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TO: VIRGINIA HORSESHOE CRAB INDUSTRY

FROM: VIRGINIA MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION

**RE: CLOSURE OF THE 2014 VIRGINIA HORSESHOE CRAB
COMMERCIAL HAND HARVEST FISHERY AT 12:00 P.M. (NOON),
THURSDAY, JUNE 12, 2014**

Effective 12:00 P.M. (Noon) eastern daylight-savings time (EDT), Thursday, June 12, 2014, the Virginia horseshoe crab commercial 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 be harvested by Virginia Horseshoe Crab Hand Harvest Permittees, by the above date and time.

Therefore, after 12:00 P.M. (Noon) EDT on Thursday, June 12, 2014, the possession or landing of any horseshoe crabs in Virginia by gears other than trawl or pound net shall be prohibited. (Chapter 4 VAC 20-900-10 et seq.).

If you have any questions or comments please contact Rachael Maulorico (757) 247-2244.

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