

Louisiana Commercial Crabbing New YEAR, New REGULATIONS



Escape Rings (Phased in by Nov. 15, 2017)

- Each crab trap must have a minimum of 3 escape rings
- At least 2 must be in the upper chamber
- 2 3/8th inches in diameter

Immature Females (2017, 2018 & 2019)

- No commercial harvest of immature females, regardless of size
- 2% allowance in crates; work or cull box exempt
- Exemption for softshell crab; must be in peeler/buster box

30-day Closure (2017, 2018 & 2019)

- 30-day closure to all crab traps (commercial and recreational) in all state waters; beginning 3rd Monday in February



- In 2017: Feb. 20, 2017 at 12:00 am - March 21, 2017 at 11:59 pm
- **Fishermen must remove all crab traps prior to the closure. Any traps remaining will be considered illegal.**