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MENHADEN: State Fishery CLOSES Tuesday, August 11, 2026 at 12:01 a.m.

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Notice to all Commercial Menhaden Harvesters:

Good afternoon,

This notice is to inform harvesters that the state allocated quota is projected to be fully reached after today's harvest. The **commercial menhaden fishery** will close **Tuesday, August 11, 2026 at 12:01 a.m.**, to all commercial fishing and landing until further notice.

Note: Commercial menhaden harvesters using pound nets or fish weirs will be reduced to an incidental take of 1,050 pounds per harvester vessel per day in accordance to Chapter 41.30(1)(A) when targeting species under their Commercial Pelagic and Anadromous License. Non-commercial menhaden license holders are not impacted by this closure and may continue to harvest 1,050 pounds per harvester and per vessel each day, in accordance with Chapter 41.40. Recreational fishermen may take up to 25 fish per day for personal use, in accordance with Chapter 41.50.

This week, the Department will request approval to participate in the Episodic Event Set Aside (EESA) fishery program. We recognize that Maine's menhaden fishery is economically important this time of year, as well as playing a vital role in our lobster fishery. While the application to enter the EESA takes several days to process, we are working closely with ASFMC staff for a quick transition.

Please be aware that Massachusetts is already harvesting under the EESA quota of 4.1 million pounds. Our regulation dictates that harvest for Maine under the EESA quota will be Mondays and Thursdays with a daily trip limit of 7,000 pounds. The Department will send a follow-up notice later this week once we receive a decision from ASFMC and have determined the opening date of the EESA.

For questions regarding menhaden management, please contact Melissa Smith (melissa.smith@maine.gov, 207.441.5040) or Megan Ware (megan.ware@maine.gov, 207.446.0932)

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