

CATCH CRABS;

(4) TO PROHIBIT OR RESTRICT DEVICES USED TO  
CATCH CRAES;

(5) TO ESTABLISH SEASONS TO CATCH CRABS;  
AND

(6) TO ESTABLISH MINIMUM SIZE LIMITS FOR  
HARD, SOFT, AND PEELER CRABS. HOWEVER, THIS SECTION  
DOES NOT PERMIT THE DEPARTMENT TO CHANGE EXISTING  
LICENSE FEES FOR CATCHING, PICKING, CANNING, PACKING,  
OR SHIPPING COOKED HARD OR SOFT CRABS OR CRAB MEAT; OR  
FOR SELLING, OR SHIPPING LIVE HARD OR SOFT CRABS BY  
BARREL OR CRATE. THE DEPARTMENT MAY SET LICENSE FEES  
ON TYPES OF GEAR OR EQUIPMENT IF NOT OTHERWISE SET BY  
LAW.

(B) PUBLIC HEARINGS REQUIRED. - RULES AND  
REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT MAY NOT BECOME EFFECTIVE  
UNDER THIS SECTION UNTIL THE DEPARTMENT FIRST HOLDS  
PUBLIC HEARINGS. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADVERTISE THE  
TIME, PLACE, AND PURPOSE OF THE HEARINGS IN ONE  
NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL DAILY CIRCULATION IN THE STATE,  
AND AT LEAST IN ONE NEWSPAPER CIRCULATED IN EACH  
COUNTY FOR TWO SUCCESSIVE WEEKS IN ADVANCE OF THE  
HEARINGS. AFTER THE HEARINGS ARE HELD AND THE RULES  
AND REGULATIONS ARE ADOPTED, THE RULES AND REGULATIONS  
SHALL BE PUBLISHED FOR ONE WEEK IN THE NEWSPAPERS  
BEARING NOTICE OF THE HEARING.

REVISOR'S NOTE: Subsection (a) presently appears  
as Article 66C, section 328 of the Code.

The definition of buckram crab set forth in  
the present statute is proposed for  
deletion in light of the definition section  
of this subtitle.

The reference to tidewater counties is  
proposed for deletion as inconsistent with  
the Bruce decision. See the note to  
section 4-703.

Subsection (b) presently appears as Article  
66C, section 329 of the Code, as amended by  
Chapter 181, Acts of 1972. The penalty  
provision is proposed for deletion in light  
of the uniform penalty provision of this  
title.