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TO: COMMERCIAL SPECKLED TROUT BUYERS AND HARVESTERS

FROM: VIRGINIA MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION

RE: 2025/2026 DIRECTED COMMERCIAL SPECKLED TROUT QUOTA

Effective 6:00 P.M., Thursday, February 12, 2026, the 2025/2026 Virginia directed commercial speckled trout fishery will close. Based upon landing reports from Virginia seafood buyers and speckled trout harvesters, it is projected that Virginia will have harvested and landed 100% of the 51,104-pound quota.

Therefore, after 6:00 P.M. on Thursday, February 12, 2026, it shall be unlawful for any commercial fisherman registration licensee to take, harvest, land, or possess more than the daily incidental catch limit for the remainder of the fishing year.

The daily incidental catch limit shall be 50 pounds of speckled trout per licensee aboard the vessel, not to exceed 100 pounds per vessel (Chapter 4VAC20-280).

This commercial speckled trout fishery will remain open as an incidental catch fishery until the 2026/2027 season opens September 1, 2026.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Jill Ramsey at:
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