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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 2021 Fishing Season

Preliminary landings for the 2021 gulf menhaden purse-seine fishing season and landings for the Atlantic menhaden purse-seine landings through August 31, 2021. All landings are for reduction and expressed in thousands of "standard fish"^{1,2} and metric tons (also for 2020 and 2016-2020 five-year average for equivalent time):

		<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>5-year average</u>	<u>Change</u>
<u>Gulf Menhaden</u>						
Moss Point, Empire, Abbeville	Total Standard Fish:	941,712	1,133,524	-16.9%	1,224,474	-23.1%
	Total Metric Tons:	286,186	344,478		372,118	
<u>Atlantic Menhaden</u>						
Reedville	Total Standard Fish:	264,450	249,804	5.9%	298,654	-11.5%
	Total Metric Tons:	80,366	75,915		90,761	

¹ To convert to pounds, multiply by 670

² To convert to metric tons, multiply by 0.3039