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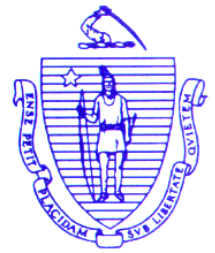
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Marine Fisheries Advisory

2019 Horseshoe Crab Spawning Closure Dates

To promote the conservation of horseshoe crabs, the commercial horseshoe crab fishery is closed to harvest during five-day lunar closure periods coinciding with each new and full moon occurring on or after April 15 through the end of June. Closures will begin at 12:00AM (midnight) two days prior to the new or full moon and end at 11:59PM two-days after the new or full moon. The horseshoe crab spawning closure dates are captured in the calendars below. A full text copy of the regulations relevant to horseshoe crabs can be found at [322 CMR 6.34](#).

For more information regarding horseshoe crabs, please visit the *Marine Fisheries* website (www.mass.gov/marinefisheries) or contact our Invertebrate Species Program at our New Bedford field office (508 742-9726).

2019 Lunar Closures for Horseshoe Crabs

April 2019						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	Closed to Harvest	Closed to Harvest	Closed to Harvest	Closed to Harvest
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Closed to Harvest						
28	29	30				

May 2019						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
				Closed to Harvest	Closed to Harvest	Closed to Harvest
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Closed to Harvest	Closed to Harvest					
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
				Closed to Harvest	Closed to Harvest	Closed to Harvest
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Closed to Harvest	Closed to Harvest					
26	27	28	29	30	31	

June 2019						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
						Closed to Harvest
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Closed to Harvest	Closed to Harvest	Closed to Harvest	Closed to Harvest			
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
						Closed to Harvest
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Closed to Harvest	Closed to Harvest	Closed to Harvest	Closed to Harvest			
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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