



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

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**TO: COMMERCIAL CROAKER HARVESTERS AND BUYERS**  
**FROM: VIRGINIA MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION**  
**RE: COMMERCIAL SEASON OPENING FOR CROAKER**

Effective 12:01 A.M., Sunday, January 15, 2023, the 2023 Virginia commercial croaker fishery will open. The season will remain open until December 31, 2023.

Chapter 4 VAC 20-1370-10 et seq., "Pertaining to Atlantic Croaker", states the following:

**4 VAC 20-1370-50. COMMERCIAL FISHERY.**

**It shall be unlawful for any person fishing commercially with any gear type to harvest or land any Atlantic croaker before January 15 of the current calendar year.**

For the full regulations, please visit <https://www.mrc.virginia.gov/regulations/regindex.shtm>.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Somers Smott at 757-247-2004 or [somers.smott@mrc.virginia.gov](mailto:somers.smott@mrc.virginia.gov).

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