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**TO: VIRGINIA HORSESHOE CRAB INDUSTRY**

**FROM: VIRGINIA MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION**

**RE: CLOSURE OF THE 2025 VIRGINIA HORSESHOE CRAB CLASS A AND CLASS B DREDGE FISHERY CATEGORIES EFFECTIVE 12 NOON, THURSDAY, JUNE 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2025.**

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Effective 12 noon, Thursday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025, the Virginia horseshoe crab dredge harvest commercial fishery will close. Based upon landing reports from Virginia seafood buyers and horseshoe crab harvesters, it is projected that Virginia will have harvested 100% of the horseshoe crab dredge category quota allocated to be harvested by Virginia Horseshoe Crab Class A and Class B Dredge Category Permittees by the above date and time.

**Therefore, after 12 noon, Thursday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025, the possession or landing of any horseshoe crabs in Virginia by any gear type except trawl, pound net, by hand, or gill net shall be prohibited (Chapter 4 VAC 20-900-10 et seq.).**

If you have any questions or comments please contact Ethan Simpson (757) 247-2272.

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