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Commercial Horseshoe Crab Bait Fishery Trip Limit to Remain at 300 Crabs

DMF's commercial horseshoe crab regulations include a fishery performance-based trigger to increase the limited entry bait fishery trip limit from 300 to 400 horseshoe crabs effective August 1 if more than 50% of the annual quota is projected to remain after July 31. As of today, dealer-reported landings used for quota monitoring show that less than 50% of the annual quota remains.

Accordingly, **the horseshoe crab bait fishery trip limit will remain at 300 horseshoe crabs.**

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