



# Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Atlantic Menhaden Management Board

**FROM:** James Boyle, FMP Coordinator

**DATE:** November 6, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Preliminary 2026 Atlantic Menhaden Quota Allocations and Redistributed 2025 EESA Quota

Addendum I to Amendment 3 to the Interstate Fishery Management Plan for Atlantic Menhaden sets aside 1% of the TAC for episodic events in the states of New York – Maine. The Addendum also allocates a baseline quota of 0.01% to Pennsylvania; 0.25% to South Carolina, Georgia, Connecticut, Delaware, North Carolina, and Florida; and 0.5% to the remaining jurisdictions, and then allocates the rest of the Total Allowable Catch (TAC) based on landings from 2018, 2019, and 2021. In October 2025, the Atlantic Menhaden Board set the TAC for the 2026 fishing year at 186,840 metric tons (mt) based on the ecological reference points (ERPs).

**Table 1. Preliminary 2026 Atlantic Menhaden Quotas\***

2026		Metric Tons	Pounds
<b>TAC</b>		186,840	411,911,687
<b>1% Set Aside</b>		1,868	4,119,117
<b>TAC After Set Aside</b>		184,972	407,792,570
State	Allocation* (%)	2026 Base Quota (lbs)	
ME	4.80%	19,571,649	
NH	1.19%	4,836,185	
MA	2.12%	8,657,304	
RI	0.81%	3,315,640	
CT	0.33%	1,354,079	
NY	0.84%	3,435,658	
NJ	11.00%	44,848,940	
PA	0.01%	40,779	
DE	0.27%	1,100,799	
MD	1.17%	4,752,709	
PRFC	1.09%	4,432,957	
VA	75.21%	306,702,011	
NC	0.37%	1,512,687	
SC	0.25%	1,019,681	
GA	0.25%	1,019,481	
FL	0.29%	1,192,011	
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>407,792,570</b>	

Table 1 provides each jurisdiction’s 2026 preliminary quota under Addendum I allocations. They account for the 1% episodic events set aside (EESA) program but do not account for potential overages from the 2025 fishing year nor the redistribution of any relinquished quota by the states. The TAC is 184,972 mt after accounting for the EESA.

\*Note: Allocation percentages shown here are rounded for clarity; quotas are based on unrounded values.

As a reminder, jurisdictions should notify James Boyle ([jboyle@asmfc.org](mailto:jboyle@asmfc.org)) by **December 1<sup>st</sup>** if they would like to relinquish part, or all, of their 2026 fixed minimum quota. If a jurisdiction chooses to relinquish its quota, it must specify the amount that is being relinquished. Any relinquished quota will be redistributed to the other jurisdictions based on landings from 2018, 2019, and 2021.

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### Unused 2025 EESA Distribution

Addendum I to Amendment 3 specifies any unused EESA quota as of October 31<sup>st</sup> of each year will be redistributed based on the 2018, 2019, and 2021 timeframe. Maine and Massachusetts declared into the 2025 EESA quota, utilizing 4,754,082 pounds. The remaining 394,814 pounds were redistributed back to the states resulting in revised 2025 quotas (Table 2). Please note the states' listed quotas also include any transfers that have occurred as of November 6, 2025.

**Table 2. Updated 2025 Atlantic Menhaden Quota in Pounds  
(includes transfers and unused EESA quota)**

State	2025 Distributed Unused EESA	New 2025 Quotas
ME	18,060	27,443,609
NH	2,881	7,055,412
MA	6,817	10,845,719
RI	1,315	4,149,197
CT	345	193,816
NY	1,439	3,299,656
NJ	44,098	56,216,989
PA	-	50,974
DE	84	376,082
MD	2,795	4,950,763
PRFC	2,466	5,549,910
VA	313,828	384,486,385
NC	508	1,392,654
SC	0	1,274,602
GA	-	1,274,352
FL	178	1,490,642
<b>Total</b>	<b>394,814</b>	<b>510,135,526</b>

For questions, please contact me at [jboyle@asmfc.org](mailto:jboyle@asmfc.org) or (703)-842-0740.