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TO: VIRGINIA HORSESHOE CRAB INDUSTRY

FROM: VIRGINIA MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION

RE: LANDING LIMIT REDUCTION FOR THE 2016 VIRGINIA HORSESHOE CRAB DREDGE FISHERY EFFECTIVE 12:00 P.M. (NOON) WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 2016

It has been projected that 80% of the horseshoe crab commercial dredge quota has been taken. For that reason, it shall be unlawful for any valid commercial Horseshoe Crab Class A Dredge permittee to possess aboard any vessel or to land more than 1,250 horseshoe crabs per day. It shall also be unlawful for any valid commercial Horseshoe Crab Class B Dredge permittee to possess aboard any vessel or to land more than 500 horseshoe crabs per day. These regulatory requirements shall be effective 12:00 P.M. (Noon) eastern daylight-savings time (EDT), Wednesday, May 11, 2016.

Therefore, after Wednesday, May 11, 2016 at 12:00 P.M. (noon), Horseshoe Crab Class A Dredge Permittees will be limited to possess aboard any vessel or land more than 1,250 horseshoe crabs per day and Horseshoe Crab Class B Dredge Permittees will be limited to possess aboard any vessel or land more than 500 horseshoe crabs per day (Chapter 4 VAC 20-900-10 et seq.).

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