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MEMORANDUM FOR: Industry Members, State, and NOAA Fisheries Personnel with Special Interest in the Menhaden Fisheries

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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 November 30, 2017. All landings are for reduction and expressed in thousands of "standard fish"^{1,2} 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 average³</u>	<u>Change</u>
<u>Gulf Menhaden</u>						
Moss Point, Empire, Abbeville combined:	Total Standard Fish:	1,515,983	1,598,741	-5.2%	1,638,212	-7.5%
	Total Metric Tons:	460,707	485,857		497,853	
<u>Atlantic Menhaden</u>						
Reedville	Total Standard Fish:	405,204	436,676	-7.2%	456,799	-11.3%
	Total Metric Tons:	123,141	132,706		138,875	

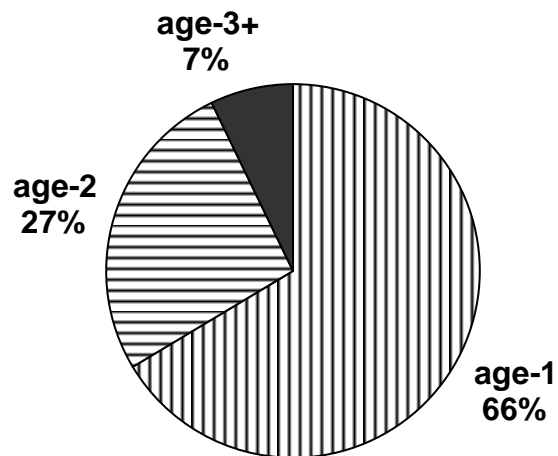
¹ To convert to pounds, multiply by 670

² To convert to metric tons, multiply by 0.3039

³ 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 = 2,635)



Atlantic Menhaden (n = 648)

