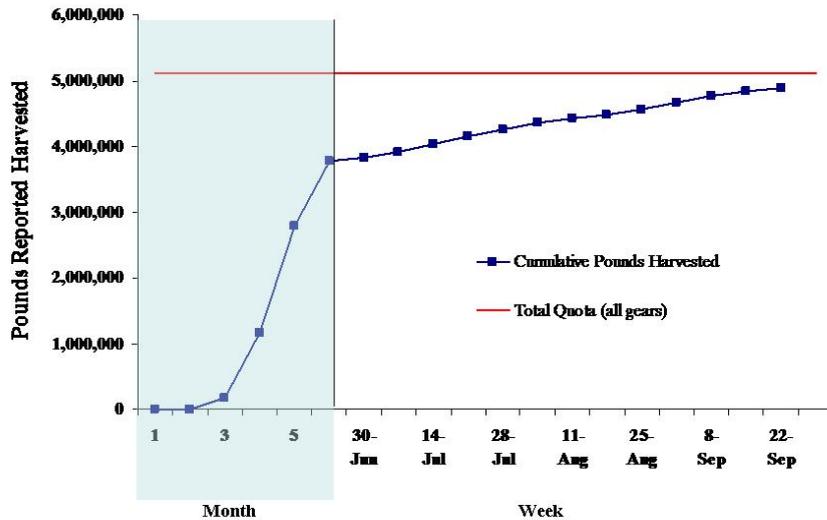


Menhaden Commercial Harvest Update through 9/18/2013



Graph showing cumulative harvest of menhaden from all gears through approximately Sept. 18, 2013. Maryland's quota is 5.2 million pounds and harvest is 4.7 million lbs.



The unlimited commercial menhaden fishery closed on June 28, 2013 at which point watermen fishing from pound nets were required to begin reporting harvest daily. Although watermen began fishing under the by-catch allowance on June 29, 2013 we are just approaching the 2013 quota.

Date Month, then week	Number of People Reporting	Pounds Reported
January		4,793
February		2,683
March		168,223
April		985,670
May		1,618,798
June		999,078
June 30	21	55,896
July 7	32	80,158
July 14	34	122,847
July 21	30	110,749
July 28	31	103,248
August 4	28	98,818
August 11	16	68,868
August 18	19	57,294
August 25	17	92,120
September 1	9	96,782
September 8	16	103,530
September 15	13	73,451
September 22	12	41,269
TOTAL		4,684,190

The table at left shows the numbers in the graph above. Weekly harvest is primarily from pound netters, but we have incorporated harvest from other gears that has been returned on paper reports. The number of people reporting refers to the number of pound netters. The final week – through September 22nd^h – was compiled before that week was complete.

Table below shows total Md menhaden harvest since 2002. Approximately 92% is from pound nets.

Year	Total Md. Harvest (includes Atlantic Ocean)
2002	4,023,389
2003	3,163,252
2004	5,369,962
2005	10,635,776
2006	6,841,296
2007	11,370,064
2008	8,153,008
2009	7,756,192
2010	6,903,300
2011	6,506,430
2012	13,653,031