

(e) (1) The daily catch limits for hard crabs under this section are:

(i) 1 bushel for an individual exempt under subsection (d) of this section;

(ii) 2 bushels per boat if two or more individuals exempt under subsection (d) of this section are on the boat;

(iii) 2 bushels for a holder of a noncommercial crabbing license; or

(iv) 3 bushels per boat if two or more individuals who hold a noncommercial crabbing license are on the boat.

(2) The daily catch limits for peeler crabs and soft shell crabs under this section are:

(i) 3 dozen for a holder of a noncommercial crabbing license; or

(ii) 1 dozen for an individual exempt under subsection (d) of this section.

(f) (1) The Department shall deposit all fees received for noncommercial crabbing licenses to the credit of the fisheries research and development fund to be used for research, including independent studies of the fishery, and to determine the extent of the noncommercial crab catch. The amount of funds expended on the crab research may not exceed \$200,000.

(2) Any funds remaining beyond the financial demands of the research required under paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be used for enforcement.]

THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEPOSIT ALL FEES RECEIVED FOR RECREATIONAL CRABBING LICENSES TO THE CREDIT OF THE FISHERIES RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FUND TO BE USED FOR RESEARCH, INCLUDING THE DETERMINATION OF THE ANNUAL RECREATIONAL CRAB CATCH, INDEPENDENT STUDIES OF THE CRAB FISHERY, AND ENFORCEMENT OF RECREATIONAL CRABBING.

(E) (1) AN INDIVIDUAL MAY CATCH AND POSSESS CRABS FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES IN THE WATERS OF THE CHESAPEAKE BAY AND ITS TIDAL TRIBUTARIES WITHOUT FIRST OBTAINING IS NOT REQUIRED TO OBTAIN A RECREATIONAL CRABBING LICENSE FOR CRABBING FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES IN THE WATERS OF THE CHESAPEAKE BAY OR ITS TIDAL TRIBUTARIES IF:

(I) THE INDIVIDUAL IS UNDER THE AGE OF 16;

(II) THE INDIVIDUAL IS CRABBING FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES IN A PUBLIC CRABBING AREA ESTABLISHED BY THE DEPARTMENT AND IN A MANNER AUTHORIZED BY THE DEPARTMENT THROUGH REGULATION;

(III) THE INDIVIDUAL IS CRABBING FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES FROM A BOAT AND THE BOAT HAS BEEN LICENSED BY THE DEPARTMENT;

1. AS A RECREATIONAL CRABBING BOAT UNDER SUBSECTION (C)(3) OF THIS SECTION; OR