



Update on the 2021 Atlantic Menhaden Fishery

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2021 Landings for Reduction

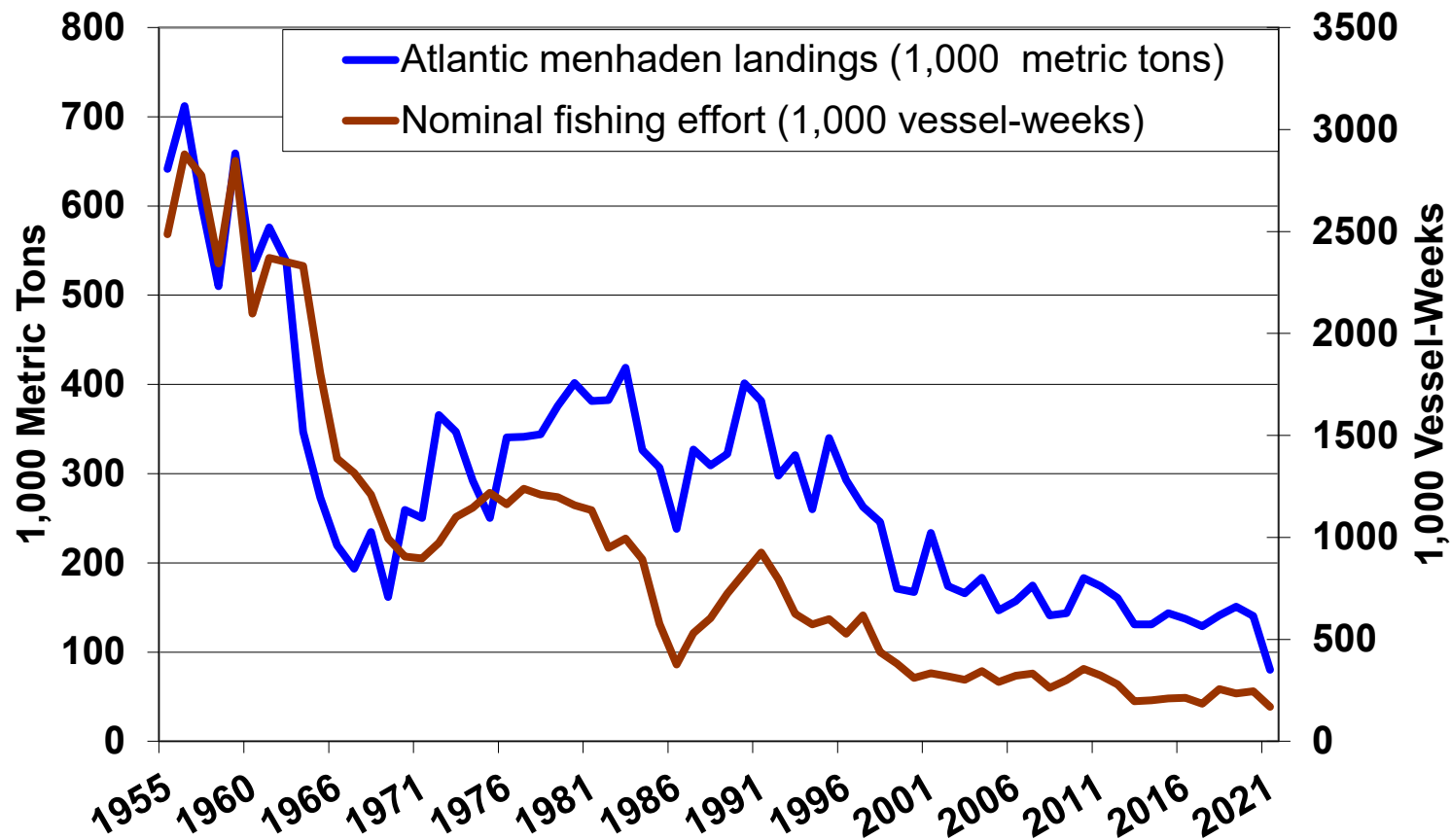
- One fish factory on Atlantic coast at Reedville, VA, since 2005
- As last year, 2021 landings for reduction constrained by the coastwide TAC
 - Coastwide TAC reduced 10% to 194,400 mt for 2020-2021
 - 151,392 mt for Virginia
- Through August 31
 - 80,366 metric tons (or 264 million standard fish)
 - Increased 5.9% from 2020 (75,915 mt)
 - Decreased 11.5% from previous 5-yr average (90,761 mt)

Vessel Participation in 2021

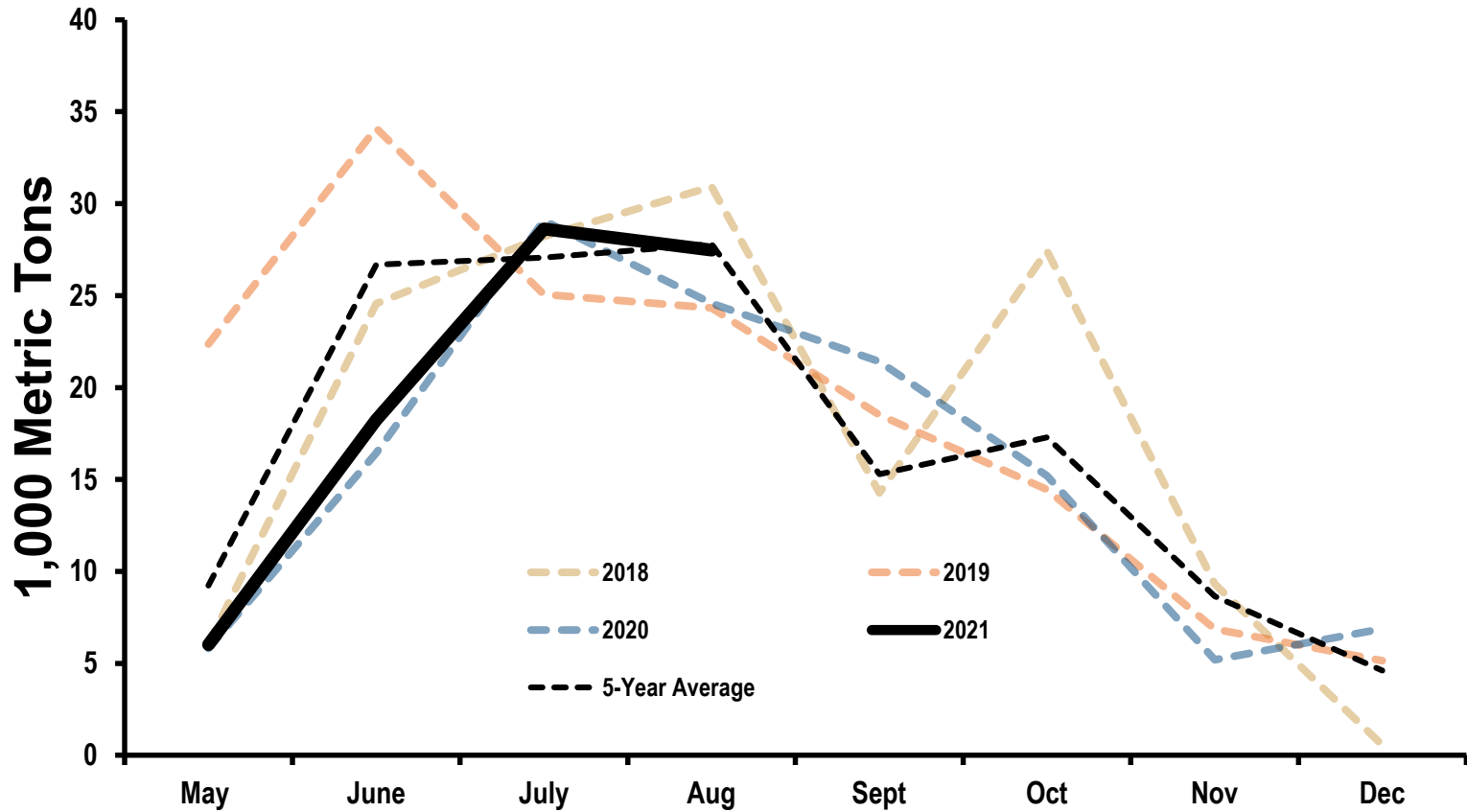
- 6 Omega Protein vessels unloaded Atlantic menhaden for reduction in 2021 at Reedville
- 1 VA 'snapper' boat (bait vessel) also unloaded minor quantities for reduction at Omega
 - One landed for **bait** only
- ~4 purse-seiners reported landings for **bait** in Atlantic



Reduction Landings and Nominal Fishing Effort



Reduction Landings by Month



Coastwide Stock

- Bait Closures
 - Maine Episodic Event Fishery: Closed June 30th
 - Incidental take allowed (6,000-lb limit)
 - Massachusetts: Closed August 11th
 - Rhode Island: Closed June 9th
 - Connecticut: Open
 - New Jersey: February 26th

2020-2021 Atlantic Menhaden TAC, by allocation unit

Unit	Percent of TAC	1,000 Metric Tons
ME	0.52%	995
NH	0.5%	962
MA	1.27%	2,453
RI	0.52%	996
CT	0.52%	993
NY	0.69%	1,330
NJ	10.87%	20,925
PA	0.5%	962
DE	0.51%	986
MD	1.89%	3,634
Potomac River	1.1%	2,066
VA	78.7%	151,392
NC	1.0%	1,840
SC	0.5%	962
GA	0.5%	962
FL	0.52%	997
Total		192,456 *

* Does not include the 1% episodic set-aside



Questions?

