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# *COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA*

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June 11, 2019

**TO: VIRGINIA HORSESHOE CRAB INDUSTRY**

**FROM: VIRGINIA MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION**

**RE: CLOSURE OF THE 2019 VIRGINIA HORSESHOE CRAB HAND  
HARVEST FISHERY EFFECTIVE 12 NOON, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12<sup>th</sup>,  
2019.**

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Effective 12 noon, Wednesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019, the Virginia horseshoe crab hand harvest commercial fishery will close. Based upon landing reports from Virginia seafood buyers and horseshoe crab harvesters, it is projected that Virginia will have harvested 100% of the horseshoe crab hand harvest quota allocated to be harvested by Virginia Horseshoe Crab Hand Harvest Permittees by the above date and time.

**Therefore, after 12 noon, Wednesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019, the possession or landing of any horseshoe crabs in Virginia by any gear type except trawl or pound net shall be prohibited (Chapter 4 VAC 20-900-10 et seq.).**

If you have any questions or comments please contact Ethan Simpson (757) 247-2272.