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**TO: HORSESHOE CRAB INDUSTRY**

**FROM: VIRGINIA MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION**

**RE: CLOSURE OF VIRGINIA'S 2009 HORSESHOE CRAB FISHERY**

Effective 10:00 A.M., Eastern Standard Time (EST), Monday, August 17, 2009, the Virginia Horseshoe Crab Fishery will close.

Based upon landing reports from Virginia seafood buyers and VMRC Law Enforcement, it is projected that Virginia will have caught 100% of 152,495 horseshoe crab quota by the above date and time.

**Therefore, after 10:00 A.M., EST, August 17, 2009, per Regulation 4 VAC 20-900-10 et. seq., the possession or landing of any horseshoe crabs in Virginia shall be prohibited.**

If you have questions or comments contact Alicia Nelson (757) 247-2244.

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