

Virginia & Atlantic Menhaden

A 20TH AND 21ST CENTURY TIMELINE

1942

Atlantic States
Marine Fisheries
Commission
(ASMFC)
established

1981

ASMFC's Atlantic
Menhaden
Management
Board approved
the first Fishery
Management Plan

1992

Fishery
Management Plan
revised to increase
data availability
and jurisdictional
coordination

2001

Ecological
objectives were
added to the
Fishery
Management Plan

2005

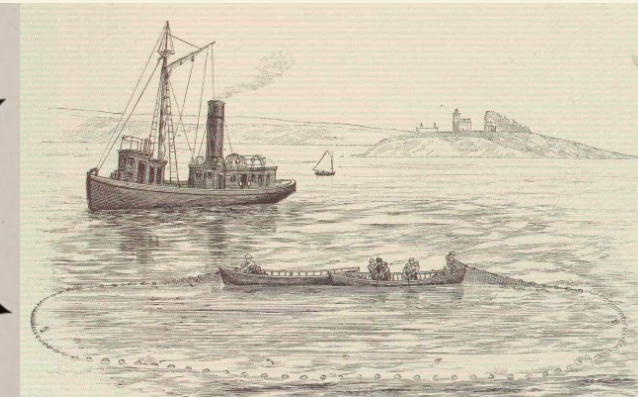
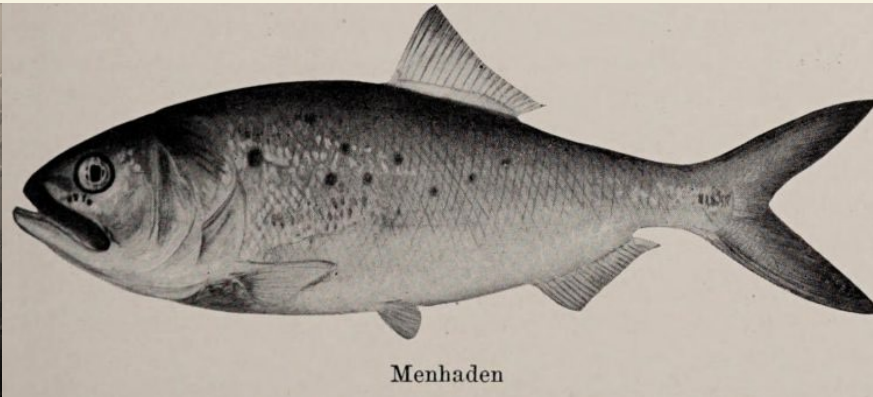
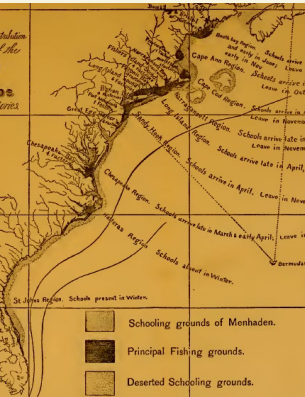
First harvest limit
for Chesapeake
Bay reduction
fishery adopted by
ASMFC

2006

Virginia Attorney
General issued an
opinion that
ASMFC exceeded
their authority; no
legislation passed
to bring Virginia
into compliance

2007

Virginia General
Assembly sets the
annual Bay
reduction cap in
compliance with
ASMFC mandates



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2012

ASMFC adopts new Fishery Management Plan resulting the first coastwide total allowable catch and a reduced Bay cap

2014

Virginia Marine Resources Commission moves to create a bait fishery with harvest allocation

2017

Ecological reference points adopted by ASMFC; new quotas established; reduction of the Bay cap

2018

General Assembly did not adopt new ASMFC quota; ASMFC delays finding Virginia out of compliance

2019

General Assembly did not adopt new ASMFC quota; quota is exceeded by Virginia reduction fishery; ASMFC finds Virginia out of compliance

2020

General Assembly passes legislation to transfer management to the Virginia Marine Resources Commission

2023

General Assembly passes legislation directing Virginia Institute of Marine Science to develop plans to study menhaden population in the Bay

