



# *COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA*

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**TO: SPECKLED TROUT BUYERS/HARVESTERS**

**FROM: VIRGINIA MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION**

**RE: CLOSURE OF THE COMMERCIAL SPECKLED TROUT FISHERY**

Effective 6:00 P.M., Eastern Standard Time (EST), Thursday, October 18, 2012, the commercial speckled trout fishery will close. Based upon landing reports from the National Marine Fisheries Service, Virginia seafood buyers and VMRC Law Enforcement, it is projected that Virginia will have caught 100% of the 51,104 pounds of speckled trout by the above date and time. The commercial landings quota (51,104 pounds) and season (September 1 through August 31) is set forth in Chapter 4 VAC20-280-10 et seq.

Therefore, after 6:00 P.M., EST, October 18, 2012, it shall be unlawful for any person to harvest or land speckled trout for commercial purposes in Virginia until September 1, 2013.

If you have questions or comments contact Joe Cimino at (757) 247-2237 or Joe Grist at (757) 247-2236.

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