



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

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**TO: SCUP BUYERS AND HARVESTERS**

**FROM: VIRGINIA MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION**

**RE: SCUP WINTER I FISHERY CLOSURE**

On March 12, 2026, the National Marine Fisheries Service announced the closure to the Winter I scup fishery. Beginning March 16, 2026, vessels issued a commercial Federal fisheries permit for the scup fishery may not land scup for the remainder of the Winter I quota period, which ends on Thursday, April 30, 2026.

For full federal register publication, please visit:

[https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/bulletin/noaa-fisheries-announces-upcoming-commercial-scup-winter-i-fishery-closure?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=govdelivery](https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/bulletin/noaa-fisheries-announces-upcoming-commercial-scup-winter-i-fishery-closure?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)

For more information regarding the Virginia scup fishery, please visit the VMRC website at:  
[https://mrc.virginia.gov/regulations/MRC\\_Scanned\\_Regs/FINFISH/fr910\\_05-01-22.pdf](https://mrc.virginia.gov/regulations/MRC_Scanned_Regs/FINFISH/fr910_05-01-22.pdf)

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