

[(b)](C) The Department's regulations 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 the affected region of each county whose waters may be directly affected by the proposed regulations for 2 successive weeks in advance of the hearings.

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(a) [An individual who attempts to catch or catches crabs in the waters of the Chesapeake Bay and its tidal tributaries for noncommercial purposes shall obtain a noncommercial crabbing license if the individual:

- (1) Uses more than 600 feet but not more than 1,200 feet of trotline;
- (2) Uses more than 10 but not more than 30 collapsible traps or net rings; or

(3) Uses no more than 10 eel pots for catching the individual's own bait] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION, AN INDIVIDUAL MAY NOT CATCH OR POSSESS CRABS FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES IN THE WATERS OF THE CHESAPEAKE BAY OR ITS TIDAL TRIBUTARIES WITHOUT FIRST OBTAINING A RECREATIONAL CRABBING LICENSE IF THE INDIVIDUAL USES:

- (1) UP TO 1200 FEET OF TROTLINE;
- (2) MORE THAN 10 BUT LESS THAN 30 COLLAPSIBLE TRAPS OR NET RINGS;
- (3) MORE THAN 10 BUT LESS THAN 30 OF A COMBINATION OF COLLAPSIBLE TRAPS AND NET RINGS; OR
- (4) UP TO 10 EEL POTS FOR CATCHING THE INDIVIDUAL'S OWN BAIT.

(b) A [noncommercial] RECREATIONAL crabbing license OR RECREATIONAL CRABBING BOAT LICENSE issued under this section is valid for not more than 1 year and expires on December 31 of each year.

(c) (1) A [noncommercial] RECREATIONAL crabbing license OR RECREATIONAL CRABBING BOAT LICENSE may be obtained from any authorized agent of the Department.

(2) The annual [noncommercial] RECREATIONAL crabbing license fees are:

- (i) For a Maryland resident, \$5;
- (ii) For a Maryland resident, in possession of a Maryland Chesapeake Bay sport fishing license or a resident consolidated senior sport fishing license, \$2; and
- (iii) For a nonresident, \$10.