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TO: COMMERCIAL CROAKER HARVESTERS AND BUYERS
FROM: VIRGINIA MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION
RE: COMMERCIAL SEASON CLOSURE FOR CROAKER

Effective 12:01 A.M., Sunday, January 1, 2023, the 2022 Virginia commercial croaker fishery will close. Therefore, after 12:01 A.M., Sunday, January 1, 2023, it shall be unlawful for any commercial fisherman registration licensee to harvest or land croaker until the season opens on January 15, 2023.

Chapter 4 VAC 20-1370-10 et seq., "Pertaining to Atlantic Croaker", states the following:

4 VAC 20-1370-50. COMMERCIAL FISHERY.

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>.

The commercial croaker fishery will remain closed for fifteen days until January 15, 2023.

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

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