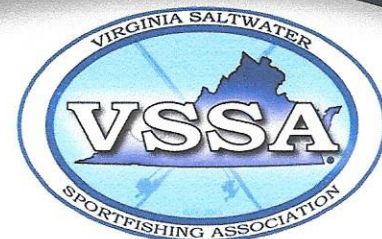


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RE: Draft Addendum I

VSSA supports Addendum 1 pertaining to allowing 2 licensed individuals fishing from a single vessel the ability to harvest 12,000 lbs. of menhaden by catch in a single day when fishing on fixed multi-species gear.

VSSA does not support any increase in the coast-wide Total Allowable Catch (TAC) for Atlantic Menhaden. We believe a complete peer reviewed stock assessment is necessary prior to any changes in the TAC.

Respectfully,

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