



Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Atlantic Menhaden Management Board

FROM: James Boyle, FMP Coordinator

DATE: December 1, 2025

SUBJECT: Revised Preliminary 2026 Atlantic Menhaden Quota Allocations, Accounting for Redistributed Relinquished Quota

This memo revises 2026 Atlantic menhaden quotas previously detailed in Memo 25-97 based on the redistribution of relinquished quota (Table 1).

Provisions of Amendment 3 allow for jurisdictions to relinquish all or part of the jurisdiction's Atlantic menhaden quota. For 2025, Delaware relinquished 600,799 pounds (273 metric tons). Relinquished quota is redistributed to the other jurisdictions (i.e., those which did not relinquish quota) based on average landings from 2018, 2019, and 2021.

The revised quotas account for the 1% episodic events set aside (EESA) program but do not account for potential overages from the 2025 fishing year. The TAC is 184,971.60 mt after accounting for the EESA.

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

Table 1. Revised preliminary Atlantic menhaden quota allocations* for 2026 accounting for the redistribution of relinquished quota. The redistributed quota is based on average landings from 2018, 2019, and 2021, excluding those states that relinquished quota. Quotas do not account for any overages from the 2025 fishing year.

2026	Metric Tons	Pounds			
TAC	186,840	411,911,687			
1% Set Aside	1,868	4,119,117			
TAC After Set Aside	184,972	407,792,570			
State	Addendum 1 Allocations* (%)	2026 Base Quota	Relinquished Quota	Redistributed Relinquished Quota	Revised Preliminary 2026 Quota
ME	4.80%	19,571,649		27,488	19,599,137
NH	1.19%	4,836,185		4,386	4,840,570
MA	2.12%	8,657,304		10,376	8,667,681
RI	0.81%	3,315,640		2,002	3,317,642
CT	0.33%	1,354,079		525	1,354,603
NY	0.84%	3,435,658		2,190	3,437,847
NJ	11.00%	44,848,940		67,119	44,916,059
PA	0.01%	40,779		-	40,779
DE	0.27%	1,100,799	600,799	-	500,000
MD	1.17%	4,752,709		4,255	4,756,964
PRFC	1.09%	4,432,957		3,753	4,436,710
VA	75.21%	306,702,011		477,661	307,179,673
NC	0.37%	1,512,687		773	1,513,460
SC	0.25%	1,019,681		-	1,019,681
GA	0.25%	1,019,481		-	1,019,481
FL	0.29%	1,192,011		270	1,192,282
Total	100.00%	407,792,570		600,799	407,792,570

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