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MENHADEN: Episodic Fishery CLOSED; Small Scale Fisheries Opens Monday July 5, 2021.

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Notice to all Menhaden Commercial (MENC) Licensed harvesters:

Maine Department of Marine Resources would like to inform all Commercial Menhaden harvesters that the episodic event set aside (EESA) phase of the fishery for Maine is closed, effective **Friday, July 2 at 12:01 a.m.** Please submit all landing reports promptly.

The Incidental Catch and Small Scale (ICSS) menhaden fishery opens on **Monday, July 5, at 12:01 a.m.** Under the ICSS, as described in [Chapter 41.30\(3\)](#), menhaden may be harvested Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays with a daily landing limit of 6,000 pounds, and electronic daily trip reports are due weekly by Sunday. Harvesters are limited to one landing per day, and all fish must be immediately stored in crates, barrels or totes (or a combination thereof).

EFFECTIVE DATE: Friday, July 2, 2021

REMINDER: Small Scale fishery has a weekly reporting requirement. Daily trip level reports are due weekly, on Sundays, before 11:59 p.m.

Failure to comply with reporting requirements, as described in [Chapter 41.20](#), is a violation of the regulation. Please be aware that violation of this regulation may result in license suspension.

[Reporting through LEEDS](#)

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[DMR Menhaden Webpage](#)

Need help with electronic reporting? Please contact Marissa.L.DeCosta@maine.gov or 207-633-9566 or Rob.Watts@maine.gov or 207-633-9412.

For any questions on menhaden fishery management, please contact Melissa.Smith@maine.gov or 207-441-5040.

For operational questions on the menhaden fishery, please [contact your local patrol officer, or reach out to your Division Lt.](#)

- [File Negative Landings Report.pdf](#)
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Fair winds to you and yours.

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