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TO: COMMERCIAL SPOT HARVESTERS AND BUYERS
FROM: VIRGINIA MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION
RE: 2026 COMMERCIAL SEASON OPENING FOR SPOT

Effective 12:01 A.M., Wednesday, April 15, 2026, the Virginia commercial spot fishery will open for the 2026 season. The season will remain open until December 8, 2026.

Chapter 4 VAC 20-1380-10 et seq., "Pertaining to Spot", states the following:

4 VAC 20-1380-50. COMMERCIAL FISHERY.

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/>.

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