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TO: VIRGINIA HORSESHOE CRAB INDUSTRY

FROM: VIRGINIA MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION

**RE: CLOSURE OF THE 2014 VIRGINIA HORSESHOE CRAB
COMMERCIAL POUND NET FISHERY AT 12:00 P.M. (NOON),
FRIDAY, JUNE 27, 2014**

Effective 12:00 P.M. (Noon) eastern daylight-savings time (EDT), Friday, June 27, 2014, the Virginia horseshoe crab commercial pound net fishery for horseshoe crabs will close. Based upon landing reports from Virginia seafood buyers and horseshoe crab harvesters, it is projected that Virginia will achieve 100% of the horseshoe crab quota allocated to be harvested by Virginia Horseshoe Crab Pound Net Permittees, by the above date and time.

Therefore, after 12:00 P.M. (Noon) EDT on Friday, June 27, 2014, the possession or landing of any horseshoe crabs in Virginia by gears other than trawl 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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