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**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Industry Members, State, and NOAA Fisheries Personnel with Special Interest in the Menhaden Fisheries  
  
**FROM:** Ray Mroch  
  
**SUBJECT:** Status Purse-Seine Landings of Gulf and Atlantic Menhaden for the 2017 Fishing Season

Preliminary landings for the 2017 gulf menhaden purse-seine fishing season and landings for the Atlantic menhaden purse-seine landings through August 31, 2017. All landings are for reduction and expressed in thousands of "standard fish"<sup>1,2</sup> and metric tons (also for 2016 and 2012-2016 five-year average for equivalent time):

		<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>5-year average<sup>3</sup></u>	<u>Change</u>
<b><u>Gulf Menhaden</u></b>						
Moss Point, Empire, Abbeville combined:	Total Standard Fish:	1,102,469	1,170,130	-5.8%	1,181,399	-6.7%
	Total Metric Tons:	335,040	355,603		359,027	
<b><u>Atlantic Menhaden</u></b>						
Reedville	Total Standard Fish:	259,439	340,401	-23.8%	319,925	-18.9%
	Total Metric Tons:	78,844	103,448		97,225	

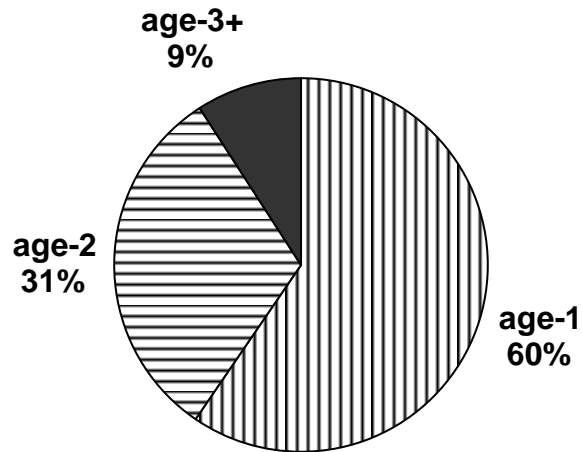
<sup>1</sup> To convert to pounds, multiply by 670

<sup>2</sup> To convert to metric tons, multiply by 0.3039

<sup>3</sup> Gulf values include landings at the factory in Cameron, LA, which closed in December 2013

**Age Composition of 2017 Menhaden Port Samples to Date**

**Gulf Menhaden (n = 964)**



**Atlantic Menhaden (n = 380)**

