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MENHADEN: EESA Fishery CLOSES Friday, August 21, 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 Maine is exiting the Episodic Event Set Aside (EESA) fishery as the remaining quota is not sufficient to support a full harvest day and would risk an overage. The EESA fishery **CLOSES Friday, August 21, 2026 at 12:01 a.m.** to all commercial fishing and landing until further notice.

Maine DMR is actively obtaining quota transfers to extend the commercial menhaden fishery into September. In order to process these transfers and in consideration of bait availability this fall, DMR will re-open the directed menhaden fishery under transferred quota on Monday, August 31st at 12:01 a.m. When the fishery re-opens, the current trip limits and landing days will remain in effect (7,000 pound daily trip limit with harvest on Mondays and Thursdays). **There will be no commercial harvest from August 21th to August 30th.**

It is extremely important that **ALL** harvesters complete and submit daily trip reports while fishing under the EESA fishery so we can quickly finalize what we have utilized and report out to ASMFC.

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.

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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