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TO: VIRGINIA HORSESHOE CRAB INDUSTRY

FROM: VIRGINIA MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION

**RE: CLOSURE OF THE 2013 VIRGINIA HORSESHOE CRAB
HAND HARVEST FISHERY, AS OF 6:00 P.M. JUNE 14, 2013**

Effective 6:00 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT), Friday, June 14, 2013, the Virginia horseshoe crab hand harvest fishery will close. Based upon landing reports from Virginia seafood buyers and horseshoe crab harvesters, it is projected that Virginia will have caught 100% of the horseshoe crab quota allocated to harvest by hand, by the above date and time.

Therefore, after 6:00 P.M., EDT, June 14, 2013, the possession or landing of any horseshoe crabs in Virginia caught by hand shall be prohibited (Chapter 4 VAC 20-900-10 et. seq.).

The pound net and trawl fisheries for horseshoe crabs will remain open until further notice.

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