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TO: VIRGINIA HORSESHOE CRAB INDUSTRY

FROM: VIRGINIA MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION

RE: LANDING LIMIT REDUCTION OF THE 2012 VIRGINIA HORSESHOE CRAB FISHERY, AS OF 6:00 P.M. JULY 10, 2012

Effective 6:00 P.M. Eastern Standard Time (EST), Tuesday, July 10, 2012, the Virginia horseshoe crab landing limits will be reduced by 50%. At that time, it is projected that Virginia will have landed more than 80% of the state-wide quota. This triggers the landing limits of horseshoe crab harvesters to be cut by 50%.

Therefore, after Tuesday, July 10, at 6:00 P.M., EST, horseshoe crab endorsement licenses will be limited to 1,250 horseshoe crabs per day, restricted horseshoe crab endorsement licenses will be limited to 500 horseshoe crabs per day, and bycatch harvesters will be limited to 250 horseshoe crabs per day (Chapter 4 VAC 20-900-10 et. seq.).

If you have questions or comments contact Alicia Nelson (757) 247-2244.

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