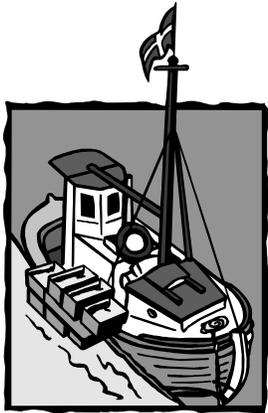




# VMRC FISHERIES NEWS

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## SPECIAL MANDATORY REPORTING ISSUE!



In the spring 2010 issue of the Commercial Fisheries Newsletter, you will find updates on several recently adopted regulations and upcoming fisheries topics, including changes to the black sea bass quota, a new horseshoe crab bycatch permit, and other management overviews. You will also find summaries on upcoming legislation from Richmond, new regulations, a note from the Virginia Marine Products Board, and information and directions about this year's striped bass tag breakage issue.

The remainder of this issue highlights the upcoming changes to the Mandatory Reporting Program that will begin later this year. Starting in the spring, new mandatory reporting forms and folders will be made available to commercial harvesters, aquaculture product owners, and seafood landing licensees. Examples of forms for crabs, finfish, aquaculture, and non-federally permitted species caught offshore are provided in this issue.

In the next few months, new forms will be mailed to you. Once you receive the new forms and folders, please discard any old forms and folders and submit your mandatory reports on the new 2010 forms. **We will no longer accept mandatory reports on the old forms after September 5, 2010.** To request new forms, please call and leave a message on the VMRC 1-800 line (1-800-937-9247).

The new compliance notification process will go into effect this spring. Please see page 14 for more details.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO CONTINUES TO SUBMIT TIMELY AND ACCURATE REPORTS!

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## NMFS APPROVES BLACK SEA BASS QUOTA INCREASE FOR 2010

In November 2009, the 2010 coast-wide total allowable catch (TAC) (including landings and discards) for black sea bass was set at the same level as the 2009 TAC (2.71 million pounds).

However, on January 8, 2010, the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's Scientific and Statistical Committee and the Black Sea Bass Monitoring Committee held a joint meeting to discuss the status of the 2010 black sea bass TAC, and the outcome of that meeting was a request to the NMFS for an emergency regulation to increase the TAC from 2.71 to 4.5 million pounds.

On February 9, 2010, the NMFS accepted that request and announced an increase to the 2010 black sea bass specifications by emergency rule. The emergency rule will be effective for 180 days, beginning February 10, 2010. NMFS may extend the emer-

gency specifications for the remainder of the year through subsequent rulemaking.

What this means for Virginia fishermen is an increase in their 2010 commercial allocation from 218,638 pounds to 351,722 pounds for 2010. This is a significant increase in a fishery that has been cut multiple times in the past few years. The quota is divided into a directed fishery quota of 311,722 pounds and a bycatch fishery quota of 40,000 pounds. After May 1, 2010, the bycatch fishery quota will be reduced to 10,000 pounds, and any remaining quota will be transferred to the active members of the directed fishery.

The new rules will also include a closed season for the recreational fishery, to compensate for overages in 2009. For any questions, please contact Alicia Nelson at 757-247-2244.



## NEW HORSESHOE CRAB AMENDMENTS



### BYCATCH PERMIT REQUIRED FOR 2010

On August 17, 2009, the horseshoe crab fishery in Virginia was closed. Virginia exceeded its horseshoe crab quota by 15,327 horseshoe crabs (10% overage), for 2009. This was the first year that the quota was exceeded, since ASMFC Addendum IV provisions were adopted by the Commission in 2006. Inadequate and untimely harvest reports were responsible for the quota overage.

To prevent future overages, Regulation 4 VAC 20-900-10 et seq. was amended pay back the 2009 overage, reduce the landing limit triggers from 85% to 50%, establish a bycatch permit, adjust reporting requirements for buyers, and establish additional landing limit triggers, for waters east of the COLREGS line.

These changes are detailed below:

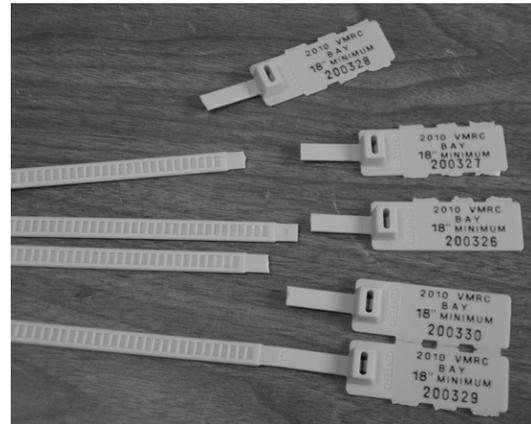
- The 2010 quota is 137,168 horseshoe crabs. Pending no additional overages, the quota will return to normal levels in 2011.
- The landing limits on all permits will be reduced when 50% of the quota has been taken (compared to the previous 85%)
- The landing limits can be reduced specifically in waters east of the COLREGS Line
- A new bycatch permit is required for anyone who is harvesting horseshoe crabs and does not hold an endorsement license. Bycatch harvesters may land up to 500 horseshoe crabs/day. This permit is not restricted.

## STRIPED BASS TAG UPDATE

At the start of the 2010 commercial striped bass season, fisheries management was alerted by some fishermen that the striped bass tags were breaking during normal use, most often in an area just below the printed tabs. Virginia Marine Police were immediately notified of this issue.

After talking to the tag manufacture, the source of the problem has been identified as an error in the manufacturing process, in which the tags were not conditioned with moisture. This caused brittleness of the plastic. The manufacturer of the tags is working with staff to send replacement tags, but the arrival of these tags will not be until early April because of the company's schedules and delivery time.

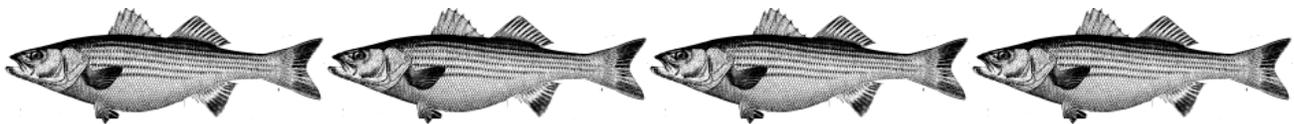
Until these tags can be replaced, we ask that you do not lift the fish using the tag, bend the tag excessively in the area below the printed tab, or store the tags in areas where they will be exposed to temperatures below 35 degrees Fahrenheit. Please keep all of your broken tags so they can be re-



turned to VMRC and replaced with new tags.

To improve the flexibility of the tag, you can soak the tags in hot water (170 degrees Fahrenheit, do not boil) for about thirty minutes. This will increase the moisture levels of the tags and may help prevent them from breaking.

If you require additional tags before the replacement tags arrive or have any other questions please contact Mike Johnson at 757-247-2245.



## STRIPED BASS REGULATORY CHANGES

For the 2010 commercial striped bass season there have been two significant regulatory changes. First, the 2010 bay striped bass quota was decreased by 6.5%. This is due to an estimated 6.5% reduction in the weight of available striped bass 18 inches and larger, as determined by the model that is utilized by Virginia Marine Resources Commission, Maryland Department of Natural Resources and the Potomac Rivers Fisheries Commission to determine the Bay wide striped bass quotas. The second regulatory change concerns how penalties are determined for striped

bass harvesters exceeding their quotas. Penalties are based on the amount of striped bass overage, by weight, and the number of overages the harvester has had (meaning less severe penalties for first-time offenders, and more severe penalties for repeat offenders). Instead of using the percentage of the quota for the individual's overharvest, the new system uses a predetermined range of weight overages. These new weight ranges can be found in regulation 4 VAC 20-252-155 (<http://www.mrc.virginia.gov/regulations/fr252.shtm>).

## UPCOMING LEGISLATION

The Virginia General Assembly has passed several bills that impact commercial fishing in Virginia's saltwaters, and were signed into law by Gov. Robert F. McDonnell.

Two of the bills, House Bill 1291 and Senate Bill 192, would prohibit the Virginia Marine Resources Commission from issuing commercial fishing licenses or commercial fishing permits to residents of another state that do not offer the same or similar licenses or permits. Both bills passed the Virginia Senate and House of Delegates unanimously.

Another bill, Senate Bill 345, would authorize the Virginia Resources Authority to finance oyster restoration projects undertaken by local governments, should funding become available. The bill passed both chambers unanimously.

Two other bills would continue the current annual menhaden harvest, for reduction purposes, quota

of 109,020 metric tons from the Virginia portion of the Chesapeake Bay and would continue to manage the species from Richmond. Those bills, House Bill 142 and Senate Bill 47, passed with overwhelming support in both the Virginia Senate and House of Delegates.



## SHARK UPDATE

Compliance with Addendum I to the Interstate Fishery Management Plan for Atlantic Coastal Sharks required a seasonal change in at-sea processing restrictions for smooth dogfish. From March 1 through June 30 of each year, commercial fishermen are allowed, in state waters, to continue to completely process smooth dogfish at sea. For the remainder of any year (July 1 through the end of February), commercial fishermen may completely remove the head, tail, pectoral fins, pelvic (ventral) fins, anal fin and second dorsal fin, but the first dorsal fin must remain naturally attached to the smooth dogfish carcass through landing.

All sharks must be sold to a federally permitted buyer, and buyers and fishermen are required to identify all sharks to species level. Further, buyers are required to have attended a NMFS Shark Identification Workshop and must possess a valid Atlantic Shark Identification Workshop dealer certificate on the premises. A complete list of commercially prohibited species is available at <http://www.mrc.virginia.gov/regulations/fr490.shtm>. It is unlawful to possess, on board a vessel, or to land in Virginia any species of shark, after NOAA Fisheries has closed the fishery for that species in Federal waters.

## PROPOSED OYSTER REGULATION

In recent months, staff has worked with a committee of industry representatives and the Division of Shellfish Sanitation to develop a new regulation pertaining to restrictions on shellfish. Oyster harvest times are restricted to different times in the morning based on the average temperature of the months May through September. Harvest and even oyster husbandry outside of those time limits will be significantly restricted. The proposed regulation will be heard at the April Commission meeting.

- Oyster harvests after the morning curfew will be limited to a 3-hour period (from the time leaving the dock to return to the dock) only if the harvester gets a special permit from VMRC and has an approved GPS track logger to verify the trip. The GPS track loggers are \$100-\$150 each and are available from a number of sources.
- Icing on the boat will no longer be allowed to extend the harvest period beyond the daily cutoff time because it was not possible to develop icing standards that could be enforced in Court.
- A special permit will be required to move and handle wild oyster seed after May 1<sup>st</sup>, since portions of this activity will likely occur after the daily harvest time limit has passed.
- A special Cage Oyster Aquaculture Husbandry permit will be required for cage aquaculturists to handle oysters for routine husbandry after the daily time limit from May through September.
- A significant amount of additional recordkeeping is also being required of all harvesters and certified shellfish dealers from May through September.

Please note these are proposed regulations. Contact the VMRC for updates on these proposed regulations after the April Commission meeting.

## AMENDMENTS TO SUMMER FLOUNDER REGULATIONS

On February 23, 2010, the Commission approved amendments to Regulation 4 VAC 20-620-10 et seq. "Pertaining to Summer Flounder" that included new provisions for the offshore summer flounder bycatch fishery. Only vessels holding a valid Virginia Summer Flounder Endorsement License may possess summer flounder.

Effective March 1, 2010, during any time period not designated as an open directed offshore summer flounder season, it shall be unlawful for any person harvesting summer flounder outside of Virginia's waters to:

- 1) Possess on board any vessel, in Virginia waters, any amount of summer flounder, in excess of 10%, by weight, of Atlantic croaker or the combined landings, on board a vessel, of black sea bass, scup, squid, scallops and Atlantic mackerel.
- 2) Possess aboard any vessel, in Virginia waters, any amount of summer flounder, in excess of 1,500 pounds, landed in combination with Atlantic croaker.
- 3) Fail to land and sell the vessel's entire harvest of all species on board the vessel at the point of landing.

## VIRGINIA MARINE PRODUCTS BOARD HEADS TO BOSTON



The Virginia Marine Products Board will be heading to Boston to exhibit at The International Boston Seafood Show on March 14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> at the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center.

There are eight companies from Virginia along with the Virginia Marine Products Board that will be exhibiting this year. They are Cherrystone Aqua-Farms, Chesapeake Bay Packing, L.L.C., Icelandic USA, Inc., J & W. Seafood of Virginia, Little River Seafood, Inc., Maritime Products International, Shore Seafood, Inc., and Wanchese Fish Company.

The Virginia Marine Products Board will be displaying Virginia seafood along with Chesapeake Ray. A sampling of the new breaded Chesapeake Stingers will be served up by Chef John Maxwell.

This year we will also be displaying and sampling Aquaculture Oysters to promote this industry. Deborah Pratt, the 6<sup>th</sup> time winner of the United States women's Oyster Shucking Championship, will be shucking oysters for interested buyers.

David Wong, Marketing Specialist with the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Hong Kong office will be helping at the Virginia Marine Product Board's booth. We will be getting trade leads from potential buyers of Virginia seafood that will be shared with the Virginia seafood industry.

For more information contact:

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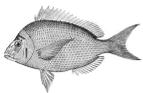
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# MANDATORY REPORTING GUIDELINES

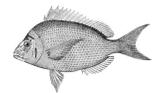


## NEW MANDATORY REPORTING FORMS AND FOLDERS FOR 2010

Beginning in spring 2010, new mandatory reporting forms and folders will be made available to commercial harvesters, aquaculture product owners, and seafood landing licensees. In addition to meeting the new mandatory reporting requirements, the updated forms are designed to facilitate the process of filling out the reports and eliminate common errors associated with incomplete reports. The most notable changes include a designated field on the form for listing an agent, and a designated field for listing up to 5 helpers. Additionally, abbreviations for the unit amount (e.g. lbs, bu, nu) can simply be circled instead of written out on the form.



### 1-800-LINE INFORMATION



The VMRC Interactive Voice Response System (IVRS) (1-800-937-9247) is available for harvesters to report no activity, immediate harvest information for required species (such as black sea bass, horseshoe crabs, spiny dogfish, and American shad bycatch), request forms and folders, and to leave messages for license information. When using the IVRS, please remember to provide your name and VMRC ID. If you are providing information for multiple watermen, please speak each name and VMRC ID clearly and slowly. Listen carefully to the recording for the correct option and required information that you must provide.

Please remember the following when filling out monthly mandatory reports:

## COMMERCIAL FISHERMAN REGISTRATION LICENSEES

Mandatory fields to be filled out by harvester:

- VMRC ID and name of the registered commercial fisherman
- VMRC ID and name of any agent, if used
- VMRC ID and name of no more than five helpers who were not serving as agents
- Buyer or private sale information
- Vessel identification (Coast Guard documentation number or VA registration number)
- Vessel name (if applicable)
- Public rock abbreviation (if applicable)
- Lease number for aquaculture (oyster and clams) harvested from private grounds (if applicable)
- City or county where harvest was landed
- Date of harvest
- Water body fished
- Number of hours any gear was fished
- Gear type and amount of gear used
- Number of hours the registered commercial fisherman fished
- Number of crew on board, including captain
- Species harvested, market category
- Live weight or processed weight of species harvested
- Information on the price paid for the harvest may be provided voluntarily

## BLUE CRABS

- Only one gear per ticket (e.g. harvest from crab pots and peeler pots should be written on separate tickets)
- Report peelers and soft crabs in numbers

## FINFISH



- For anchored gill net (AGN), be sure to include number of nets and total amount in feet
- Specify the number of hooks when using trotlines
- Be sure to include the number of tags when harvesting striped bass
- Receipts must be included for striped bass sold as retail when the amount sold is more than 10 lbs



## BLUE CRAB (USING AN AGENT)

↓VMRC ID AND NAME OF PRIMARY HARVESTER		✓ CHECK IF AGENT WAS USED		WATER FISHED	HRS GEAR FISHED	GEAR	GEAR AMOUNT	MAN HOURS	NO. OF CREW
				JRL	48	POT	250	6	1
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		VA0000AA				<input type="checkbox"/>	BU LBS NU BBL BOX DOZ GAL TRAY		
		↓VESSEL NAME				<input type="checkbox"/>	BU LBS NU BBL BOX DOZ GAL TRAY		
		Virginia				<input type="checkbox"/>	BU LBS NU BBL BOX DOZ GAL TRAY		
		↓PUBLIC ROCK ABBR (OYSTERS ONLY)				<input type="checkbox"/>	BU LBS NU BBL BOX DOZ GAL TRAY		
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		Fisherman County				<input type="checkbox"/>	BU LBS NU BBL BOX DOZ GAL TRAY		
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## FINFISH

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				CBLE	24	AGN	3 x 3600ft	7	3
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9876	Mary Fisherman	VA0000AA		SPT	10	<input type="checkbox"/>	BU LBS NU BBL BOX DOZ GAL TRAY		
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## FINFISH (WITH STRIPED BASS)

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Please remember the following when filling out monthly mandatory reports:

## OYSTER HARVEST FROM PUBLIC GROUNDS

- Include the rock abbreviation (e.g, BURP), do not include the water code number (e.g., 345)
- Report all oysters in bushels



## AQUACULTURE PRODUCT OWNERS (PRIVATE)



Mandatory fields to be filled out by aquaculture product owners:

- The VMRC ID and name of the seafood landing licensee
- VMRC ID and name of no more than five helpers who were not serving as agents
- Buyer or private sale information
- Include the lease number, not the plat number, of the grounds from which the oysters or clams were harvested. This number can be found on your billing statement from the VMRC.
- City or county of landing
- Date of harvest
- Water body fished
- Record the grow out period (seed to market) in the field, 'hrs gear fished' (OPTIONAL)
- Gear type
- Number of crew on board, including captain
- Species harvested, market category
- Live weight or processed weight of species harvested
- Information on the price paid for the harvest may be provided voluntarily

**ALL REPORTS ARE DUE BY THE 5TH OF THE FOLLOWING MONTH  
(ACTIVE OR NOT ACTIVE).**



## OYSTER HARVEST (PUBLIC GROUNDS)

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## AQUACULTURE PRODUCT OWNERS (OYSTERS FROM PRIVATE GROUNDS)

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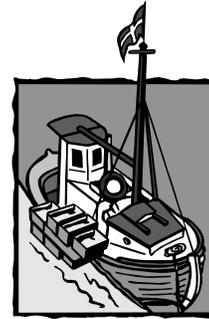
## AQUACULTURE PRODUCT OWNERS (CLAMS FROM PRIVATE GROUNDS)

↓VMRC ID AND NAME OF PRIMARY HARVESTER		<input type="checkbox"/> CHECK IF AGENT WAS USED		WATER FISHED	HRS GEAR FISHED	GEAR	GEAR AMOUNT	MAN HOURS	NO. OF CREW
				YRL		BUL			3
↓VMRC ID	↓NAME	↓AGENT VMRC ID	↓AGENT NAME	SPECIES & MARKET CATEGORY	LIVE WEIGHT OR AMOUNT	*Check if Processed	UNITS (CIRCLE ONE):		
N00999	Joe Fisherman			CHEPRIV	103	<input type="checkbox"/>	BU	LBS	NU
						<input type="checkbox"/>	BBL	BOX	DOZ
						<input type="checkbox"/>	GAL	TRAY	
↓VMRC ID AND NAME OF HELPERS		↓BUYER				<input type="checkbox"/>	BU LBS NU BBL BOX DOZ GAL TRAY		
		Joe Clam Buyer				<input type="checkbox"/>	BU LBS NU BBL BOX DOZ GAL TRAY		
↓VMRC ID	↓NAME	↓VESSEL IDENTIFICATION NO.				<input type="checkbox"/>	BU LBS NU BBL BOX DOZ GAL TRAY		
9876	Mary Fisherman					<input type="checkbox"/>	BU LBS NU BBL BOX DOZ GAL TRAY		
		↓VESSEL NAME				<input type="checkbox"/>	BU LBS NU BBL BOX DOZ GAL TRAY		
						<input type="checkbox"/>	BU LBS NU BBL BOX DOZ GAL TRAY		
		↓PUBLIC ROCK ABBR (OYSTERS ONLY)				<input type="checkbox"/>	BU LBS NU BBL BOX DOZ GAL TRAY		
						<input type="checkbox"/>	BU LBS NU BBL BOX DOZ GAL TRAY		
		↓LEASE NUMBER (AQUA. ONLY)				<input type="checkbox"/>	BU LBS NU BBL BOX DOZ GAL TRAY		
		98764				<input type="checkbox"/>	BU LBS NU BBL BOX DOZ GAL TRAY		
		↓CITY/COUNTY LANDED				<input type="checkbox"/>	BU LBS NU BBL BOX DOZ GAL TRAY		
		Fisherman's County				<input type="checkbox"/>	BU LBS NU BBL BOX DOZ GAL TRAY		
		↓DATE (ONE PER TICKET)				<input type="checkbox"/>	BU LBS NU BBL BOX DOZ GAL TRAY		
		April 16, 2010				<input type="checkbox"/>	BU LBS NU BBL BOX DOZ GAL TRAY		

## SEAFOOD LANDING LICENSEES

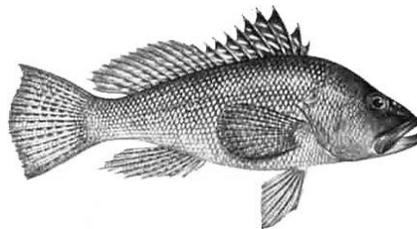
Mandatory fields to be filled out by Seafood Landing Licensees:

- Seafood landing license number and name of seafood landing licensee
- Buyer or private sale information
- Vessel identification (Coast Guard documentation number or VA registration number)
- Name of vessel (if applicable)
- City or county of landing
- Date of harvest
- Water body fished
- Number of hours gear fished
- Gear type and amount used
- Number of hours the seafood landing licensee fished
- Number of crew on board, including captain
- Species harvested, market category (NON-FEDERALLY PERMITTED SPECIES ONLY)
- Live weight or processed weight of species harvested



\*\* Please ensure that separate mandatory reporting forms are used when submitting reports for species caught offshore.

Please ensure that all fields are correctly filled out prior to submitting your mandatory reports. For questions about how to fill out mandatory reports please call 757-247-8102.



## SEAFOOD LANDING LICENSEES (OFFSHORE) - FINFISH

↓VMRC ID AND NAME OF PRIMARY HARVESTER		<input type="checkbox"/> CHECK IF AGENT WAS USED		WATER FISHED	HRS GEAR FISHED	GEAR	GEAR AMOUNT	MAN HOURS	NO. OF CREW
				OSVBA	10	HL	4 hooks	12	2
↓VMRC ID	↓NAME	↓AGENT VMRC ID	↓AGENT NAME	SPECIES & MARKET CATEGORY	LIVE WEIGHT OR AMOUNT	*Check if Processed	UNITS (CIRCLE ONE):		
G9999	Joe Fisherman			TTG	20	<input type="checkbox"/>	BU LBS NU BBL BOX DOZ GAL TRAY		
				CRO	80	<input type="checkbox"/>	BU LBS NU BBL BOX DOZ GAL TRAY		
↓VMRC ID AND NAME OF HELPERS		↓BUYER							
		Joe Buyer		BFL	50	<input type="checkbox"/>	BU LBS NU BBL BOX DOZ GAL TRAY		
↓VMRC ID	↓NAME	↓VESSEL IDENTIFICATION NO.					UNITS (CIRCLE ONE):		
9876	Mary Fisherman	VA0000AA		TILE	25	<input type="checkbox"/>	BU LBS NU BBL BOX DOZ GAL TRAY		
		↓VESSEL NAME					UNITS (CIRCLE ONE):		
		Virginia				<input type="checkbox"/>	BU LBS NU BBL BOX DOZ GAL TRAY		
		↓PUBLIC ROCK ABBR (OYSTERS ONLY)				<input type="checkbox"/>	UNITS (CIRCLE ONE):		
						<input type="checkbox"/>	BU LBS NU BBL BOX DOZ GAL TRAY		
		↓LEASE NUMBER (AQUA. ONLY)				<input type="checkbox"/>	UNITS (CIRCLE ONE):		
						<input type="checkbox"/>	BU LBS NU BBL BOX DOZ GAL TRAY		
		↓CITY/COUNTY LANDED				<input type="checkbox"/>	UNITS (CIRCLE ONE):		
		Fisherman's County				<input type="checkbox"/>	BU LBS NU BBL BOX DOZ GAL TRAY		
		↓DATE (ONE PER TICKET)				<input type="checkbox"/>	UNITS (CIRCLE ONE):		
		April 24, 2010				<input type="checkbox"/>	BU LBS NU BBL BOX DOZ GAL TRAY		

## SEAFOOD LANDING LICENSEES (OFFSHORE) - CONCH

↓VMRC ID AND NAME OF PRIMARY HARVESTER		<input type="checkbox"/> CHECK IF AGENT WAS USED		WATER FISHED	HRS GEAR FISHED	GEAR	GEAR AMOUNT	MAN HOURS	NO. OF CREW
				OSVBA	24	CPOT	50	7	2
↓VMRC ID	↓NAME	↓AGENT VMRC ID	↓AGENT NAME	SPECIES & MARKET CATEGORY	LIVE WEIGHT OR AMOUNT	*Check if Processed	UNITS (CIRCLE ONE):		
G9999	Joe Fisherman			CONS	50	<input type="checkbox"/>	BU LBS NU BBL BOX DOZ GAL TRAY		
				CONL	95	<input type="checkbox"/>	BU LBS NU BBL BOX DOZ GAL TRAY		
↓VMRC ID AND NAME OF HELPERS		↓BUYER							
		Joe Buyer				<input type="checkbox"/>	BU LBS NU BBL BOX DOZ GAL TRAY		
↓VMRC ID	↓NAME	↓VESSEL IDENTIFICATION NO.					UNITS (CIRCLE ONE):		
9876	Mary Fisherman	VA0000AA				<input type="checkbox"/>	BU LBS NU BBL BOX DOZ GAL TRAY		
		↓VESSEL NAME					UNITS (CIRCLE ONE):		
		Virginia				<input type="checkbox"/>	BU LBS NU BBL BOX DOZ GAL TRAY		
		↓PUBLIC ROCK ABBR (OYSTERS ONLY)				<input type="checkbox"/>	UNITS (CIRCLE ONE):		
						<input type="checkbox"/>	BU LBS NU BBL BOX DOZ GAL TRAY		
		↓LEASE NUMBER (AQUA. ONLY)				<input type="checkbox"/>	UNITS (CIRCLE ONE):		
						<input type="checkbox"/>	BU LBS NU BBL BOX DOZ GAL TRAY		
		↓CITY/COUNTY LANDED				<input type="checkbox"/>	UNITS (CIRCLE ONE):		
		Fisherman's County				<input type="checkbox"/>	BU LBS NU BBL BOX DOZ GAL TRAY		
		↓DATE (ONE PER TICKET)				<input type="checkbox"/>	UNITS (CIRCLE ONE):		
		April 24, 2010				<input type="checkbox"/>	BU LBS NU BBL BOX DOZ GAL TRAY		

## SEAFOOD LANDING LICENSEES (OFFSHORE) - SMOOTH DOGFISH

↓VMRC ID AND NAME OF PRIMARY HARVESTER		<input type="checkbox"/> CHECK IF AGENT WAS USED		WATER FISHED	HRS GEAR FISHED	GEAR	GEAR AMOUNT	MAN HOURS	NO. OF CREW
				OSVBA	24	DGN	3x3600ft	7	2
↓VMRC ID	↓NAME	↓AGENT VMRC ID	↓AGENT NAME	SPECIES & MARKET CATEGORY	LIVE WEIGHT OR AMOUNT	*Check if Processed	UNITS (CIRCLE ONE):		
G9999	Joe Fisherman			CRO	250	<input type="checkbox"/>	BU LBS NU BBL BOX DOZ GAL TRAY		
				TRO	95	<input type="checkbox"/>	BU LBS NU BBL BOX DOZ GAL TRAY		
↓VMRC ID AND NAME OF HELPERS		↓BUYER							
		Joe Buyer		TRM	56	<input type="checkbox"/>	BU LBS NU BBL BOX DOZ GAL TRAY		
↓VMRC ID	↓NAME	↓VESSEL IDENTIFICATION NO.					UNITS (CIRCLE ONE):		
9876	Mary Fisherman	VA0000AA		DFSR	76	<input type="checkbox"/>	BU LBS NU BBL BOX DOZ GAL TRAY		
		↓VESSEL NAME					UNITS (CIRCLE ONE):		
		Virginia				<input type="checkbox"/>	BU LBS NU BBL BOX DOZ GAL TRAY		
		↓PUBLIC ROCK ABBR (OYSTERS ONLY)				<input type="checkbox"/>	UNITS (CIRCLE ONE):		
						<input type="checkbox"/>	BU LBS NU BBL BOX DOZ GAL TRAY		
		↓LEASE NUMBER (AQUA. ONLY)				<input type="checkbox"/>	UNITS (CIRCLE ONE):		
						<input type="checkbox"/>	BU LBS NU BBL BOX DOZ GAL TRAY		
		↓CITY/COUNTY LANDED				<input type="checkbox"/>	UNITS (CIRCLE ONE):		
		Fisherman's County				<input type="checkbox"/>	BU LBS NU BBL BOX DOZ GAL TRAY		
		↓DATE (ONE PER TICKET)				<input type="checkbox"/>	UNITS (CIRCLE ONE):		
		April 26, 2010				<input type="checkbox"/>	BU LBS NU BBL BOX DOZ GAL TRAY		

## COMPLIANCE NOTIFICATION PROCESS FOR 2010

The new automated compliance notification process will be initiated in 2010. Based on a harvester's reporting history, this notification process will automatically generate postcards which will serve as reminders for submitting mandatory reports.

Details for the new notification process are outlined below:

- ⇒ If a mandatory report is not submitted by the 5<sup>th</sup> of the following month, then a 1<sup>st</sup> notification postcard will be generated and mailed to the harvester.
- ⇒ If a mandatory report is not received after the 1<sup>st</sup> notification, then a 2<sup>nd</sup> notification postcard will be generated and mailed to the harvester.
- ⇒ If a mandatory report is not submitted after a 2<sup>nd</sup> notification has been issued, then the harvester may be requested to appear before the Commission.
- ⇒ This notification process will be put in place to ensure the timeliness and accuracy of submitting mandatory reports to VMRC.

**BE SURE TO SUBMIT MANDATORY REPORTS, INCLUDING REPORTS OF 'NO ACTIVITY'  
BY THE 5TH OF THE FOLLOWING MONTH!**



### Sample of 1<sup>st</sup> notification postcard

March 16, 2010

Tom Fisherman  
PO Box 1234  
Aquaville, VA 22222

Dear Mr. Fisherman,

This letter serves as your FIRST notification by the Virginia Marine Resources Commission (VMRC) that your monthly mandatory harvest reports, required by Regulation 4 VAC 20-610 et set., are currently incomplete. As of March 16, 2010, our records indicate that you have not submitted a report for February 2010. If you need to report 'no activity' for February 2010, please call 1-800-937-9247 and leave a message on our automated voice mail system. If you did harvest seafood and have not submitted your reports, please do so by March 30, 2010. If your monthly reporting records are in error, please contact Mandatory Reporting at 757-247-8102, as soon as possible, between the hours of 8:30am and 4:00pm.

### Sample of 2<sup>nd</sup> notification postcard

April 16, 2010

Tom Fisherman  
PO Box 1234  
Aquaville, VA 22222

Dear Mr. Fisherman,

This letter serves as your SECOND notification by the Virginia Marine Resources Commission (VMRC) that your monthly mandatory harvest reports, required by Regulation 4 VAC 20-610 et set., are currently incomplete. As of April 16, 2010, our records indicate that you have not submitted a report for February 2010. If you need to report 'no activity' for February 2010, please call 1-800-937-9247 and leave a message on our automated voice mail system. If you did harvest seafood and have not submitted your reports, please do so by April 30, 2010. If your monthly reporting records are in error, please contact Mandatory Reporting at 757-247-8102, as soon as possible, between the hours of 8:30am and 4:00pm.

\*\*\*You are hereby advised that if a THIRD notification is required to resolve this deficiency in your mandatory harvest reporting, you will receive a notice to appear before the Virginia Marine Resources Commission for a hearing.

## MEETINGS

VMRC – Virginia Marine Resources Commission – Meetings set on the 4th Tuesday of each month. Meetings begin at 9:30am. (fisheries items begin at 12:00 noon), and are held at the Commission’s main office in Newport News.

ASMFC – Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission – Call (202) 452-9110 to find out meeting dates, location, and time.

BCMAC – Blue Crab Management Advisory Committee – Meeting dates and sites vary. Refer to VMRC website calendar for meeting updates.

<http://mrc.virginia.gov/calendar.shtm>

FMAC – Finfish Management Advisory Committee – Meeting dates vary. Refer to VMRC website calendar for meeting updates.

<http://mrc.virginia.gov/calendar.shtm>

MAFMC – Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council – Call (302) 674-2331 for meeting dates, location and time.

CFAB – Commercial Fishery Advisory Board – Contact Sonya Davis (757) 247-8155 for information.



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