

DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES

Chapter 41 Menhaden

~~41.01 Menhaden Fishing and Transportation in Casco Bay
(Expired by sunset provision December 31, 1983)~~

41.05 Territorial Waters Trawl Prohibition

It shall be unlawful to fish for or take Atlantic menhaden by vessels rigged with a mid-water, otter or beam trawl net in Maine's territorial waters.

41.10 Use of Purse, Drag or Stop Seines in Damariscotta River
(See 55.02(C)).

41.20 Use of Purse, Drag or Stop Seines in Georges River
(See 55.02(D)).

Basis Statement

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The holders of a commercial fishing license are prohibited to use any otter, beam or mid-water trawl net on a vessel, or used by a vessel fishing in Maine's territorial waters to fish for or take Atlantic menhaden. This measure provides consistency with rules already in effect for groundfish and herring.

Summary of Comments

Public hearings were held in Scarborough and Yarmouth June 16 and 18, 2009 respectively. One question was asked regarding the rule.

Scarborough Hearing attendees:

Doug Jowett, Brunswick
Sue Jowett, Brunswick
Dick Anderson, representing CCA Maine
Michael A. McCulloch, Saco
DMR: Lt. Cornish, L. Churchill

Yarmouth Hearing attendees:

Doug Jowett, Brunswick
Brian Tarbox, North Yarmouth
Mark Bichrest, Harpswell
Jennie Bichrest, Topsham
DMR: Lt. Cornish, L. Churchill

Question:

Brian Tarbox, SMCC, North Yarmouth

I teach at Southern Maine Community College and we do some fish assessments in Casco Bay. We have a small mid-water trawl that we were considering to use for a juvenile menhaden survey in the fall. We always apply for a special license and would that be the appropriate way to handle this?

Response: Yes, that would be correct.