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TO: VIRGINIA HORSESHOE CRAB INDUSTRY

FROM: VIRGINIA MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION

RE: LANDING LIMIT REDUCTION FOR THE CLASS A AND CLASS B DREDGE PERMITEES IN THE 2014 VIRGINIA HORSESHOE CRAB FISHERY, AS OF 6:00 P.M., MAY 10, 2014

It is projected that 80% of the horseshoe crab commercial dredge quota has been taken. For that reason, it shall be unlawful for any valid horseshoe crab commercial dredge permittee to possess aboard any vessel or to land more than 1,250 horseshoe crabs per day for class A permittees and 500 per day for class B permittees, effective 6:00 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT), Saturday, May 10, 2014.

Therefore, after Saturday, May 10, 2014 at 6:00 P.M., EDT, Horseshoe Crab Commercial Dredge Class A Permittees will be limited to possess aboard any vessel or land more than 1,250 horseshoe crabs per day. Horseshoe Crab Commercial Dredge Class B Permittees will be limited to possess aboard any vessel or land more than 500 horseshoe crabs per day (Chapter 4 VAC 20-900-10 et seq.).

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