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TO: VIRGINIA HORSESHOE CRAB INDUSTRY

FROM: VIRGINIA MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION

**RE: CLOSURE OF THE 2013 VIRGINIA HORSESHOE CRAB
DREDGE FISHERY, AS OF 6:00 P.M. MAY 27, 2013**

Effective 6:00 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT), Monday, May 27, 2013, the Virginia horseshoe crab dredge 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 dredge, by the above date and time.

Therefore, after 6:00 P.M., EDT, May 30, 2013, the possession or landing of any horseshoe crabs in Virginia caught by dredge shall be prohibited (Chapter 4 VAC 20-900-10 et. seq.).

The pound net fishery will remain open until further notice, the hand harvest fishery and the trawl fishery will open on June 8, 2013.

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