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TO: VIRGINIA HORSESHOE CRAB INDUSTRY

FROM: VIRGINIA MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION

RE: LANDING LIMIT REDUCTION OF THE 2013 VIRGINIA HORSESHOE CRAB FISHERY, AS OF 6:00 P.M. June 25, 2013

Effective 6:00 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT), Wednesday, June 25, 2013, 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, June 25, at 6:00 P.M., EDT, horseshoe crab endorsement licensees will be limited to 1,250 horseshoe crabs per day, restricted horseshoe crab endorsement licensees 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.).

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

If you have questions or comments contact Adam Kenyon (757) 247-2244.

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