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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 2019 Fishing Season

Preliminary landings for the 2019 Gulf Menhaden purse-seine fishing season and landings for the Atlantic Menhaden purse-seine fishing season through August 31, 2019. All landings are for reduction and expressed in thousands of "standard fish"<sup>1,2</sup> and metric tons (also for 2018 and 2014-2018 five-year average for equivalent time):

		<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>5-year average</u>	<u>Change</u>
<b><u>Gulf Menhaden</u></b>						
Moss Point, Empire, Abbeville	Total Standard Fish:	1,238,560	1,477,685	-16.2%	1,173,323	5.6%
	Total Metric Tons:	376,398	449,068		356,573	
<b><u>Atlantic Menhaden</u></b>						
Reedville	Total Standard Fish:	348,323	295,302	18.0%	308,132	13.0%
	Total Metric Tons:	105,855	89,742		93,641	

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

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