

Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

TECHNICAL ADDENDUM I

to

**Addendum II to Amendment 1 to the Interstate Fishery
Management Plan for Atlantic Menhaden**



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Introduction

Addendum II to Amendment 1 to the Interstate Fishery Management Plan for Atlantic Menhaden was approved in August 2005. This Addendum addresses two issues; a cap on the Atlantic menhaden harvest for reduction purposes in the Chesapeake Bay and a research program for Atlantic menhaden in the Chesapeake Bay.

The Interstate Fisheries Management Program Charter provides the opportunity for a management board to correct errors in approved FMPs, amendments, or addenda via a technical addendum. Specifically, a technical addendum can be used for “the correction of accidental omissions, erroneous inclusions, and/or to address non-substantive editorial issues”.

Statement of the Problem

The harvest cap established in Addendum II is based on the average landings for the reduction fishery in the Chesapeake Bay for a five-year period. However, Addendum II, as published, contains an incorrect reference to the time period used to establish the cap.

The following motion states the intent of the Management Board and was passed by the Management Board on August 17, 2005:

“Move to implement a 5 –year annual cap, beginning in 2006, of the landing of Atlantic Menhaden caught in the Chesapeake Bay by the reduction fishery, to be the mean of the annual landing by the reduction fishery in Chesapeake Bay for the 5-year period ending in 2004, as determined by the Menhaden Technical Committee, and for any overages in any given year to be subtracted from the subsequent year, and any underages not to be added to the subsequent year.”

Technical Addendum Corrections

Any reference in Addendum II to the time period from “1999-2004” will be replaced with the time period “2000-2004”. Specifically, the time period of “2000-2004” will be substituted for the references to “1999-2004” on pages 2, 10, and 12 of Addendum II.