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**TO: COMMERCIAL SPINY DOGFISH BUYERS AND HARVESTERS**

**FROM: VIRGINIA MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION**

**RE: 2019/2020 COMMERCIAL SPINY DOGFISH QUOTA AND BUYER MONITORING REQUIREMENTS**

This is a notice that 80 percent of Virginia's 2019/2020 commercial spiny dogfish quota has been landed.

Chapter 4VAC 20-490-46, states that when it has been projected and announced by the Marine Resources Commission that 80% of the Virginia spiny dogfish quota has been landed, each Virginia seafood buyer shall call the Marine Resources Commission's interactive voice recording system on a daily basis to report the exact weight of spiny dogfish received or purchased, in pounds. If you are a federal dealer that purchases spiny dogfish, you can meet this reporting requirement by calling 757-552-6413.

When it is projected that the commercial landings quota will be met, the Marine Resources Commission will provide notice of the closing date for commercial harvest and landing of spiny dogfish; and it shall be unlawful for any person to harvest or land spiny dogfish for commercial purposes, after such closing date and until May 1, 2020.

If you have questions or comments, please contact Jill Ramsey at (757) 247-2243.

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