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TO: HORSESHOE CRAB INDUSTRY

FROM: VIRGINIA MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION

RE: CLOSURE OF THE 2010 VIRGINIA HORSESHOE CRAB FISHERY, AS OF 6:00 P.M. MONDAY, JUNE 28, 2010.

Effective 6:00 P.M. Eastern Standard Time (EST), Monday, June 28, 2010, the Virginia Horseshoe Crab 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 137,168 horseshoe crab quota, by the above date and time.

Therefore, after 6:00 P.M., EST, June 28, 2010, the possession or landing of any horseshoe crabs in Virginia shall be prohibited (Regulation 4 VAC 20-900-10 et. seq.).

Daily buyer reporting will be required as of Friday, June 25, 2010.

Effective 10:00 A.M., Eastern Standard Time (EST), Friday, June 25, 2010, each permitted horseshoe crab buyer shall call the Commission's interactive voice recording system (1-800-937-9247) on a daily basis to report his name and permit number, date, number of female horseshoe crabs and number of male horseshoe crabs purchased, gear used, and water area fished by the harvester as provided by Regulation 4 VAC 20-900-10 et seq.

If you have questions or comments contact Alicia Nelson (757) 247-2244.

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