

2017 POTOMAC RIVER SPORT CRABBING RESTRICTIONS

These Limits Apply in the Tidal Potomac River Downstream of the Woodrow Wilson (I 95) Bridge

Maryland & Virginia Tributaries of the River are Regulated Separately

PRFC SPORT CRABBING LICENSE			NO LICENSE REQUIRED		
Licensed boats must display PRFC SPORT CRABBING decal.			subject to the limits listed below:		
<p>Fee: \$30.00 per boat - Only one sport crabbing license may be issued to any single boat and entitles the use of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ up to five (5) crab pots and/or, ◆ up to twenty (20) collapsible crab traps and/or, ◆ one (1) trot line no longer than 1,200 feet <p>Each gear type must be marked with a white buoy. Crab pots must display the "SCL" decals provided with the license. Collapsible crab traps and trot lines must legibly display the letters "SCL" and the license decal number in black letters measuring at least 1" in height.</p> <p>These allowances can not be combined with non-licensed exemptions</p>			<p>Crab Pots: Two (2) pots per person (each fished by the owner) with no more than two (2) pots attached to any pier. Each pot not attached to a pier must have a buoy displaying the owner's initials in letters measuring at least 1" in height.</p> <p>Crab Trot Line: One (1) trot line per boat no longer than 600' and marked with similar buoys on each end.</p> <p>Collapsible Crab Traps: No more than ten (10) traps per boat.</p> <p>Dip Nets and/or Handlines: No gear or time limits when using from the shore or a pier.</p>		
Daily Catch Limits			Daily Catch Limits		
Hard Crabs 5 dozen per person No more than 1 bushel per boat	Soft Crabs 2 dozen per person No more than 3 dozen per boat	Peelers 2 dozen per person No more than 3 dozen per boat	Hard Crabs 3 dozen per person No more than 5 dozen per boat	Soft Crabs 1 dozen per person No more than 2 dozen per boat	Peelers 1 dozen per person No more than 2 dozen per boat
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Hard Crabs (male & immature females)

April 1 – Nov. 30

5¼" Min. Size Limit

Soft Crabs

May 1 – Oct. 30

No Min. Size Limit

Peelers

May 1 – Oct. 30

3 ½" – Min. Size Limit

Time Limit

No crabbing allowed between sunset and 1 hour before sunrise, except for dip nets & handlines fished from the shore or a pier.

Cull Ring Requirements

Each crab pot must have at least two (2) cull rings, one at least 2-5/16" and one at least 2-3/16" inside opening, in opposite exterior vertical panels of the upper chamber.

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