required, as described in Chapter 8.20(Q).