

COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

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TO: COMMERCIAL SPECKLED TROUT BUYERS AND HARVESTERS

FROM: VIRGINIA MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION

RE: 2020/2021 COMMERCIAL SPECKLED TROUT QUOTA

It is projected that 80 percent of the 51,104 pound commercial landings quota for speckled trout has been taken for the season that began on September 1, 2020 and will extend through August 31, 2021.

Effective 6:00 PM. Saturday, October 3, 2020, it shall be unlawful, for any commercial fisherman registration licensee, to take, harvest, land or possess a daily bycatch limit of more than 100 pounds of speckled trout, and that daily bycatch landing limit of speckled trout shall consist of at least an equal amount of other fish species.

When it is projected that the commercial landings quota will be met, the Marine Resources Commission will provide notice of the closing date for commercial harvest and landing of speckled trout; and it shall be unlawful for any person to harvest or land speckled trout for commercial purposes, after such closing date and until September 1, 2021.

If you have questions or comments, please contact Jill Ramsey at (757) 247-2243 or Olivia Phillips at (757) 247-2267.