



# *COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA*

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**TO: COMMERCIAL SPOT HARVESTERS AND BUYERS**  
**FROM: VIRGINIA MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION**  
**RE: COMMERCIAL SEASON CLOSURE FOR SPOT**

Effective 12:01 A.M., Monday, December 8, 2025, the 2025 Virginia commercial spot fishery will close. Therefore, 12:01 A.M., Monday, December 8, 2025, it shall be unlawful for any commercial fisherman registration licensee to harvest or land spot.

The commercial spot fishery will remain closed until April 15, 2026.

Chapter 4 VAC 20-1380-50., "Pertaining to Spot", states the following:

**It shall be unlawful for any person fishing commercially with any gear type to harvest or land any spot before April 15 or after December 8 of the current calendar year.**

For the full regulations, please visit <https://www.mrc.virginia.gov/regulations/regindex.shtm>.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Catherine Wilhelm at 757-247-2004 or [catherine.wilhelm@mrc.virginia.gov](mailto:catherine.wilhelm@mrc.virginia.gov).