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Comments on 2023-R-F-0001: Horseshoe Crab Regulations

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I am a volunteer who counts and tags horseshoe crabs for conservation purposes. I think Delaware should join New Jersey in having a permanent moratorium on horseshoe crab harvesting. No humans need horseshoe crabs to survive. Anti-coagulants can be made artificially and no one needs horseshoe crabs for bait or fertilizer, when there are alternatives. Let's please leave them alone and reserve their excess eggs for shorebirds, as nature intended. The Red Knot continues to decrease and head for extinction. That should be proof enough that our "conservation" efforts are not working. And as far as people's livelihoods are concerned, how many Delaware residents REALLY need horseshoe crabs to make a living? Are there even a dozen such people in Delaware? Surely these people can find another way to make a living. Somehow, people in neighboring New Jersey have found a way to live without harvesting them and we can too!