

**Proposed Final Rule Language:
Stone Crab Trap Gear Specifications
Consent Agenda Item 3**

Final Public Rule Hearing
September 2, 2015

68B-13.008 Gear, Trap Construction, Commercial Trap Marking Requirements, Trap Working Regulations, Trap Transfer.

(1) No change.

(2) TRAP CONSTRUCTION. No person, firm, or corporation shall transport on the water, fish with, or cause to be fished with, set, or placed, in the harvest of stone crabs, any trap which does not meet the following requirements:

(a) Each trap shall be constructed of either wood, plastic, or wire.

(b) ~~Such traps~~ Traps shall have a maximum dimension of 24 inches, by 24 inches, by 24 inches or a volume of 8 cubic feet.

(c)1. The throat or entrance to all wood and plastic traps shall be located on the top horizontal section of the trap.

a. The use of round throats is prohibited in state and federal waters off Collier, Monroe, and Miami-Dade counties. In state and federal waters off Collier, Monroe, and Miami-Dade counties, the inside of the throat in the longer dimension shall not exceed 5 1/2 inches and in the shorter dimension shall not exceed 3 1/8 inches.

b. For traps fished anywhere other than state or federal waters off Collier, Monroe, or Miami-Dade counties, if ~~the~~ the throat is longer in one dimension, the throat size in the longer dimension shall not exceed 5 1/2 inches and in the shorter dimension shall not exceed 3 1/2 inches. If the throat is round, the throat size shall not exceed 5 inches in diameter.

2. through 4.: No change.

(3) – (5): No change.