

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**The Maryland Department of Natural Resources**  
**Fishing and Boating Services**  
*2026 Commercial Atlantic Menhaden Quota and Season — Effective 1/1/2026*

**WHAT THIS NOTICE DOES**

The Secretary of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources announces the quota and season for the commercial Atlantic menhaden fishery. Effective 12:01 a.m. January 1, 2026:

- The annual total allowable landings of Atlantic menhaden for Maryland are 4,756,964 pounds.
- The season is open January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026.

**WHY THIS IS NECESSARY**

This is necessary to implement the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission Interstate Fishery Management Plan for Atlantic Menhaden.

**WHO THIS NOTICE AFFECTS**

This applies to all individuals who catch Atlantic menhaden commercially.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

The 2026 quota may be adjusted pending final 2025 landings. If the quota is adjusted a new notice will be issued.

**AUTHORITY**

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