

STATE OF FLORIDA  
FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Order No. EO 14-03

Early opening for the January 2014 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 Delegations of Authority Paragraph 17 and Paragraph 22, 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 in Northeast Florida, hereby waives the remainder of the blue crab trap harvest closure that was scheduled to occur January 16 through January 25, 2014. The closure will terminate ahead of schedule as follows:

1. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in Chapter 68B-45.0045(1)(a)1, Florida Administrative Code (FAC), all waters of the St. Johns River, its associated lakes and tributaries from west of the St. Johns River's intersection with the Intracoastal Canal through and including Lake Hellen Blazes shall reopen for the use of traps for the recreational and commercial harvest of blue crab beginning at 12:01 a.m. on January 18, 2014.
2. This order shall take effect at 12:01 a.m. on January 18, 2014 and remain in effect through the end of the closure established in 68B-45.0045(1)(a)1, FAC, for 2014.

Specific Authority: Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution

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



Given under my hand and seal of the  
Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation  
Commission on this 17th day of  
January, 2014.

Attest:

*Kristina Butler*  
Agency Clerk

*Nick Wiley*  
Nick Wiley, Executive Director