

Go to FWC website http://myfwc.com/RULESANDREGS/SaltwaterTraps_index.htm

- Read Frequently Asked Questions and Application
- Read sample budget
- Watch video (in production)
- Read Manual (in draft)

Call the FWC Division of Marine Fisheries Management 850-487-0554 to

- Get on radar
- Get contact info for crab trap clean up coordinators/resources in your geographic area
- Start application process

Identify Target Area

- Determine clean up area by asking local contacts, going on water and/or flying over area
- Select boat ramp/staging area

Select a date

- The best time for an event is during the closure of trap fisheries in your area
- Pay attention to tides and seasonal weather patterns
- Consider avoiding high boating activity days
- Select a back up date

Recruit volunteers and vessels

- Local crabbers, agency employees and/or fisherman
- Ensure volunteers understand expectations
- Cleanup and support vessels: 8—10 vessels,

Plan your event

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dumpster • Landfill • Park or boat ramp authorization • Inform law enforcement and ask for on water assistance • Purchase/secure donations for snacks and water • Cleanup Equipment—gloves, shovel, hook, wire cutters , binoculars etc. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vessel Safety Equipment—life vests, 1st aid kits • FWC Application/Maps/Authorization • Program promotion (Media & Stakeholder) • Boat assignments—3 participants per boat • Complete float plan— cell phone and vessel FL #s • Assemble books—waterproof paper • Communicate with volunteers • 48 hours prior to event contact the FWC regional communication center—phone number provided |
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Day of Event

- Orientation— Boat assignments, , Location assignments, derelict cab trap Rules and data collection
- Trap Disposal
- Food

After Event

- Report to FWC
- Report to volunteers