

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

Order No. EO 16-26

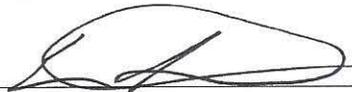
**Early opening for the August 2016 Florida East
Coast Blue Crab Trap Closure**

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 in northeast Florida, the closure will open ahead of schedule as follows:

1. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in Chapter 68B-45.0045(1)(a)2., Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), all waters of Nassau, Duval, Clay, St. Johns, Putnam, Flagler, and Volusia counties shall reopen for the use of traps for the recreational and commercial harvest of blue crab beginning at 12:01 a.m. on August 25, 2016.
2. All other rules of the Commission relating to blue crab shall remain in effect.
3. This order shall take effect at 12:01 a.m. on August 25, 2016 and remain in effect through the end of the closure established in 68B-45.0045(1)(a)2., F.A.C., for 2016.

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 21st day of
August, 2016.



Nick Wiley
Executive Director

Attest
Agency Clerk

