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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 2018 Fishing Season

Preliminary landings for the 2018 gulf menhaden purse-seine fishing season and landings for the Atlantic menhaden purse-seine landings through November 30, 2018. All landings are for reduction and expressed in thousands of "standard fish"^{1,2} and metric tons (also for 2017 and 2013-2017 five-year average for equivalent time):

		<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>5-year average³</u>	<u>Change</u>
<u>Gulf Menhaden</u>						
Moss Point, Empire, Abbeville	Total Standard Fish:	1,728,633	1,515,983	14.1%	1,560,782	10.8%
	Total Metric Tons:	525,635	460,707		474,322	
<u>Atlantic Menhaden</u>						
Reedville	Total Standard Fish:	463,172	405,204	14.3%	432,308	7.1%
	Total Metric Tons:	140,758	123,141		131,378	

Age estimates for Gulf and Atlantic will be delayed due to an ageing equipment failure. We are working on a replacement method and will update these as soon as possible. Sorry for any inconvenience.

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