

**Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
Marine Resources Division**

NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

AGENCY NAME: Department of Conservation and Natural Resources

RULE NO. & TITLE: 220-3-.31 Crabs

INTENDED ACTION: Amend Rule


SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION: The Department proposes to amend this rule by: (1) prohibiting the possession of egg-bearing crabs, except from January 15 through May 15 of each year; (2) requiring crab traps to contain two escape rings of a minimum size; (3) allowing the removal or obstruction of escape rings between April 1 through September 30 of each year under certain conditions; (4) providing for the recovery and reporting of abandoned and unidentified crab traps; and (5) deleting a location where the setting of a commercial crab trap is currently prohibited.

TIME, PLACE, MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS: Interested persons may present their views in writing to Major Scott Bannon, Acting Director, Marine Resources Division, P.O. Box 189, Dauphin Island, Alabama 36528 at any time following the publication of this notice through August 3, 2017. Interested parties may also present their views in person and orally by personally appearing at the office of the Marine Resources Division, 2 Iberville Dr., Dauphin Island, Alabama, at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, August 3, 2017. If ADA accommodations are needed, please contact Daisy Perry at (334) 242-3165 or daisy.perry@dnr.alabama.gov. Copies of the proposed amendment may be obtained at <http://www.outdooralabama.com/proposed-dnr-rules>.

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE: August 3, 2017.

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