

SHELL.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection is new language derived from the definition presently set forth in Article 66C, sections 326 and 328 of the Code.

(C) "CRAB" MEANS THE BLUE CRAB SPECIES.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection is new language designed to clarify the scope and limitation of the term crab as used in this subtitle. References in this subtitle to hard, soft, fat, green, and spot crabs do not relate to different species of crabs but to different stages of development of the blue crab's life cycle.

(D) "PEELER" MEANS A CRAB WHICH HAS A SOFT SHELL FULLY DEVELOPED UNDER THE HARD SHELL, ON WHICH THERE IS A PINK LINE OR RIM ON THE EDGE OF THAT PART OF THE BACK FIN NEXT TO THE OUTER SECTION OF THIS FIN.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection is new language derived from Article 66C, Section 326 of the Code.

4-802. SCOPE OF SUBTITLE.

THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE APPLY ONLY TO THE SPECIES OF CRAB COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE BLUE CRAB.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language added to clarify the intended scope of the statutes. The statutory scheme of the subtitle's provisions only has relevancy to the blue crab species.

4-803. RULES AND REGULATIONS GENERALLY; PUBLIC HEARINGS.

(A) RULES AND REGULATIONS IN GENERAL. - THE DEPARTMENT MAY ADOPT RULES AND REGULATIONS TO EFFECTUATE THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES:

- (1) TO RESTRICT CATCHING AND POSSESSING ANY BLUE CRAB;
- (2) THE METHODS BY WHICH CRABS ARE TAKEN;
- (3) TO CLOSE OR OPEN ANY SPECIFIED AREA TO