

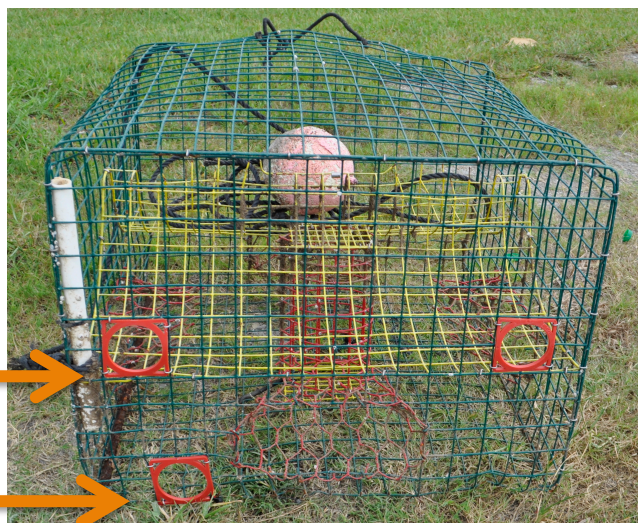
# Crab Trap Escape Rings

## Overview of crab trap regulation effective November 2017

Each crab trap must have **three** escape rings

- At least two rings must be in the upper chamber.
- Rings must be rigid.
- They must be placed on the vertical outside walls **flush, or even with, the trap floor or baffle**.

*Not **near** the bottom or baffle, but up **against** it.*



- The ring opening must measure **at least 2-3/8 inches** in diameter.
  - Not including the ring material.
  - Must be attached to the trap with material of smaller diameter than the wire strands.

## Additional information

- Escape rings are not required on any crab trap constructed of square wire mesh 2-5/16 inches or larger.
- Except from April 1 through June 30, and from September 1 through October 31, escape rings shall not be obstructed or prevent crabs from exiting.

If crab traps currently in use do not meet these requirements, please contact Peyton Cagle at (337) 491-2575 for more information.