STATE OF FLORIDA
FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Order No. EO 14-16

Early opening for the August 2014 Florida East Coast 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 on Florida's east coast, the closure will open ahead of schedule as follows:

1. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in Chapter 68B-45.0045(1)(a)3, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), all waters of Brevard, Indian River, St. Lucie, Martin, and Palm Beach counties shall reopen for the use of traps for the recreational and commercial harvest of blue crab.

2. This order shall take effect upon execution and remain in effect through the end of the closure established in 68B-45.0045(1)(a)3., F.A.C., for 2014.

Specific Authority: Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution

Law Implemented: Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution

FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION STATE OF FLORIDA

Given under my hand and seal of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission on this 14th day of August, 2014.

Attest: Kristen Butler
Agency Clerk 8/14/14 @ 3:20pm

Nick Wiley, Executive Director