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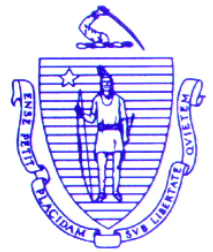
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2016 Horseshoe Crab Spawning Closure Dates

To promote the conservation of horseshoe crabs, *Marine Fisheries* will close the commercial horseshoe crab fishery to harvest during the five-day lunar periods coinciding with the second lunar period in April and each new and full moon in the months of May and June. Closures begin at 12:00 AM two days prior to the new or full moon and end at 11:59 PM two days after.

2016 Lunar Closures

April 2016

May 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
										No Fishing	No Fishing	No Fishing	No Fishing
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
							No Fishing						
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
											No Fishing	No Fishing	No Fishing
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
			No Fishing	No Fishing	No Fishing	No Fishing	No Fishing	No Fishing					
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	29	30	31				
No Fishing													

June 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
				No Fishing	No Fishing	No Fishing
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
No Fishing	No Fishing					
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
						No Fishing
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
No Fishing	No Fishing	No Fishing	No Fishing			
26	27	28	29	30		