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July 7, 2016

Dear New Jersey Atlantic Menhaden Purse Seine Holder:
New Jersey Atlantic Menhaden Dealer:

The New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife has determined that the **Atlantic Menhaden Purse Seine** fishery was closed prematurely on June 25, 2016. Based upon this information and pursuant to N.J.S.A. 23:3-51.11d(2), the New Jersey Atlantic menhaden purse seine fishery will re-open on Monday, July 11, 2016 and will close on Friday, July 15, 2016.

Purse Seine Carry Vessels will be **authorized to make 1 trip with no more than 1 landing during the 5 day period from July 11, 2016 through July 15, 2016**. Any vessel fishing for Atlantic menhaden during this period is required to notify the New Jersey Bureau of Law Enforcement at (609) 748-2050 prior to fishing.

Effective 12:00 AM, Saturday, July 16, 2016, no vessel shall land or possess nor shall any dealer accept any Atlantic menhaden harvested through the use of commercial Purse Seine in excess of the incidental harvest limit of 6,000 pounds per day through December 31, 2016.

If you have any questions, please contact the Bureau of Marine Fisheries at 609-748-2020.

Sincerely,

Brandon Muffley
Marine Fisheries Administration

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