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TO: COMMERCIAL SPOT HARVESTERS AND BUYERS
FROM: VIRGINIA MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION
RE: COMMERCIAL SEASON CLOSURE FOR SPOT

Effective 12:01 A.M., Friday, December 9, 2022, the 2022 Virginia commercial spot fishery will close. Therefore, after 12:01 A.M. on Thursday, December 9, 2022, it shall be unlawful for any commercial fisherman registration licensee to harvest or land spot for the remainder of 2022.

Chapter 4 VAC 20-1380-10 et seq., "Pertaining to Spot", states the following:

4 VAC 20-1380-50. COMMERCIAL FISHERY.

It shall be unlawful for any person fishing commercially with any gear type to harvest or land any spot before April 15 or after December 8 of the current calendar year.

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

The commercial spot fishery will remain closed until April 15, 2023.

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

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