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**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Industry Members, State, and NOAA Fisheries Personnel with Special Interest in the Menhaden Fisheries  
  
**FROM:** Sydney Alhale  
  
**SUBJECT:** Status Purse-Seine Landings of Gulf and Atlantic Menhaden for the 2023 Fishing Season

Preliminary landings for the 2023 Gulf menhaden purse-seine fishing season and landings for the Atlantic menhaden purse-seine landings through December 31, 2023. All landings are for reduction and expressed in thousands of "standard fish"<sup>1,2</sup> and metric tons (also for 2022 and 2017-2021 five-year average for equivalent time):

		<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>5-year average</u>	<u>Change</u>
<b><u>Gulf Menhaden</u></b>						
Moss Point, Empire, Abbeville combined:	Total Standard Fish:	1,428,491	1,578,126	-9.5%	1,479,237	-3.4%
	Total Metric Tons:	434,118	479,592		449,540	
<b><u>Atlantic Menhaden</u></b>						
Reedville	Total Standard Fish:	434,253	449,711	-3.4%	449,065	-3.3%
	Total Metric Tons:	131,969	136,667		136,471	

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

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