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TO: COMMERCIAL CROAKER HARVESTERS AND BUYERS

FROM: VIRGINIA MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION

RE: 2024 COMMERCIAL SEASON CLOSURE FOR CROAKER

Effective 12:01 A.M., Monday, January 1, 2024, the Virginia commercial croaker fishery will close. Therefore, after 12:01 A.M., Monday, January 1, 2024, it shall be unlawful for any commercial fisherman registration licensee to harvest or land croaker until the season opens on January 15, 2024.

Chapter 4 VAC 20-1370-50., "Pertaining to Atlantic Croaker", states the following:
It shall be unlawful for any person fishing commercially with any gear type to harvest or land any Atlantic croaker before January 15 of the current calendar year.

For the full regulations, please visit <https://www.mrc.virginia.gov/regulations/regindex.shtm>.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Somers Smott at 757-247-2004 or somers.smott@mrc.virginia.gov.