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TO: VIRGINIA HORSESHOE CRAB INDUSTRY

FROM: VIRGINIA MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION

**RE: CLOSURE OF THE 2014 VIRGINIA HORSESHOE CRAB
COMMERCIAL DREDGE FISHERY AT 6:00 P.M., MAY 13, 2014**

Effective 6:00 P.M. Eastern Day Light Time (EDT), Tuesday, May 13, 2014, the Virginia horseshoe crab commercial dredge fishery will close. Based upon landing reports from Virginia seafood buyers and horseshoe crab harvesters, it is projected that Virginia will have caught 100% of the horseshoe crab quota allocated to be harvested by Virginia Horseshoe Crab Dredge Permittees, by the above date and time.

Therefore, after 6:00 P.M EDT on May 13, 2014, the possession or landing of any horseshoe crabs in Virginia by gears other than trawl, pound net, or hand harvest shall be prohibited (Chapter 4 VAC 20-900-10 et seq.).

If you have any questions or comments please contact Rachael Maulorico (757) 247-2244

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