

COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Marine Resources Commission 380 Fenwick Road Building 96 Fort Monroe, VA 23651

Jamie L. Green Commissioner

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TO: COMMERCIAL SPECKLED TROUT BUYERS AND HARVESTERS

FROM: VIRGINIA MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION

Travis A. Voyles Acting Secretary of Natural and

Historic Resources

RE: 2022/2023 COMMERCIAL SPECKLED TROUT QUOTA

Effective 6:00 P.M., Sunday, October 16, 2022, the 2022/2023 Virginia <u>directed</u> commercial speckled trout fishery will close. Based upon landing reports from Virginia seafood buyers and speckled trout harvesters, it is projected that Virginia will have harvested and landed 100% of the 51,104 pound quota.

Therefore, after 6:00 P.M. on Sunday, October 16, 2022, 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 (Chapter 4VAC 20-280-10 et seq.).

This commercial speckled trout fishery will remain open as an incidental catch fishery until the 2023/2024 season opens September 1, 2023.

If you have any questions or comments please contact Jill Ramsey at: <u>Jill.Ramsey@mrc.virginia.gov</u> or (757) 247-2243.