COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

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TO: Virginia Commercial Crab Pot and Peeler Pot Licensees

SUBJECT: Rescinding Crab Pot Restrictions for Sunday, November 29, 2026

As provided by Subsection 30 B of Chapter 4VAC20-270, the lawful daily time periods for the commercial harvest of crabs by hard crab pot and peeler pot may be rescinded by the Commissioner of the Marine Resources when the commissioner determines that a pending weather event is sufficient cause for the removal of hard crab pots from the tidal waters of the Commonwealth.

Therefore, pursuant to Subsection 30 A of Chapter 4VAC20-270 the lawful daily time periods for the commercial harvest of crabs by hard crab pot or peeler pot on Sunday, November 29, 2026 shall be between 3 a.m. and 5 p.m. pursuant to Section 20 of Chapter 4VAC20-270, the Sunday prohibition for the take or harvest of crabs for commercial purposes on Sunday is rescinded for Sunday, November 29, 2026 only.

This rescinding action is enacted in recognition of the current and continuing impacts to the Virginia coastal communities and commercial fishing industry by the Nor'easter that began Wednesday, November 25, 2026 and the damage and displacement of commercial gear reported.

Joseph Grist
Commissioner

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