

**STATE OF FLORIDA
FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Order No. EO 18-35

**Waiver of the August 2018 Northeast Florida
Blue Crab Trap Closure**

The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission of the State of Florida, acting under the authority of Article IV, Section 9, of the Florida Constitution, and acting through its Executive Director under Paragraph 22 of the Delegations of Authority, and due to reports of a lack of derelict blue crab traps in the region, hereby waives the upcoming blue crab trap closure for all waters of Nassau, Duval, Clay, St. Johns, Putnam, Flagler, and Volusia counties that was scheduled to occur from August 20, 2018, through August 29, 2018. This action is taken based on a determination that a blue crab trap closure is not necessary in this region in 2018, and to avoid potential economic impacts on fishing communities associated with such a closure. Such actions are only authorized as follows:

1. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in rule 68B-45.0045, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), the blue crab trap closure established in subparagraph 68B-45.0045(1)(a)2., F.A.C., for all waters of Nassau, Duval, Clay, St. Johns, Putnam, Flagler, and Volusia counties shall be waived for the 2018 calendar year.
2. All other rules or orders of the Commission relating to blue crab shall remain in effect.
3. This order shall expire at 12:00 a.m. on August 30, 2018.

Specific Authority:
Law Implemented:

Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution
Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution and subsection 120.81(5),
Florida Statutes



Attest
Agency Clerk

[Handwritten signature of Kymberly Butler]

Given under my hand and seal of the Florida
Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
on this 13th day of August, 2018.

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Executive Director

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY
[Handwritten signature of Bridget L. McClonelle]
Commission Attorney