

FISHERIES MANAGEMENT DIVISION EVALUATION 6/25/2024

PUBLIC HEARING: Proposal to amend Chapter 4 VAC 20-270-10 et seq., “Pertaining to Blue Crab Fishery,” to establish management measures, including season and bushel limits, for the 2024-2025 commercial crab fisheries.

Proposal to amend Chapter 4 VAC 20-140-10 et seq., “Pertaining to the Identification and Location of Crab Pots, Peeler Pots, Eel pots and Fish Pots,” to clarify the height required for identifying information on crab and eel pot buoys as described in Section 28.2-712 of the Code of Virginia.

Proposal to amend Chapter 4 VAC 20-1140-10 et seq., “Prohibition of Crab Dredging in Virginia Waters,” to close the December 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025 winter commercial crab dredge fishing season, in accordance with the provisions of Section 28.2-707 of the Code of Virginia.

ISSUES AND BACKGROUND:

Management of blue crabs is updated on an annual basis, where bushel limits are effective from July 5th of one year to July 4th of the next and an evaluation of the winter dredge season is conducted annually. This allows managers to respond, if necessary, to the most recent dredge survey results, which are usually released in May.

Last month, staff briefed the Commission on results of the 2023-2024 Bay-wide Winter Dredge Survey. Results from that survey, as well as harvest results from the 2023 fisheries, indicate the Chesapeake Bay blue crab stock is currently not overfished, overfishing is not occurring, and total abundance is holding steady. The 2024 total abundance estimate for blue crabs in Chesapeake Bay is 317.3 million crabs—a decrease of only 2% from the 2023 abundance. The total abundance in 2024 ranks 23rd of the 35 years of the survey.

Of spawning age crabs, the survey estimated an abundance of 179 million crabs for 2024, a decrease of 15% from 2023. The survey further estimates the adult population by sex, as the fishery is managed by sex-specific reference points. The current estimate of spawning age (age-1+) female abundance (133 million) is 14% lower than the 2023 estimate and 13% above the long-term average of 117 million crabs. While above the minimum threshold of 72 million crabs, below which the population would be considered depleted, this still falls below the population target of 196 million. The adult female abundance in 2024 is the 15th highest across the 35-year time series, with the lowest abundances occurring in the period before 2008. Management

measures imposed in 2008 to reduce Bay-wide female crab harvest by 34% have promoted stock growth since that time with generally higher annual adult female crab abundance observed in the winter dredge survey with normal annual variability due to environmental conditions. Adult male crabs were estimated at 46 million, which is 19% lower than the 2023 value of 55 million crabs and below the long-term average of 63 million.

Preliminary Bay-wide commercial harvest (excluding seaside areas) for 2023 was 45.7 million pounds, a 9% increase from 2022's Bay-wide harvest of 42 million pounds. Virginia's commercial harvest, including the seaside areas, is estimated at 18.6 million pounds, an increase of 13% from 2022's 16 million pounds. Both the Bay-wide and Virginia harvest in 2023 were below ten-year averages (50 and 22 million lbs, respectively). Crab harvest is monitored for overfishing each year by comparing the number of female crabs harvested as a percentage of the total female crab population. Exploitation of female crabs was at 25% in 2023, which is below the overfishing threshold of 37% (meaning the stock is not being overfished) and below the fishing target of 28%.

In light of these results, fisheries managers from the Chesapeake Bay jurisdictions (Maryland, Potomac River Fisheries Commission, and Virginia) recommend maintaining last year's crabbing measures for the coming year. Status quo measures for the Virginia commercial hard crab pot fishery include reduced bushel limits beginning November 1, 2024; the season ending December 16, 2024; and the season re-opening March 17, 2025, with reduced bushel limits lasting through May 15, 2025. All other commercial crab gears would have a season closing October 16, 2024, and re-opening April 15, 2025.

On March 27, 2024, during a regulatory work session with the Blue Crab Management Advisory Committee (CMAC) to identify management issues for future committee discussions and proposals, committee members recommended consideration of amendments to the daily time limits for commercial harvest. Specifically, the committee expressed interest in expanding the daily time limits to provide more flexibility for harvesters to work around environmental issues as tide cycles and weather conditions that can delay or prevent harvesters from being able to safely operate within the currently defined 8-hour daily time limits for crab harvest. Staff recommends a 12-hour daily time limit, beginning at 3am and ending at 3pm for any person licensed to catch and sell crabs taken by hard crab pot or peeler pot to take and harvest crabs from any hard crab pot or peeler pot, or to retrieve, bait, or set any hard crab pot or peeler pot. Amending the current 8-hour workday provisions to a 12-hour workday would

eliminate the need for any exemptions to be applied for and processed by staff, removing a regulatory burden for regulators and staff, and provide commercial harvesters greater flexibility in determining when they will start and stop their crab harvest day (See Attachment I for additional details on the workday recommendation).

Chapter 4 VAC 20-140-10 et seq., “Pertaining to the Identification and Location of Crab Pots, Peeler Pots, Eel pots and Fish Pots,” describes the requirements for labeling crab pots (hard crab and peeler), eel pots, and fish pots. These requirements for crab pots and eel pots are established in Section 28.2-712 of the Code of Virginia, which specifies that the float or stake of such pots must display the owner’s distinct MRC identification number “in a legible and visible manner and in figures of not less than one inch in height”. Chapter 4 VAC 20-140-10 et seq., however, only specifies that the identification number must be “legible and visible”. Staff recommends amending this regulation to better reflect the requirements of Section 28.2-712 and make it easier for watermen to find the full requirements for labeling their crab and eel pots.

Since 2008, when Virginia effected a large decrease in harvest to conserve a consistently low blue crab population, the winter crab dredge fishery season has remained closed. The winter crab dredge fishery season is from December 1 to the following March 31. During these months, most of the crabs available for harvest matured from the juvenile stage in the previous winter. The majority of the overwintering female crabs are pre-spawners, and studies have shown that the dredge fishery harvested mostly (95%) female crabs. A winter dredge fishery season, especially when blue crab adult female abundance has not achieved the desired target, could negatively affect subsequent spawning events and crab pot harvest. For these reasons, staff recommends closing the upcoming 2024/2025 winter crab dredge fishery season.

At the May 29th meeting of the Crab Management Advisory Committee, the Committee supported staff’s recommended changes clarifying language on baiting and setting pots on Sundays and recommended bushel limits and seasons. The Committee voted unanimously to recommend an alternative daily time limit on the seaside, or the areas seaside of Northampton and Accomack Counties, of 5am to 5 pm, to account for tidal and area differences from the rest of the bay. The Committee also voted 10-2 to recommend opening the winter dredge fishery.

A public notice that advertised these proposed amendments is attached to this evaluation. 184 public comments have been received in support of closing the winter dredge fishery, of which many are form letters

resulting from an online petition.

STAFF

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the Commission amend Chapter 4 VAC 20-270-10 et seq., “Pertaining to Blue Crab Fishery,” to establish management measures, including season and bushel limits, for the 2024-2025 commercial crab fisheries. Staff recommends the Commission amend Chapter 4 VAC 20-140-10 et seq., “Pertaining to the Identification and Location of Crab Pots, Peeler Pots, Eel pots and Fish Pots,” to clarify the height required for identifying information on crab and eel pot buoys as described in Section 28.2-712 of the Code of Virginia. Staff also recommends the Commission amend Chapter 4 VAC 20-1140-10 et seq., “Prohibition of Crab Dredging in Virginia Waters,” to close the December 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025 winter commercial crab dredge fishing season, in accordance with the provisions of Section 28.2-707 of the Code of Virginia.

Attachment I:

To consider proposed amendments to Chapter 4VAC20-270, "Pertaining to Blue Crab Fishery," to amend daily time limits for commercial harvesters and repeal alternate hour authorizations.

ISSUES:

On May 24, 2011, the Commission adopted an amendment to Chapter 4VAC20-270 to establish an alternate hour permit that allow permitted crab harvesters to begin work one hour earlier than currently lawful during the months of May through September, thereby improving the quality of market crabs. This amendment was initiated by request of a commercial harvester to the Commission, who had expressed concern that the unseasonably warm summer temperatures experienced the preceding summer (2010) were causing heat stress in crabs, and that allowing crab harvesters to begin work an hour earlier would theoretically reduce waste of the crab resources.

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BACKGROUND:

Alternate Hour Exemption (CFLS Gear 228)

Subsection 30 C of Chapter 270 provides that any licensed crab pot or peeler pot fisherman who requests and obtains an alternate eight-hour daily time limit permit shall be authorized to take and harvest crabs from his hard pot or peeler pot or to retrieve, bait, or set his hard pot or peeler pot one hour earlier than described in Subsection 30 A of Chapter 270, only for the months of June through September. The initial version of this subsection was made effective June 20, 2011, by the Commission.

As noted in the Issues Section, a review of the May 24, 2011, staff evaluation for the Commission indicates that this amendment was initiated by request of a commercial harvester to the Commission, who had expressed concern that the unseasonably warm summer temperatures experienced the preceding summer (2010) were causing heat stress in crabs, and that allowing crab harvesters to begin work an hour earlier would theoretically reduce waste of the crab resources. The evaluation noted this provision did not have the unanimous support of the Blue Crab Management Advisory Committee; however, staff did not expect the number of applicants to be at a level to add to law enforcement responsibilities and the harvesters would be identifiable through the license and permit system.

Review of the previous eight years of alternate hour exemptions data available in the Commercial Fishing License Program (Table 1) also indicates a small percentage of commercial crab harvesters utilize this provision, though slightly more than the medical exemptions (see below). The provisions provided by this regulatory exemption only allows crabbing to be started one hour earlier than the standard start times provided in Subsection 30 A of Chapter 270.

Table 1: Medical and Alternate Hour Exemptions for Crab Pot and Peeler Pot Harvest (N)

| Permit Category | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 |
|-----------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Medical (229) | 2 | 4 | 3 | 7 | 7 | 9 | 10 | 10 |
| Alternate Hours (228) | 10 | 17 | 18 | 20 | 14 | 14 | 12 | 12 |

As provided by Subsection 30 C of Chapter 270, requests for an alternate eight-hour time limit shall be submitted to the Marine Resources Commission annually, and prior to May 15, as provided by Subdivision 30 C 2 of Chapter 270. Requests submitted on or after May 15 will not be considered. However, original or updated written requests were also unable to be located by staff.

Medical Exemption (CFLS Gear 229)

Subsection 30 B of Chapter 270 provides that the Commissioner, or his designee, may permit any licensed hard crab pot or peeler pot fisherman to take and harvest crabs from his hard crab pot or peeler pot, or to retrieve, bait, or set his hard crab pot or peeler pot during an alternate eight-hour daily time limit. The initial version of this subsection was made effective August 6, 2004, by the Commission, and has been subsequently amended to provide further clarification.

Review of the past eight years of medical exemption data available in the Commercial Fishing License Program (Table 1) indicates a very small percentage of commercial crab harvest have received authorization for either a Medical exemption or Alternate Hour exemption. Data indicates medical exemption hours authorized harvesters to start as early at 3am or end their 8-hour harvest day as late as 8pm. Staff recommends repealing this provision as it is rarely utilized, records have not been maintained by staff, and an amendment to the daily time limits would eliminate the need for an additional permit provision to be applied for by a commercial harvester and processed by staff.

Daily Time Limit (Section 30 of Chapter 270)

The current daily time limits for crab pots and peeler pots were established by the Commission on March 5, 2002. Prior to that date, it was unlawful to take or catch crabs for commercial purposes between sunset and three hours before sunrise. Daily time limits were established as a management tool to control daily harvest at a time when bushel limits were not established a management measure.

The CMAC identified the daily time limit as an item of high priority to work towards amending in 2024 to provide better economic flexibility and opportunity to commercial harvesters. Committee

members related various reasons for proposing a change, to include the need for additional flexibility to work around hazardous weather conditions, substantial tide fluctuations in certain regions (specifically the seaside of the Eastern Shore), and that as bushel limits were established in 2013, the time limit is no longer a relevant effort-control measure for management and only serves now as a safety and economic burden to commercial harvesters.

Amending the current 8-hour workday provisions to a 12-hour workday would eliminate the need for any non-medical exemptions to be processed and preauthorized by staff, removing a regulatory burden for staff, and provide commercial harvesters greater flexibility in determining when they will start and stop their crab harvest day. It would also eliminate the need for two separate, date specific, daily time limits as current exists in regulation, representing an additional regulatory burden reduction for commercial harvesters.

Commercial harvesters could benefit economically from this modification as it would provide for greater individual work flexibility and the possibility of working around current environmental limiting factors (tide and weather, as previous noted in the evaluation). For the Bayside, commercial crab harvesters have noted that the earlier start time would allow for the harvest and landing of crabs earlier in the day before the heat of mid-day effect the quality of the harvest being landed. For Seaside (Eastern Shore) commercial crab harvesters, the additional time would allow for greater flexibility in a region where the tide fluctuations are much more substantial and present a more significant limiting factor than the bayside fishery in being able to harvest and land their catch within the lawful time limits.

It is possible that extending the workday hours from 8 to 12 hours could increase landings of blue crab, albeit minimally, however, the crab pot specific bushel limits initiated in 2013 are still the primary management tool for controlling daily harvest and all other provisions of crab harvest management, to include sanctuaries, size limits, and cull rings remain in place to control harvest and remain the greater limiting factors to the blue crab fishery versus an amendment to the daily time limit provisions.

The enforceability of the provision would remain with distinct start and stop times for crab pot and peeler pot fisheries.

Staff recommends a 12-hour daily time limit, beginning at 3am and ending at 3pm for any person licensed to catch and sell crabs taken by hard crab pot or peeler pot to take and harvest crabs from any hard crab pot or peeler pot, or to retrieve, bait, or set any hard crab pot or peeler pot.

From: [Patricia VonOhlen](#)
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please keep Winter Dredge for Blue Crabs Closed
Date: Monday, June 17, 2024 6:43:42 PM

Ms Farmer and all VMRC board members,
I have been appreciative of VMRC taking measures to protect and restore blue crabs as well as other marine species. It seems closing the winter dredging season was a good move as there has been a very slight improvement. But a recent survey revealed there is still cause for alarm. The crabs continue to be at risk from overfishing and other environmental hazards and so I hope you will keep the winter dredging off limits to allow the crabs to increase in numbers.

I read there has been a proposal to open winter crab dredging fishery and I hope you will reject that proposal and continue to protect this important and iconic species. Please keep winter dredging off limits.

Thank you for your hard work on Earth care protection.

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June 7, 2024

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RE: Comments on Commercial Crabbing Regulations

Submitted via email only to: jennifer.farmer@mrc.virginia.gov

Dear Commissioner Green:

On behalf of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF), I wish to provide the following comments on the Virginia Marine Resources Commission's (VMRC) possible amendments to Virginia's commercial crabbing regulations. The results of this year's survey are less than hoped for given the importance of blue crabs in the Chesapeake Bay region. The estimate of 19 million fewer adult females and low number of males underscores the need to protect these segments of the population. Continued below-average recruitment is also of concern and suggests additional harvest is not warranted at this time. Through careful, science-based management, CBF looks forward to working with all stakeholders to build a more robust and resilient blue crab population in the Bay.

CBF would like to highlight the importance of the upcoming blue crab stock assessment to future management efforts. The blue crab remains not only the most iconic but also one of the most economically important fisheries to the Chesapeake Bay region. Given the numerous threats to the blue crab population from stressors such as climate change, blue catfish, and loss of underwater grass habitat, improved understanding of the status of this species will be extremely helpful.

CBF opposes the recommendation of the Blue Crab Management Advisory Committee to open the winter dredge fishery for the 2024–2025 season. Unfortunately, opening the winter dredge fishery at this time would send the wrong message about Virginia's management of the blue crab resource given the status of the population. This is particularly concerning given the winter dredge fishery focuses on the adult female segment of the population. It would also undermine the cooperative framework with Maryland that has been critical to the success of blue crab management to date.

CBF continues to emphasize that controls on the blue crab fishery are only one part of the formula for restoring the crab population. Wise management of predators such as blue catfish and improvements in water quality are vitally important to ensuring both a sustainable blue crab population and fishery in the future. CBF looks forward to continuing our efforts to develop sound fisheries management proposals for this iconic Chesapeake Bay species.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris Moore". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Chris Moore
Virginia Executive Director

cc: Alison Prost, Vice President EPR, CBF
Allison Colden, Maryland Executive Director, CBF
VMRC Associate Commissioners

From: Gayle Lynch
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Blue crabs must be allowed to recover
Date: Monday, June 10, 2024 10:33:45 AM

Dear Commissioner Green,

Driving a species of any animal to extinction for a short term profit is wrong. Please let the crab population recover.

The decision to suspend the winter dredge fishery in 2008 was a crucial step in response to significant declines in blue crab populations. While there may be signs of improvement, the blue crab population has not yet reached a level of abundance that would justify expanding the particular commercial harvest that focuses on adult females.

Significantly expanding harvest at this point risks undermining the progress made in restoring the blue crab population and could have adverse impacts on the long-term livelihood of watermen and the health of critical ecosystems in the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries.

I urge VMRC to reject this proposal and to maintain the current cooperative management program. At this time, the science simply does not support expanding harvesting without compromising the recovery of one of Virginia's most economically valuable species.

Sincerely,

Gayle Lynch

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From: William Warder Jr
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
Date: Monday, June 10, 2024 10:31:14 AM

Dear Commissioner Green,

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Sincerely,

William Warder Jr

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From: Laura Ray
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
Date: Monday, June 10, 2024 10:31:59 AM

Dear Commissioner Green,

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I urge VMRC to reject this proposal and to maintain the current cooperative management program. At this time, the science simply does not support expanding harvesting without compromising the recovery of one of Virginia's most economically valuable species.

Sincerely,
Laura Ray

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From: Larry Stephens
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
Date: Monday, June 10, 2024 10:35:04 AM

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From: Mary Barhydt
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
Date: Monday, June 10, 2024 10:37:05 AM

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From: John Maphis
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
Date: Monday, June 10, 2024 10:37:55 AM

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From: David Evans
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
Date: Monday, June 10, 2024 10:38:39 AM

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To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
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Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
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From: Brian Dick
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
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From: Nancy Berger
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
Date: Monday, June 10, 2024 10:55:58 AM

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From: Chris Marquardt
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
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From: Ken Schultz
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
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From: Dorothy P Edwards
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
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From: John Davenport
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
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Date: Monday, June 10, 2024 10:58:24 AM

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From: Martha Sewell
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
Date: Monday, June 10, 2024 11:00:12 AM

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Sincerely,

Martha Sewell

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From: David Ross
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
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Date: Monday, June 10, 2024 11:00:37 AM

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From: Michael Torosian
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
Date: Monday, June 10, 2024 11:01:36 AM

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From: Claire Jacobsen
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
Date: Monday, June 10, 2024 11:02:53 AM

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From: Craig Grube
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
Date: Monday, June 10, 2024 11:05:59 AM

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From: Dennis Tackett
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
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Dennis Tackett

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From: Sue Ann Giacinto
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
Date: Monday, June 10, 2024 11:08:43 AM

Dear Commissioner Green,

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Sincerely,

Sue Ann Giacinto

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From: Wickliffe S Lyne
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
Date: Monday, June 10, 2024 11:10:20 AM

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From: Frank Bond
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
Date: Monday, June 10, 2024 11:11:00 AM

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From: Ken Goldsmith
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
Date: Monday, June 10, 2024 11:10:52 AM

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Sincerely,

Ken Goldsmith

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From: Dean Amel
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
Date: Monday, June 10, 2024 11:12:28 AM

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Sincerely,

Dean Amel

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From: Emily Roderer
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
Date: Monday, June 10, 2024 11:14:30 AM

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Sincerely,

Emily Roderer

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From: Robert Naujelis
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
Date: Monday, June 10, 2024 11:16:23 AM

Dear Commissioner Green,

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Significantly expanding harvest at this point risks undermining the progress made in restoring the blue crab population and could have adverse impacts on the long-term livelihood of watermen and the health of critical ecosystems in the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries. There are other species that rely on blue crabs for their sustenance. Blue crabs are a major part of the Bay's ecosystem. Can't we let the system restore itself before we see another population crash like we saw just two years ago?

I urge VMRC to reject this proposal and to maintain the current cooperative management program. At this time, the science simply does not support expanding harvesting without compromising the recovery of one of Virginia's most economically valuable species.

Sincerely,

Robert Naujelis

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From: James Shelton
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
Date: Monday, June 10, 2024 11:16:05 AM

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Sincerely,

James Shelton

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From: Gloria Morgan
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
Date: Monday, June 10, 2024 11:17:32 AM

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Sincerely,

Gloria Morgan

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From: Carol Carson
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
Date: Monday, June 10, 2024 11:18:22 AM

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Sincerely,

Carol Carson

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From: james waite
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
Date: Monday, June 10, 2024 11:22:16 AM

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Sincerely,
james waite

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From: Michael Ortt
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
Date: Monday, June 10, 2024 11:26:01 AM

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Michael Ortt

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From: Lisa Renée Jennings
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
Date: Monday, June 10, 2024 11:29:09 AM

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Sincerely,

Lisa Renée Jennings

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To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
Date: Monday, June 10, 2024 11:29:50 AM

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From: Victoria Hulick
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
Date: Monday, June 10, 2024 11:32:06 AM

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From: Sandra Middour
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(VMRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
Date: Monday, June 10, 2024 11:33:58 AM

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From: Elias Nimmer
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From: David Peyton
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
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To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
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From: Eric N. Fagerholm
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
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From: Amy Moore
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
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From: Barbara Brothers
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From: Robert Benson
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
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From: Otis Pauley
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
Date: Monday, June 10, 2024 11:59:01 AM

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From: Ray Alley
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
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Date: Monday, June 10, 2024 12:01:58 PM

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From: Joette Borzik
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
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From: Mayer Levy
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
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From: Barbara Jencik
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
Date: Monday, June 10, 2024 12:06:52 PM

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From: jane santti
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
Date: Monday, June 10, 2024 12:10:28 PM

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From: Carl Santti
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
Date: Monday, June 10, 2024 12:16:02 PM

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From: Betty Ware
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
Date: Monday, June 10, 2024 12:17:12 PM

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From: Ronald Payne
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
Date: Monday, June 10, 2024 12:21:37 PM

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From: Denise Apple
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
Date: Monday, June 10, 2024 12:24:45 PM

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From: Gayle Graves
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
Date: Monday, June 10, 2024 12:25:24 PM

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From: Christopher Meyer
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
Date: Monday, June 10, 2024 12:26:33 PM

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Sincerely,

Christopher Meyer

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From: Sara Gay Freed
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
Date: Monday, June 10, 2024 12:31:55 PM

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From: Ray Blaum
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
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From: Pamela Scrima
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
Date: Monday, June 10, 2024 12:37:26 PM

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From: MARK BROCATO
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
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Date: Monday, June 10, 2024 12:42:21 PM

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MARK BROCATO

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From: Charles Wagner
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
Date: Monday, June 10, 2024 12:49:00 PM

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From: Linda Walters
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
Date: Monday, June 10, 2024 12:50:51 PM

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From: Jane Smith
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
Date: Monday, June 10, 2024 12:51:57 PM

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Jane Smith

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From: clay coupland
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
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From: Chris Witherspoon
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
Date: Monday, June 10, 2024 1:26:13 PM

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From: James Shelton
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
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From: Barbara McCane
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
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From: Paige Lazar
To: [Fairfax Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
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From: James Etheredge
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James Etheredge

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To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
Date: Monday, June 10, 2024 1:35:55 PM

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From: Judith Hinch
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
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From: Sandy Kerr
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Date: Monday, June 10, 2024 1:50:33 PM

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Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
Date: Monday, June 10, 2024 2:04:57 PM

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From: Mike Sims
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
Date: Monday, June 10, 2024 2:05:25 PM

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From: Robert Blackburn
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
Date: Monday, June 10, 2024 2:28:02 PM

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To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
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Sincerely,

Beverly Mann

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From: Piotr Sliwka
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
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From: Sally Tucker
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
Date: Monday, June 10, 2024 2:40:13 PM

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From: Carlton Wells
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From: Deborah Uminski
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
Date: Monday, June 10, 2024 2:51:48 PM

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From: Adam D'Onofrio
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
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From: Charles Epes
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
Date: Monday, June 10, 2024 3:10:07 PM

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Charles Epes

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From: Irwin Flashman
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
Date: Monday, June 10, 2024 3:10:01 PM

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From: Leah Bush
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
Date: Monday, June 10, 2024 3:18:10 PM

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From: Ronnie Woody
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
Date: Monday, June 10, 2024 3:29:12 PM

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Sincerely,

Ronnie Woody

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From: Mike Madden
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
Date: Monday, June 10, 2024 3:31:38 PM

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Sincerely,

Mike Madden

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From: Jeffrey Hollar
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
Date: Monday, June 10, 2024 3:34:25 PM

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Sincerely,

Jeffrey Hollar

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From: Rachel Strahorn
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
Date: Monday, June 10, 2024 3:56:22 PM

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On a more selfish note, I thoroughly enjoy blue crab in the summer and if we don't protect the population now, the cost will continue to increase exponentially year over year.

I urge VMRC to reject this proposal and to maintain the current cooperative management program. At this time, the science simply does not support expanding harvesting without compromising the recovery of one of Virginia's most economically valuable species.

Sincerely,

Rachel Strahorn

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From: Pamela Mullins
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
Date: Monday, June 10, 2024 3:58:27 PM

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Sincerely,

Pamela Mullins

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From: Marilyn Clark
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
Date: Monday, June 10, 2024 3:58:19 PM

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Sincerely,

Marilyn Clark

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From: George Galeota
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
Date: Monday, June 10, 2024 4:12:36 PM

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Sincerely,

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From: Callie Moyers
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
Date: Monday, June 10, 2024 4:20:57 PM

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Sincerely,

Callie Moyers

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From: Lawrence Hester
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
Date: Monday, June 10, 2024 4:28:48 PM

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From: T Morris
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
Date: Monday, June 10, 2024 4:49:00 PM

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From: Kelly Nagy
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
Date: Tuesday, June 11, 2024 5:55:27 AM

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Sincerely,

Kelly Nagy

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From: Susan Lynch
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
Date: Tuesday, June 11, 2024 5:43:39 AM

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From: Andrea Steegmayer
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
Date: Tuesday, June 11, 2024 4:54:59 AM

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To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
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From: Elizabeth Bradbury
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
Date: Tuesday, June 11, 2024 12:29:46 AM

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Sincerely,

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From: Janet Rountree
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
Date: Monday, June 10, 2024 11:19:38 PM

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From: Travis Keon
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
Date: Monday, June 10, 2024 11:03:44 PM

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From: Frances Lynn Jenkins
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
Date: Monday, June 10, 2024 10:37:49 PM

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From: BEN FICKENSCHER
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
Date: Monday, June 10, 2024 9:19:23 PM

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From: John Bowman
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
Date: Monday, June 10, 2024 9:15:57 PM

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From: Jacqueline Dwyer
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
Date: Monday, June 10, 2024 9:13:35 PM

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From: Beth Sandbach
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
Date: Monday, June 10, 2024 9:01:26 PM

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From: Katie Lofquist
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
Date: Monday, June 10, 2024 8:39:36 PM

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From: Eileen Doughty
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
Date: Monday, June 10, 2024 8:31:03 PM

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I urge VMRC to reject this proposal and to maintain the current cooperative management program. At this time, the science simply does not support expanding harvesting without compromising the recovery of one of Virginia's most economically valuable species.

Sincerely,

Eileen Doughty

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From: Heidi Ananthkrishnan
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
Date: Monday, June 10, 2024 8:27:09 PM

Dear Commissioner Green,

The decision to suspend the winter dredge fishery in 2008 was a crucial step in response to significant declines in blue crab populations. While there may be signs of improvement, the blue crab population has not yet reached a level of abundance that would justify expanding the particular commercial harvest that focuses on adult females.

Significantly expanding harvest at this point risks undermining the progress made in restoring the blue crab population and could have adverse impacts on the long-term livelihood of watermen and the health of critical ecosystems in the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries.

I urge VMRC to reject this proposal and to maintain the current cooperative management program. At this time, the science simply does not support expanding harvesting without compromising the recovery of one of Virginia's most economically valuable species.

Sincerely,

Heidi Ananthkrishnan

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From: Stephen Montgomery
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
Date: Monday, June 10, 2024 8:20:46 PM

Dear Commissioner Green,

The decision to suspend the winter dredge fishery in 2008 was a crucial step in response to significant declines in blue crab populations. And those declines have not recovered sufficiently to allow a winter season.

Expanding harvest at this point risks undermining the progress made in restoring the blue crab population and could have adverse impacts on the health of critical ecosystems in the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries.

VMRC should flatly reject this proposal and maintain the current cooperative management program. At this time, the science simply does not support expanding harvesting without compromising the recovery of one of Virginia's most economically valuable species.

Sincerely,

Stephen Montgomery

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From: Robert Poignant
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
Date: Monday, June 10, 2024 8:12:27 PM

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I urge VMRC to reject this proposal and to maintain the current cooperative management program. At this time, the science simply does not support expanding harvesting without compromising the recovery of one of Virginia's most economically valuable species.

Sincerely,

Robert Poignant

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From: Lloyd Schiffelbian
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
Date: Monday, June 10, 2024 8:04:24 PM

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I urge VMRC to reject this proposal and to maintain the current cooperative management program. At this time, the science simply does not support expanding harvesting without compromising the recovery of one of Virginia's most economically valuable species.

Sincerely,

Lloyd Schiffelbian

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From: Patricia Coale
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
Date: Monday, June 10, 2024 7:42:07 PM

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Sincerely,

Patricia Coale

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From: George Harris
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
Date: Monday, June 10, 2024 7:27:28 PM

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George Harris

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From: Judy Younger
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
Date: Monday, June 10, 2024 7:23:28 PM

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Sincerely,

Judy Younger

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From: Brian Dunn
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
Date: Monday, June 10, 2024 7:11:21 PM

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Sincerely,
Brian Dunn

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From: Michael Germain
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
Date: Monday, June 10, 2024 6:53:58 PM

Dear Commissioner Green,

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I urge VMRC to reject this proposal and to maintain the current cooperative management program. At this time, the science simply does not support expanding harvesting without compromising the recovery of one of Virginia's most economically valuable species.

Sincerely,

Michael Germain

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From: John Reeves
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
Date: Monday, June 10, 2024 6:49:17 PM

Dear Commissioner Green,

VMRC should reject this proposal to winter dredge crabs. Maintain the current cooperative management program. At this time, the careful science simply does not support expanding harvesting without compromising the recovery of one of Virginia's most economically valuable species.

Sincerely,

John Reeves

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From: Steven Anderson
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
Date: Monday, June 10, 2024 6:47:08 PM

Dear Commissioner Green,

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I urge VMRC to reject this proposal and to maintain the current cooperative management program. At this time, the science simply does not support expanding harvesting without compromising the recovery of one of Virginia's most economically valuable species.

Sincerely,

Steven Anderson

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From: Jessica Steptoe
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
Date: Monday, June 10, 2024 6:32:25 PM

Dear Commissioner Green,

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Sincerely,

Jessica Steptoe

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From: Frank Rezek
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
Date: Monday, June 10, 2024 6:21:38 PM

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From: Jennifer Gregory
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
Date: Monday, June 10, 2024 6:06:50 PM

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From: Mark Zimmerman
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
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From: Tomeka Watkinson
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Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
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Date: Monday, June 10, 2024 5:47:13 PM

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From: Marshall McCorkle
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
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Date: Tuesday, June 11, 2024 7:21:43 AM

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From: JOHN DAVIS
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
Date: Tuesday, June 11, 2024 8:41:13 AM

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From: Peter Jeydel
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
Date: Tuesday, June 11, 2024 9:03:09 AM

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From: Susan Morey
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
Date: Tuesday, June 11, 2024 9:18:49 AM

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From: Denise Murden
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
Date: Tuesday, June 11, 2024 9:39:10 AM

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From: Jim Nagy
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
Date: Tuesday, June 11, 2024 10:10:23 AM

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From: suzanne pasquini
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
Date: Tuesday, June 11, 2024 10:36:12 AM

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From: john jordan
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
Date: Tuesday, June 11, 2024 11:38:55 AM

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From: Rebecca Piatt
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
Date: Tuesday, June 11, 2024 6:06:05 PM

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From: Scott Price
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
Date: Tuesday, June 11, 2024 5:23:16 PM

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From: Ronald Moore
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
Date: Tuesday, June 11, 2024 5:16:52 PM

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From: Jim Lindsay
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
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Date: Tuesday, June 11, 2024 4:52:19 PM

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From: George Gabriel
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
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From: Nora White
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
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Date: Tuesday, June 11, 2024 1:23:01 PM

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From: Peter Schultz
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
Date: Tuesday, June 11, 2024 8:37:51 PM

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From: Russ Hopler
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
Date: Tuesday, June 11, 2024 9:44:07 PM

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From: Renee Bemish
To: [Fauna, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
Date: Wednesday, June 12, 2024 4:56:02 AM

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From: Cathie Donahue
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
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From: Glenn Corey
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
Date: Wednesday, June 12, 2024 1:35:36 PM

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Glenn Corey

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To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
Date: Wednesday, June 12, 2024 7:28:54 PM

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From: Louis Parham
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
Date: Monday, June 10, 2024 10:30:51 AM

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From: John Watters
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Save Our Crabs!
Date: Monday, June 10, 2024 1:46:20 PM

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We must use real science to save our crabs and menhaden. Both are in serious decline and to expand their harvest is to exploit a valuable resource.

Sincerely,

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From: [Ed Lenney](#)
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
Date: Thursday, June 13, 2024 2:48:54 PM

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From: [Geoffrey Gregory](#)
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
Date: Friday, June 14, 2024 12:00:42 PM

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From: [Kathryn Sukites](#)
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
Date: Saturday, June 15, 2024 9:27:24 AM

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From: [Julie Buxton](#)
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
Date: Saturday, June 15, 2024 5:22:37 PM

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From: [KATHLEEN ALTEMUS](#)
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
Date: Sunday, June 16, 2024 8:57:36 AM

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From: [Jennifer Keys](#)
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
Date: Wednesday, June 12, 2024 4:14:05 PM

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From: [Christina Ohlrogge](#)
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
Date: Thursday, June 13, 2024 8:01:59 AM

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From: [Stephen Maxwell](#)
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
Date: Thursday, June 13, 2024 2:34:06 PM

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From: [Beth Harvey](#)
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
Date: Tuesday, June 18, 2024 9:55:51 AM

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Sincerely,
Beth Harvey

Geer, Pat (MRC)

From: Smott, Somers (MRC)
Sent: Thursday, June 20, 2024 9:39 AM
To: Madsen, Shanna (MRC); Geer, Pat (MRC)
Subject: FW: Commission Comments

Please see below.

Somers Smott
Office: 757-247-2004
Cell: 757-268-2705

From: Brent Hunsinger <brent.hunsinger@riverfriends.org>
Sent: Thursday, June 20, 2024 9:13 AM
To: fisheries (MRC) <fisheries@mrc.virginia.gov>
Subject: Commission Comments

Dear Commissioner Green.

On behalf of Friends of the Rappahannock I would like to indicate our SUPPORT for the proposal to amend Chapter 4VAC20-1140-10 et seq., "Prohibition of Crab Dredging in Virginia Waters" to close the December 1, 2024, through March 31, 2025, winter commercial crab dredge fishing season, in accordance with the provisions of Section 28.2-707 of the Code of Virginia.

We believe that the results of the recent survey indicate a need to continue to conserve female crabs, as increased exploitation can jeopardize the current and future biological health of this resource.

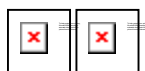
Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Respectfully,

Brent Hunsinger

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From: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
To: [Madsen, Shanna \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Winter dredge for Crabs
Date: Tuesday, June 18, 2024 3:20:03 PM

From: Denise Mosca <imdmosca@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 18, 2024 3:19:39 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)
To: Farmer, Jennifer (MRC) <jennifer.farmer@mrc.virginia.gov>
Subject: Winter dredge for Crabs

Dear Commissioner Green:

Thank you for the consideration of my comments towards opening the winter dredge for crabs. This method of harvest picks up more females, and the numbers of overall crabs are still in decline despite a small upturn. Instead of opening up the harvest now, it would be logical to at least wait to decide once the results of the ongoing stock assessment expected in 2025-6 are known. This would allow managers to see if the upturn is part of a trend or simply normal fluctuation in numbers of the species. Without more information regarding the abundance of these creatures, given their previous decline, harvesting targeting females especially could lead to improper stewardship and to allow their overall numbers to fall even more. Additional decline would severely hurt the watermen seeking relief through this action.

Thank you,
Denise Mosca
6977 Ark Rd, Gloucester, VA 23061

From: [Lauren Clark](#)
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Opposition to Opening Winter Dredge Fishery for 2024-2025 Season
Date: Tuesday, June 18, 2024 5:00:00 PM

Dear Commissioner Green,

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to express my strong opposition to the Crab Management Advisory Committee's recommendation to open a winter dredge fishery in Virginia for the 2024-2025 season. While I understand the request from a group of watermen, I believe it is imperative to consider the broader implications for the blue crab population and the long-term sustainability of our fisheries.

As you are aware, in 2008, Maryland and Virginia initiated a collaborative effort to manage blue crabs more holistically in the Chesapeake Bay. A significant measure in this initiative was the closure of the winter dredge fishery, primarily to protect the female crab population, which is essential for maintaining a healthy and sustainable crab stock. The winter dredge fishery is known to disproportionately harvest female crabs, which is particularly concerning given the latest survey indicating a decline of 19 million adult female crabs.

I urge the VMRC to consider the following points before making any decisions:

- 1. Decline in Female Crab Population:** The most recent survey results show a significant decrease in the adult female segment of the blue crab population. Opening the winter dredge fishery now would exacerbate this decline, potentially jeopardizing the recovery and sustainability of the species.
- 2. Pending Blue Crab Stock Assessment:** A comprehensive blue crab stock assessment is currently underway, with results expected in late 2025 or early 2026. This assessment will provide critical insights into the impacts of various factors such as catfish, predators, habitat conditions, and climate on blue crab populations. Making drastic management changes before this assessment is complete would be premature and could undermine our understanding and future management strategies.
- 3. Cooperative Management Efforts:** Reinstating the winter dredge fishery at this juncture would undermine the cooperative management efforts that have been in place since 2008. These efforts have been fundamental in fostering a collaborative approach to blue crab management between Maryland and Virginia, which is essential for the long-term health of the Bay's crab population.

I respectfully request that the VMRC defer any decision to reopen the winter dredge fishery until the blue crab stock assessment is completed, and we have a clearer understanding of the population dynamics and the impacts of various stressors. This will ensure that any management decisions made are based on the best available science and are in the best interest of the blue crab population and the watermen who depend on this resource.

Thank you for considering my comments. I trust that the VMRC will continue to prioritize sustainable and scientifically informed management practices for the benefit of all stakeholders.

Sincerely,
Lauren

From: [Janet Bryant](#)
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Please reject the proposed reopening of the winter dredge fishery for blue crabs!
Date: Tuesday, June 18, 2024 7:24:38 PM

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Sincerely,
Janet Bryant

From: [Catherine Lukaszewicz](#)
To: [Farmer, Jennifer \(MRC\)](#)
Subject: Protect Blue Crabs - Do NOT open the winter dredge fishery
Date: Monday, June 10, 2024 3:14:51 PM

Commissioner Green -

I urge the VMRC to protect blue crabs by maintaining current commercial crabbing regulations and reject the proposal to open a winter dredge fishery. Blue crab populations surveys are not complete & there is not enough data to support opening the winter dredge fishery despite signs of improvement. This important resource must be protected for the future to ensure long-term livelihood of watermen and the health of critical ecosystems in the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries.

Thank you,

Catherine Lukaszewicz
5113 Chelsea Brook Ln, Glen Allen, VA 23060



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Commenter: Andy Cortez

6/7/24 8:26 pm

I Support VMRC Staff Recommendation to Renew the Crab Dredge Closure

According to the results of the 2023-2024 Chesapeake Bay Winter Dredge Survey, adult male and female blue crab abundance decreased, and the female population remains below the target threshold. Juvenile crab abundance is nearly 1/2 of what it should be. In spite of this, harvest by weight, dockside value and the number of crabbers all increased in 2023. There is no need to re-open winter crab dredging too soon.

Now is the time to continue conservation measures to protect winter female crabs, many of which have yet to spawn. It's short-sighted to borrow from the future to benefit the wallets of a few.

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June 9, 2024

Mr. Jamie Green
Commissioner
Virginia Marine Resources Commission
380 Fenwick Road, Building 96
Fort Monroe, VA 23651

RE: Comments on Commercial Crabbing Regulations

Submitted via email only to: jennifer.farmer@mrc.virginia.gov

Dear Commissioner:

On behalf of Virginia's saltwater anglers, I want to provide some brief comments on the Virginia Marine Resources Commission's (VMRC) possible amendments to Virginia's commercial crabbing regulations. As we understand it, the advisory committee has recommended that the winter dredge season be reopened. While we are primarily an organization of recreational fishermen, crabs are an important forage in the bay and declines in their numbers could negatively impact both commercial and recreational fishing in the bay.

As you know there are already significant concerns about menhaden forage availability and it would seem harmful to also put crabs in jeopardy. Of course, catfish predation of both species is an ongoing challenge.

Given the results of recent surveys, reopening winter dredging seems unwise and does not promote conservation of this important resource. *The estimate of 19 million fewer adult females and a relatively low number of males underscores the need to protect these segments of the population.* Continued below-average recruitment is also of concern. The upcoming blue crab stock assessment will be important when considering future management actions. The blue crab remains one of the most economically important fisheries to the Chesapeake Bay region. With numerous threats to the blue crab

population from climate change, predation, and loss of grass habitat, we need a better understanding of the status of this species. We therefore oppose the recommendation of the Crab Management Advisory Committee to reopen the winter dredge fishery for the upcoming season.

The bay faces many challenges to return to its previous glory. Let's not add another by putting our crabs at risk of over harvesting. Thank you for considering the input of recreational anglers.

Sincerely,

Steve Atkinson

Steve Atkinson, Chairman of the Board

NOTICE

The Virginia Marine Resources Commission invites public comment on proposed amendments to regulations, as shown below. By June 6, 2024, the proposed draft regulations may be viewed on the VMRC web calendar at <https://mrc.virginia.gov/calendar.shtm>.

In accordance with Section 28.2-209 of the Code of Virginia, a public hearing on the proposed amendments to these regulations will be held on Tuesday, June 25, 2024, at the Virginia Marine Resources Commission, 380 Fenwick Road, Bldg. 96, Fort Monroe, Virginia.

Written public comments on the Fisheries Management Division proposals or on fisheries items not on the agenda must be provided by 12:00 p.m., Thursday, June 20, 2024, to Patrick Geer, VMRC Fisheries Management Division, 380 Fenwick Road, Bldg. 96, Fort Monroe, Virginia 23651, or sent by email to fisheries@mrc.virginia.gov with the subject heading “Commission Comments”.

The Commission may review Fisheries Management Division items as early as 9:30 a.m.

I. Chapter 4VAC20-270-10 et seq., “Pertaining to Blue Crab Fishery”

The Commission proposes to amend Chapter 4VAC20-270-10 et seq., “Pertaining to Blue Crab Fishery,” to establish management measures, including season and bushel limits, for the 2024-2025 commercial crab fisheries and to amend the daily time limits for commercial harvest.

The purpose of these amendments is to conserve the blue crab resource and to increase time-of-day flexibility for commercial crabbers .

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The Commission proposes to amend Chapter 4VAC20-1140-10 et seq., “Prohibition of Crab Dredging in Virginia Waters” to close the December 1, 2024, through March 31, 2025, winter commercial crab dredge fishing season, in accordance with the provisions of Section 28.2-707 of the Code of Virginia.

The purpose of this closure is to conserve the blue crab resource.

III. Chapter 4VAC20-140-10 et seq., “Pertaining to the Identification and Location of Crab Pots, Peeler Pots, Eel Pots, and Fish Pots”

The Commission proposes to amend Chapter 4VAC20-140-10 et seq., “Pertaining to the Identification and Location of Crab Pots, Peeler Pots, Eel Pots, and Fish Pots” to clarify the height required for identifying information on crab and eel pot buoys as described in Section 28.2-712 of the Code of Virginia.

The purpose of these amendments is to clarify existing language in accordance with Section 28.2-712 of the Code of Virginia.

VMRC DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE AGAINST INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES; THEREFORE, IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS BECAUSE OF A DISABILITY, PLEASE ADVISE MICHELE GUILFORD (757-247-2206) NO LATER THAN FIVE WORK DAYS PRIOR TO THE MEETING DATE AND IDENTIFY YOUR NEEDS.

PREAMBLE

This chapter establishes requirements to maintain identification numbers and letters on crab pots, peeler pots and fish pots and specifies the gear-specific location, for the identification.

This chapter is promulgated pursuant to authority contained in §§28.2-201 and 28.2-712 of the Code of Virginia. This chapter amends and re-adopts, as amended, previous Chapter 4 VAC 20-140-10 et seq., which was adopted on ~~September 27, 2011~~ December 8, 2015 and was effective on ~~October 1, 2011~~ January 1, 2016. The effective date of this chapter is ~~January 1, 2016~~ July 5, 2024.

4 VAC 20-140-10. PURPOSE.

The purpose of this chapter is to describe the lawful methods an individual shall use to identify his licensed crab pots, peeler pots, fish pots, or eel pots.

4 VAC 20-140-15. IDENTIFICATION OF EEL POTS.

Any person owning or using an eel pot, for which a commercial license is prescribed by law, shall display his Marine Resources Commission identification number, preceded by the letter "E," on each floating buoy or stake attached to each such eel pot, in a legible and visible manner and in figures of not less than one inch in height.

4 VAC 20-140-20. IDENTIFICATION OF FISH POTS.

Any person owning or using a fish pot, for which a commercial license is prescribed by law, shall display and maintain his current identification number, assigned by the Marine Resources Commission, preceded by the letter "F" on each floating buoy or stake attached to each such fish pot, in a legible and visible manner.

4 VAC 20-140-25. IDENTIFICATION OF CRAB POTS AND PEELER POTS.

A. Any person placing, setting, or fishing crab pots in Virginia waters, for which a commercial

license is prescribed by law, shall display his Marine Resources Commission identification number, preceded by the letter "C," on each floating buoy or stake attached to each such crab pot, in a legible and visible manner and in figures of not less than one inch in height.

- B. Any person placing, setting, or fishing peeler pots in Virginia waters, for which a commercial license is prescribed by law, shall display his Marine Resources Commission identification number, preceded by the letter "P," on each floating buoy or stake attached to each such peeler pot, in a legible and visible manner and in figures of not less than one inch in height.
- C. Except as provided in subsection D of this section, it shall be unlawful for any person to place numbers or letters on any crab pot or peeler pot buoy or stake that is in addition to the identification requirement described in subsection A or B of this section.
- D. Any person who is legally licensed to crab pot or peeler pot in North Carolina or Maryland waters may also display identification required by those jurisdictions on the buoys or stakes attached to those crab pots or peeler pots while that person is placing, setting, or fishing those crab pots or peeler pots in Virginia waters.
- E. Any identification shall be legally assigned or registered to that person, as described in subsection D of this section.

4 VAC 20-140-30. PENALTY.

As set forth in § 28.2-903 of the Code of Virginia, any person violating any provision of this chapter shall be guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor, and a second or subsequent violation of any provision of this chapter committed by the same person within 12 months of a prior violation is a Class 1 misdemeanor.

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This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of the chapter passed by the Marine Resources Commission, pursuant to authority vested in the Commission by § 28.2-201 of the Code of Virginia, duly advertised according to statute, and recorded in the Marine Resources Commission's

minute book, at meeting held in Hampton, Virginia, on June 25, 2024.

**COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION**

BY: _____
**Jamie L. Green
Commissioner**

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____ 2024.

Notary Public

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PREAMBLE

This chapter establishes daily individual, vessel and harvest and possession limits, time limits, season limits, peeler pot limits, and peeler and softshell crab minimum size limits for the commercial blue crab fishery in Virginia and the daily recreational blue crab harvest and possession limit. This chapter is promulgated pursuant to authority contained in §§ 28.2-101, 28.2-201 and 28.2-700 et seq. of the Code of Virginia. This chapter repeals any other chapters that pertain to crab pot bushel limits. This chapter amends and re-adopts, as amended, previous Chapter 4VAC 20-270-10 et seq., which was promulgated ~~June 27~~ September 26, 2023, and made effective on ~~July 5~~ October 1, 2023. The effective date of this chapter, as amended, is ~~October 1, 2023~~ July 5, 2024.

4 VAC 20-270-10. Purpose.

The purpose of this chapter is to allow for the conservation and rebuilding of the crab resource and to improve the enforceability of other laws pertaining to crabbing.

4 VAC 20-270-15. Definitions.

The following word or term when used in this chapter shall have the following meaning unless the context indicates otherwise:

“Crab” as described in this chapter refers solely to the crustacean *Callinectes sapidus*.

4 VAC 20-270-20. Sunday prohibition and limited exception for possession of male hard crabs.

It shall be unlawful to take or ~~catch~~ harvest crabs for commercial purposes on Sunday. This section shall not apply to baiting and setting any hard crab pot or peeler pot, the harvest of peeler crabs by crab traps or peeler pots, or to the working of floats, pens, or onshore facilities for soft crab shedding operations. Any person licensed to harvest peeler crabs by peeler pot may harvest one bushel of male crabs from his peeler pots on Sunday strictly for the purpose of baiting his peeler pots, and such crabs may not be sold.

4 VAC 20-270-25. Lawful commercial harvest gears.

It shall be unlawful to possess or sell crabs harvested for commercial purposes by any means other than by hard crab pot, peeler pot, dip net, ordinary or patent trotline, crab dredge, crab scrape, or crab trap or pound.

4 VAC 20-270-30. Daily time limits for commercial harvest.

A. It shall be unlawful for any person licensed to catch and sell crabs taken by hard crab pot or peeler pot to take and harvest crabs from any hard crab pot or peeler pot, or to retrieve, bait, or set any hard crab pot or peeler pot, ~~except during the lawful daily time periods described in subsections A, B, C, and D of this section. The lawful daily time periods for the commercial harvesting of crabs by hard crab pot or peeler pot shall be from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. during the lawful seasons, as described in Chapter 4 VAC 20-270-40 A, except as described in subsections B, C, and D of this section. The lawful daily time periods for the commercial harvesting of crabs by hard crab pot or peeler pot shall be from 5 a.m. to 1 p.m. during the months of May, June, July, and August, as described in Chapter 4 VAC 20-270-40 A, except as specified in subsections B, C, and D of this section. Hard crab pots or peeler pots already on board a boat at the end of the lawful daily time period, as defined in subsections A, B, and C of this section, may be set immediately following the end of lawful daily time period to one hour after the lawful daily time period ends~~ between 3 a.m. to 3 p.m. during the lawful season, as described in 4VAC20-270-40 A.

B. ~~Any licensed hard crab pot or peeler pot fisherman who provides an opinion and supporting documentation from an attending physician to the commissioner of an existing medical condition that prevents him from adhering to the daily time limit established in subsection A of this section may be permitted by the commissioner or his designee to take and harvest crabs from his hard crab pot or peeler pot, or to retrieve, bait, or set his hard crab pot or peeler pot during an alternate eight hour daily time limit.~~

~~That alternative eight hour daily time limit will be prescribed by the commissioner or his designee in accordance with the medical condition that forms a basis for the exception to the daily time limit as described in subsection A of this section.~~

~~Nothing in this regulation shall prohibit any licensed hard crab pot or peeler pot fisherman, who has been granted an exception to the eight hour work schedule, on a medical basis, from using another licensed hard crab pot or peeler pot fisherman as a mate; provided, however, during the designated alternate work hours, only the hard crab pots or peeler pots of the fisherman receiving the exception shall be fished. Further, it shall be unlawful for the licensed crab fisherman, who has been granted an exception, or his mate, who is a licensed hard crab pot or peeler pot fisherman, to fish, set, retrieve, or bait, during the alternate work hours, any hard crab pot or peeler pot that is not owned and licensed by the fisherman granted the exception.~~

~~C. Any licensed hard crab pot or peeler pot fisherman who requests and obtains an alternate eight-hour daily time limit permit shall be authorized to take and harvest crabs from his hard crab pot or peeler pot or to retrieve, bait, or set his hard crab pot or peeler pot one hour earlier than described in subsection A of this section, only for the months of June, July, August, and September. During the months of March, April, May, October, and November, the lawful daily time period described in subsection A of this section applies to any hard crab pot or peeler pot licensee. The alternate lawful daily time periods for the commercial harvesting of crabs by hard crab pot or peeler pot shall be from 4 a.m. to 12 noon from June 1 through August 31 and from 5 a.m. to 1 p.m. from September 1 through September 30. Licensed hard crab pot or peeler pot fishermen must apply for this permit on an annual basis and shall adhere to the alternate daily time limit from the day the permit is issued through September 30, as well as subdivisions 1, 2, and 3 of this subsection.~~

~~1. It shall be unlawful for two or more licensed hard crab pot or peeler pot fishermen, or their agents, to crab aboard the same vessel if their authorized eight hour daily time limits are not identical.~~

~~2. Requests for an alternate eight hour time limit permit shall be submitted to the Marine Resources Commission annually and prior to May 15. Requests submitted on or after May 15 will not be considered.~~

~~3. Once any legal hard crab pot or peeler pot licensee obtains an alternate eight hour daily time limit permit, that permittee shall be legally bound by the alternate eight hour daily time limit as described in this subsection.~~

~~Ⓓ. B. The lawful daily time periods for the commercial harvest of crabs by hard crab pot or peeler pot may be rescinded by the Commissioner of 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.~~

4 VAC 20-270-40. Season limits.

A. In ~~2023~~ 2024, the lawful season for the commercial harvest of crabs by hard crab pot shall be March 17 through December 16. In ~~2024~~ 2025, the lawful season for the commercial harvest of crabs by hard crab pot shall be March 17 through November 30. For all other lawful commercial gear used to harvest crabs, as described in 4 VAC 20-1040, the lawful seasons for the harvest of crabs shall be April 15 through October 15.

B. It shall be unlawful for any person to harvest crabs or to possess crabs on board a vessel, except during the lawful season, as described in subsection A of this section.

C. It shall be unlawful for any person knowingly to place, set, fish or leave any hard crab pot in any tidal waters of Virginia from December 17, ~~2023~~ 2024, through March 16, ~~2024~~ 2025. It shall be unlawful for any person to knowingly place, set, fish, or leave any lawful commercial gear used to harvest crabs, except any hard crab pot or any gear as described in 4 VAC 20-460-25, in any tidal waters of Virginia from October 16, ~~2023~~ 2024, through April 14, ~~2024~~ 2025.

D. It shall be unlawful for any person to place, set, or fish any number of fish pots in excess of 10% of the amount allowed by the gear license limit, up to a maximum of 30 fish pots per vessel, when any person on that vessel has set any crab pots.

1. This subsection shall not apply to fish pots set in those Virginia waters located upriver of the following boundary lines:
 - a. In the James River the boundary shall be a line connecting Hog Point and the downstream point at the mouth of College Creek.
 - b. In the York River the boundary lines shall be the Route 33 bridges at West Point.
 - c. In the Rappahannock River the boundary line shall be the Route 360 bridge at Tappahannock.
2. This subsection shall not apply to legally licensed eel pots as described in 4VAC20-500.
3. This subsection shall not apply to fish pots constructed of a mesh less than one-inch square or hexagonal mesh.

4 VAC 20-270-50. Peeler crab pot and hard crab pot limits.

A. It shall be unlawful for any person to place, set or fish or attempt to place, set or fish more than 210 peeler crab pots in Virginia tidal waters.

B. The lawful hard crab pot license categories and hard crab pot limits are as follows:

1. up to 85 crab pots.
2. up to 127 crab pots.
3. up to 170 crab pots.

4. up to 255 crab pots.
5. up to 425 crab pots.

C. It shall be unlawful for any person to knowingly place, set or fish any amount of crab pots that exceeds that person's crab pot limit, as described in subsection B of this section.

4 VAC 20-270-51. Daily commercial harvester, vessel, and harvest and possession limits.

A. Any barrel used by a harvester to contain or possess any amount of crabs will be equivalent in volume to no more than three bushels of crabs.

B. From July 5, ~~2023~~ 2024, through October 31, ~~2023~~ 2024, and May 16, ~~2024~~ 2025, through July 4, ~~2024~~ 2025, any commercial fisherman registration licensee legally licensed for any hard crab pot license, as described in 4VAC20-270-50 B, shall be limited to the following maximum daily harvest and possession limits for any of the following hard crab pot license categories:

1. 10 bushels, or three barrels and one bushel, of crabs, if licensed for up to 85 crab pots.
2. 14 bushels, or four barrels and two bushels, of crabs, if licensed for up to 127 crab pots.
3. 18 bushels, or six barrels, of crabs, if licensed for up to 170 crab pots.
4. 29 bushels, or nine barrels and two bushels, of crabs, if licensed for up to 255 crab pots.
5. 47 bushels, or 15 barrels and two bushels, of crabs, if licensed for up to 425 crab pots.

C. From November 1, ~~2023~~ 2024, through December 16, ~~2023~~ 2024, and March 17, ~~2024~~ 2025, through May 15, ~~2024~~ 2025, any commercial fisherman registration licensee legally licensed for any hard crab pot license, as described in 4VAC20-270-50 B, shall be limited to the following maximum daily harvest and possession limits, for any of the following crab pot license categories:

1. Eight bushels, or two barrels and two bushels, of crabs, if licensed for up to 85 crab pots.

2. 11 bushels, or three barrels and two bushels, of crabs, if licensed for up to 127 crab pots.
3. 14 bushels, or four barrels and two bushels, of crabs, if licensed for up to 170 crab pots.
4. 22 bushels, or seven barrels and one bushel of crabs, if licensed for up to 255 crab pots.
5. 36 bushels, or 12 barrels of crabs, if licensed for up to 425 crab pots.

D. When a single harvester or multiple harvesters are on board any vessel, that vessel's daily harvest and possession limit shall be equal to only one daily harvest and possession limit, as described in subsections B and C of this section, and that daily limit shall correspond to the highest harvest and possession limit of only one licensee on board that vessel.

E. When transporting or selling one or more legal crab pot licensee's crab harvest in bushels or barrels, any agent shall possess either the crab pot license of that one or more crab pot licensees or a bill of lading indicating each crab pot licensee's name, address, commercial fisherman registration license number, date, and amount of bushels or barrels of crabs to be sold.

F. If any police officer finds crabs in excess of any lawful daily bushel, barrel, or vessel limit, as described in this section, that excess quantity of crabs shall be returned immediately to the water by the licensee who possess that excess over lawful daily harvest or possession limit. The refusal to return crabs, in excess of any lawful daily harvest or possession limit, to the water shall constitute a separate violation of this chapter.

G. When any person on board any boat or vessel possesses a crab pot license, it shall be unlawful for that person or any other person aboard that boat or vessel to possess a Seafood Buyers Boat License and buy any crabs on any day.

4 VAC 20-270-52. Area Restriction.

A. It shall be unlawful for any person to use any gear, except hard crab pots or peeler pots, to harvest crabs from the waters of Back Bay and North Landing River or within the jurisdiction of the Albemarle and Currituck watersheds as described in § 28.2-101 of the Code of Virginia.

B. It shall be unlawful to possess, sell, or offer for sale crabs taken by any means other than hard crab pot or peeler pot from the waters described in this section.

4 VAC 20-270-55. Minimum size limits.

A. From ~~March 17~~ the beginning of the season as described in 4VAC20-270-40 through July 15, it shall be unlawful for any person to harvest, possess, sell or offer for sale more than 10 peeler crabs, per United States standard bushel, or 5.0% of peeler crabs in any other container, that measure less than 3-¼ inches across the shell from tip to tip of the longest spikes. From July 16 through ~~November 30~~ the end of the season as described in 4VAC20-270-40, it shall be unlawful for any person to harvest, possess, sell or offer for sale more than 10 peeler crabs, per United States standard bushel, or 5.0% of peeler crabs in any other container, that measure less than 3-½ inches across the shell from tip to tip of the longest spikes, except as described in subsections B and C of this section.

B. From July 16 through ~~November 30~~ the end of the season as described in 4VAC20-270-40, it shall be unlawful for any person to harvest, possess, sell or offer for sale more than 10 peeler crabs, per United States standard bushel, or 5.0% of peeler crabs in any other container, that are harvested from waters on the ocean side of Accomack and Northampton counties and measure less than 3-¼ inches across the shell from tip to tip of the longest spikes, except as described in subsection C of this section.

C. In the enforcement of these peeler crab minimum size limits aboard a vessel, the marine police officer shall select a single container of peeler crabs of his choosing to determine if the contents of that container violate the minimum size and tolerance described in this section. If the officer determines the contents of the container are in violation, then the officer shall return all peeler crabs on board the vessel to the water alive.

D. It shall be unlawful for any person to take, catch, harvest, possess, sell or offer for sale, or to destroy in any manner, any soft crab that measures less than 3-½ inches across the shell from tip to tip of the longest spikes.

4 VAC 20-270-56. Daily Recreational harvest and possession limit.

It shall be unlawful to take by using an unlicensed dip net or hand line, or two crab pots, or to harvest or possess for personal use aboard any vessel, more than one bushel of hard crabs or two dozen peeler crabs per day.

4 VAC 20-270-58. Repealed.

4 VAC 20-270-60. Penalty.

As set forth in § 28.2-903 of the Code of Virginia, any person violating any provision of this chapter shall be guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor, and a second or subsequent violation of any provision of this chapter committed by the same person within 12 months of a prior violation is a Class 1 misdemeanor.

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**COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION**

By: _____

**Jamie L. Green
Commissioner**

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ____ day of ____ 2024.

Notary Public

PREAMBLE

This chapter closes the ~~2023-2024~~ 2024-2025 crab dredging season in Virginia tidal waters, in order to conserve female crabs, as the exploitation rate, by the crab dredge fishery, on female crabs, most of which have not spawned for the first time, can jeopardize the current and future biological health of this resource. This chapter is promulgated pursuant to the authority contained in §§28.2-201, 28.2-203, 28.2-203.1 and 28.2-707 of the Code of Virginia. This chapter amends and re-adopts, as amended, previous Chapter 4 VAC 20-1140-10 et seq., which was promulgated ~~June 28, 2022~~ June 27, 2023 and made effective on July 5, ~~2022~~ 2023. The effective date of this chapter is July 5, ~~2023~~ 2024.

4 VAC 20-1140-10. Purpose.

This chapter promotes conservation of the blue crab resource, especially female crabs that constitute mostly all of the crab dredge harvest, with many of those female crabs yet to produce their initial spawn. The provisions in this chapter are in response to the reduced abundance of the blue crab resource and its overexploitation, especially of female crabs.

4 VAC 20-1140-20. Crab dredging prohibited.

In accordance with the provisions of § 28.2-707 of the Code of Virginia, the crab dredging season of December 1, ~~2023~~ 2024, through March 31, ~~2024~~ 2025, is closed, and it shall be unlawful to use a dredge for catching crabs from the waters of the Commonwealth during that season.

4 VAC 20-1140-30. Penalty.

As set forth in §28.2-903 of the Code of Virginia, any person violating any provision of this chapter shall be guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor, and a second or subsequent violation of any provision of this chapter committed by the same person within 12 months of a prior violation is a Class 1 misdemeanor.

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