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ASMFC Atlantic Menhaden Board Maintains TAC at 216,000 MT for 2020

Arlington, VA – The Commission's Atlantic Menhaden Management Board maintained the total allowable catch (TAC) of 216,000 mt for the 2020 fishing season with the option to revisit the 2020 TAC following review of the 2019 single-species and ecological reference point benchmark stock assessments and peer-review reports. The TAC will be made available to the states based on the state-by-state allocation established by Amendment 3 (see accompanying table).

The 2019 benchmark stock assessments are scheduled for peer review at the Southeast Data, Assessment and Review process (SEDAR 69) in early November. It is expected the benchmark assessments and peer-review reports will be available for Board review in February 2020. The assessments will be used to evaluate the health of the stock and inform the management of the species in an ecological context. Should the Board determine a change in the quota is necessary after review of the assessments, a two-thirds vote would be required for reconsideration of the 2020 TAC.

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2020 ATLANTIC MENHADEN QUOTAS

		Metric Tons	Pounds
TAC		216,000	476,198,486
1% Set Aside*		2,160	4,761,985
TAC After Set Aside		213,840	471,436,501
STATE	**ALLOCATION**	**QUOTA (MT)**	**QUOTA (LBS)**
ME	0.52%	1,106	2,437,866
NH	0.50%	1,069	2,357,313
MA	1.27%	2,725	6,008,565
RI	0.52%	1,107	2,440,542
CT	0.52%	1,103	2,431,491
NY	0.69%	1,477	3,256,768
NJ	10.87%	23,250	51,257,740
PA	0.50%	1,069	2,357,183
DE	0.51%	1,096	2,416,467
MD	1.89%	4,038	8,901,558
PRFC	1.07%	2,295	5,060,296
VA	78.66%	168,213	370,846,528
NC	0.96%	2,044	4,507,320
SC	0.50%	1,069	2,357,183
GA	0.50%	1,069	2,357,183
FL	0.52%	1,108	2,442,500
TOTAL	100%	213,840	471,436,501

*1% of the TAC is set aside for episodic events, the remaining TAC is allocated to the states per the provisions of Amendment 3. Quotas may be adjusted pending final 2019 landings and the redistribution of any relinquished quota.

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The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission was formed by the 15 Atlantic coastal states in 1942 for the promotion and protection of coastal fishery resources. The Commission serves as a deliberative body of the Atlantic coastal states, coordinating the conservation and management of nearshore fishery resources, including marine, shell and diadromous species.

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