

STATE OF FLORIDA

FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Order No. EO 10-33

Emergency waiver of Blue Crab Trap Harvest Closures  
in the Gulf of Mexico in response to the Deepwater  
Horizon Oil Spill

The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission of the State of Florida, acting under the authority of Article IV, Section 9, of the Florida Constitution, through its Executive Director under Delegations of Authority Paragraph 17 and Paragraph 22 and Executive Order of the Governor Number 10-99, as amended in 10-132, hereby waives the upcoming blue crab trap harvest closures that will occur in July and August 2010. This action is taken in order to relieve economic hardships on fishing communities in Florida that may occur due to the BP Deepwater Horizon oil spill.

1. The blue crab closures created in 68B-45.0045(1), F.A.C. to facilitate the identification and removal of lost and abandoned blue crab traps shall be waived for the 2010-2011 fishing year in the following areas:

All waters of Broward, Miami-Dade, Monroe, Collier, Lee, Charlotte, DeSoto, Sarasota, Manatee, Hillsborough, Pinellas, and Pasco counties;

All waters of Wakulla, Jefferson, Taylor, Dixie, Levy, Citrus, and Hernando counties and including all waters of the Ochlockonee River and Ochlockonee Bay;

All waters of Brevard, Indian River, St. Lucie, Martin, and Palm Beach counties;

All waters of Nassau, Duval, Clay, St. Johns, Putnam, Flagler, and Volusia counties;

2. All other provisions governing the harvest of blue crabs in Florida remain in effect.
3. By this order, the Commission directs wholesale and retail dealers and all law enforcement officers to recognize the waiving of the blue crab closures in the areas listed above.
4. This order shall take effect at 12:01 a.m. on July 1, 2010 and remain in effect until June 30, 2011 unless repealed, extended, or modified by subsequent order.

Specific Authority: Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution Executive Order of the Governor Number 10-99, as amended, in 10-132

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

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., July 1, 2010

Given under my hand and seal of the Florida  
Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission  
On this 28th day of June.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_/signed/\_\_\_\_\_  
Agency Clerk

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Nick Wiley, Executive Director