

**STATE OF FLORIDA**  
**FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**Order No. EO 13-22**

**Atlantic Coast Menhaden Commercial  
Harvest Closure**

The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission of the State of Florida, acting under the authority of Article IV, Section 9, of the Florida Constitution, and acting through its Executive Director under Delegations of Authority Paragraph 17 and Paragraph 22, hereby closes the commercial harvest season for menhaden on the Atlantic coast north and east of the Miami-Dade/Monroe County line. This action is taken in compliance with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's (ASMFC) Interstate Fishery Management Plan for Atlantic Menhaden (IFMP). The ASMFC coordinates the interstate management of Atlantic menhaden in state waters from Maine through Florida. The IFMP includes state-by-state commercial quotas for menhaden and Florida's quota is projected to be met by July 23, 2013. The fishing season for the entire Atlantic coast runs from January 1 through December 31, each year, as established by the IFMP. The commercial harvest of menhaden is prohibited as follows:

1. The commercial harvest of menhaden in state and federal waters of the Atlantic north and east of the Miami-Dade/Monroe County line is closed beginning July 23, 2013, and continuing until January 1, 2014. No person may harvest more than the daily recreational limit of 100 pounds of menhaden or harvest menhaden for commercial purposes within or without state waters of the Atlantic north or east of the Miami-Dade/Monroe County line. No person may possess more than 100 pounds of menhaden or possess menhaden for commercial purposes in or on state or federal waters of the Atlantic north or east of the Miami-Dade/Monroe County line. No person may land more than 100 pounds of menhaden or land menhaden for commercial purposes north of the Miami-Dade/Monroe County line. The purchase or sale of menhaden harvested within or without state waters north or east of the Miami-Dade/Monroe County line during the closure is prohibited.
2. All other rules of the Commission relating to menhaden shall remain in effect.
3. This order shall take effect July 23, 2013 and shall expire January 1, 2014.

Specific Authority: Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution

Law Implemented: Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution and 120.81(5), Florida Statutes

Given under my hand and seal of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission on this 23rd day of July 2013.

  
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Nick Wiley  
Executive Director

Attest:   
Agency Clerk

