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# MENHADEN: Update on Episodic Fishery Progress

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## Notice to all Commercial Pelagic and Anadromous License holders targeting Menhaden:

The Episodic Event Set Aside (EESA) opened on Monday, June 29, 2020 and preliminary landings exceed 2.5 million pounds. Many reports have not been filed, so we know we will likely see an increase in Monday's total landings. The increased timeliness of reporting is appreciated as we monitor the available quota.

With over 100 active harvesters, maintaining the current effort restrictions during the remainder of this week would result in an overage of the EESA (episodic quota). This would impact us in future years and needs to be avoided. To allow for the continuation of harvesting of the

remaining episodic quota, the Department is reducing the daily landing limit to 6,000 lbs for the remainder of the episodic fishery. This reduced limit will begin on the next harvesting day of Thursday, July 2, and continue on Mondays and Thursdays only, until the EESA quota has been nearly consumed, or until further notice.

The Commissioner will be working to have additional quota transferred to Maine over the coming weeks. The amount of quota we receive will determine how we reopen. It is the Department's intent to reopen the fishery at 17 barrels a day (small scale; 6,000 lbs) after the episodic quota has been reached.

This message is meant to aid impacted harvesters in their planning for their activity later this week. Formal notice of the emergency rule will be sent by GovDelivery tomorrow afternoon.

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**For any questions on the menhaden fishery, please contact [Melissa.Smith@maine.gov](mailto:Melissa.Smith@maine.gov) or 207-624-6558.**

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Fair winds to you and yours.

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