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TO: VIRGINIA HORSESHOE CRAB INDUSTRY

FROM: VIRGINIA MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION

RE: LANDING LIMIT REDUCTION FOR THE HAND HARVEST PERMITEES IN THE 2015 VIRGINIA HORSESHOE CRAB FISHERY EFFECTIVE 12:00 P.M. (NOON) FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 2015.

It is projected that 80% of the horseshoe crab commercial hand harvest quota has been taken. For that reason, it shall be unlawful for any valid horseshoe crab commercial hand harvest permittee to possess aboard any vessel or to land more than 250 horseshoe crabs per day, effective 12:00 P.M. (Noon) Eastern Daylight Time (EDT), Friday, June 12, 2015.

Therefore, after Friday, June 12, 2015 at 12:00 P.M. (noon), Horseshoe Crab Commercial Hand Harvest Permittees will be limited to possess aboard any vessel or land more than 250 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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