

COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

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

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## TO: COMMERCIAL SPECKLED TROUT BUYERS AND HARVESTERS

## FROM: VIRGINIA MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION

Matthew J. Strickler Secretary of Natural Resources

## RE: 2019/2020 COMMERCIAL SPECKLED TROUT QUOTA

Effective 6:00 P.M., Wednesday, October 16, 2019, the 2019/2020 Virginia 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 Wednesday, October 16, 2019, it shall be unlawful for any person to harvest or land speckled trout for commercial purposes in Virginia (Chapter 4VAC 20-280-10 et seq.).

This commercial closure will remain in effect until the 2020/2021 season opens September 1, 2020.

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