



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

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TO: VIRGINIA SCUP INDUSTRY

FROM: VIRGINIA MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION

RE: CLOSURE OF THE 2013 SCUP FISHERY FOR THE SUMMER PERIOD

Effective 6:00 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT), Tuesday, July 30, 2013, the Virginia scup commercial fishery for the Summer Period will close. Based upon landing reports from the National Marine Fisheries Service and Virginia seafood buyers, it is projected that Virginia will have harvested 100% of the Summer Period quota of 13,085 pounds, by the above date and time.

Therefore, after 6:00 P.M., EDT, July 30, 2013, it shall be unlawful for any person to harvest or land any scup for commercial purposes, or any buyer of seafood to receive any scup for commercial purposes in Virginia until November 1, 2013.

Vessels seeking safe harbor shall contact the Marine Resources Commission Operations Station in advance of entry into Virginia waters. Any vessel declaring a need for safe harbor may be subject to inspection by the United States Coast Guard Marine Safety Office.

The commercial scup Winter II period will open 12:01 A.M. EDT on Friday, November 1, 2013.

If you have questions or comments contact VMRC at (757) 247-2244.

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