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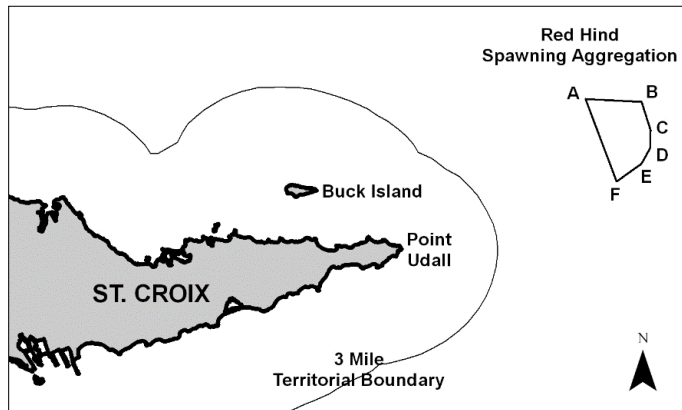
**RED HIND SPAWNING AGGREGATION AREA AT LANG BANK
CLOSED TO FISHING
DECEMBER 1, 2019, UNTIL FEBRUARY 28, 2020**

AS PER V.I. CODE TITLE 12, CHAPTER 9A, SECTION 316

Commissioner Jean-Pierre L. Oriol of the Department of Planning and Natural Resources announces to the public that on December 1, 2019, the Red Hind Spawning Aggregation Area at Lang Bank will be closed to all fishing. No harvest of any species is permitted within the delineated boundary of the Red Hind Spawning Aggregation Area from December 1, 2019, until February 28, 2020.

Fishing with pots, traps, bottom long-lines, and nets is prohibited year-round in the Red Hind Spawning Aggregation Area to protect Virgin Islands resources for the present and future benefit of the people of the Virgin Islands,

For more information about red hind or other fisheries regulations, please contact the Division of Fish and Wildlife at 773-1082 in St. Croix and 775-6762 in St. Thomas or the Division of Environmental Enforcement at 773-5774 on St. Croix and 774-3320 in St. Thomas.



Delineated Boundary of the Red Hind Spawning Aggregation Area

A – 17° 50.2' N, 64° 27.9' W
B – 17° 50.1' N, 64° 26.1' W
C – 17° 49.2' N, 64° 25.8' W
D – 17° 48.6' N, 64° 25.8' W
E – 17° 48.1' N, 64° 26.1' W
F – 17° 47.5' N, 64° 26.9' W