

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

Order No. EO 19-24

**Early Opening of the July 2019 South 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 the early completion of efforts to identify and remove lost and abandoned blue crab traps through volunteer trap cleanups and the FWC trap retrieval program, hereby reopens the blue crab trap closure for Broward through Pasco counties ahead of schedule, as follows:

1. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in 68B-45.0045, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), the blue crab trap closure established in subparagraph 68B-45.0045(1)(a)4., F.A.C., for all waters of Broward, Miami-Dade, Monroe, Collier, Lee, Charlotte, DeSoto, Sarasota, Manatee, Hillsborough, Pinellas, and Pasco counties shall reopen for the use of traps for the recreational and commercial harvest of blue crab beginning at 12:00 a.m. on July 15, 2019.
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 July 20, 2019.

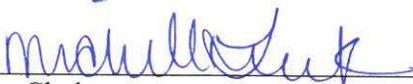
Specific Authority: Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution
Law Implemented: Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution and subsection 120.81(5), Florida Statutes

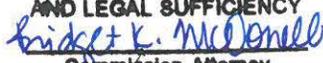
Given under my hand and seal of the Florida
Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
on this 12th day of July, 2019.



Eric Sutton
Executive Director

Attest
Agency Clerk



APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

Commission Attorney

