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Marine Fisheries Advisory

2020 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 DMF [website](#) or contact marine.fish@mass.gov for more information.

April

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

May

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

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