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TO: VIRGINIA HORSESHOE CRAB INDUSTRY

FROM: VIRGINIA MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION

RE: LANDING LIMIT REDUCTION FOR THE GENERAL CATEGORY PERMITEES IN THE 2014 VIRGINIA HORSESHOE CRAB FISHERY, AS OF 6:00 P.M. APRIL 29, 2014

It is projected that 80% of the horseshoe crab commercial general category quota has been taken. For that reason, it shall be unlawful for any valid horseshoe crab commercial general category permittee to possess aboard any vessel or to land any number of horseshoe crabs in excess of 125 per day effective 6:00 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT), Tuesday, April 29, 2014.

Therefore, after Tuesday, April 29, 2014 at 6:00 P.M., EDT, Horseshoe Crab General Category Permittees will be limited to possess aboard any vessel or land more than 125 horseshoe crabs per day, (Chapter 4 VAC 20-900-10 et seq.).

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

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