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MEMORANDUM

TO: SPECKLED TROUT BUYERS

FROM: VIRGINIA MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION

SUBJECT: COMMERCIAL SPECKLED TROUT BUYER REPORTING

The **2025/26 directed commercial speckled trout season opens on Monday September 1, 2025**. This letter serves as a reminder that Chapter 4 VAC 20-280-55 requires any licensed seafood buyer to report **daily purchases of speckled trout**, from August 1 through November 30, until the commission announces that the directed commercial landings quota has been reached for the current fishing year. Please call the Commission's Interactive Voice Recording System (800-937-9247, Option 1 then Option 5) and report **any purchases** of speckled trout, in pounds, on a daily basis, beginning September 1, 2025.

Please note that the 2025-2026 commercial speckled trout season will open from September 1, 2025 through August 31, 2026.

When it is projected that the directed commercial landings quota of 51,104 pounds will be met by a certain date within the above period, the Marine Resources Commission will provide notice and the fishery will move into an incidental catch fishery.

Once the directed fishery closure is announced and the fishery moves to incidental catch, it shall be unlawful for any Commercial Fisherman Registration Licensee to take, harvest, land, or possess more than the daily incidental catch limit for the remainder of the fishing year. *The daily incidental catch limit shall be 50 pounds of speckled trout per licensee aboard the vessel, not to exceed 100 pounds per vessel.*

The VMRC appreciates your cooperation in continuing the successful management of this important resource.

For any questions or concerns, please contact Jill Ramsey at (757) 247-2243.

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