

**“REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO THE PURCHASE OF FISH, FROM THE CATCHER”**

**CHAPTER 4VAC20-1170-10 ET SEQ.**

**PREAMBLE**

This chapter details the requirements related to the purchase of fish from the catcher. This chapter is promulgated pursuant to the authority contained in § 28.2-201 of the Code of Virginia. The effective date of this chapter is December 1, 2008.

**4VAC20-1170-10. Certified Scale Required.**

Any person, business, or corporation, licensed to purchase fish, shellfish, or marine organisms from the catcher, as required by § 28.2-228 of the Code of Virginia, which is engaged in the transfer, off-loading, or purchase, from the catcher, of fish, shellfish, or marine organisms that are regulated by a harvest weight limit or quota, possession weight limit, or landing weight limit shall use and maintain a certified scale to weigh those fish, shellfish, or marine organisms. The scale used by the person, business or corporation shall be certified as accurate by the Virginia Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services. Annually, the person, business, or corporation, licensed by § 28.2-228, shall provide a signed statement, to the Commission, verifying that the weight is determined by use of a scale certified, as accurate, by the Virginia Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services, and shall post a copy of that signed statement at the place of transfer, off-loading, or purchase.

**4VAC20-1170-20. Penalty.**

As set forth in § 28.2-903 of the Code of Virginia, any person violating any provision of this chapter shall be guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor, and a second or subsequent violation of any provision of this chapter committed by the same person within 12 months of a prior violation is a Class 1 misdemeanor.

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This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of chapter passed by the Marine Resources Commission, pursuant to authority vested in the Commission by § 28.2-201 of the Code of Virginia, duly advertised according to statute, and recorded in the Commission's minute book, at meeting held in Newport News, Virginia on October 28, 2008.

**COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA  
MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION**

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for **Steven G. Bowman**  
**Commissioner**

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30 day of October 2008.

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