DERELICT CRAB TRAP REMOVAL PROGRAM AND 2014 RECOMMENDATIONS

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

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LOUISIANA CRAB TASK FORCE

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New Orleans, LA

Derelict Crab Trap Removal Program Legislation (LA R.S. 56:332)

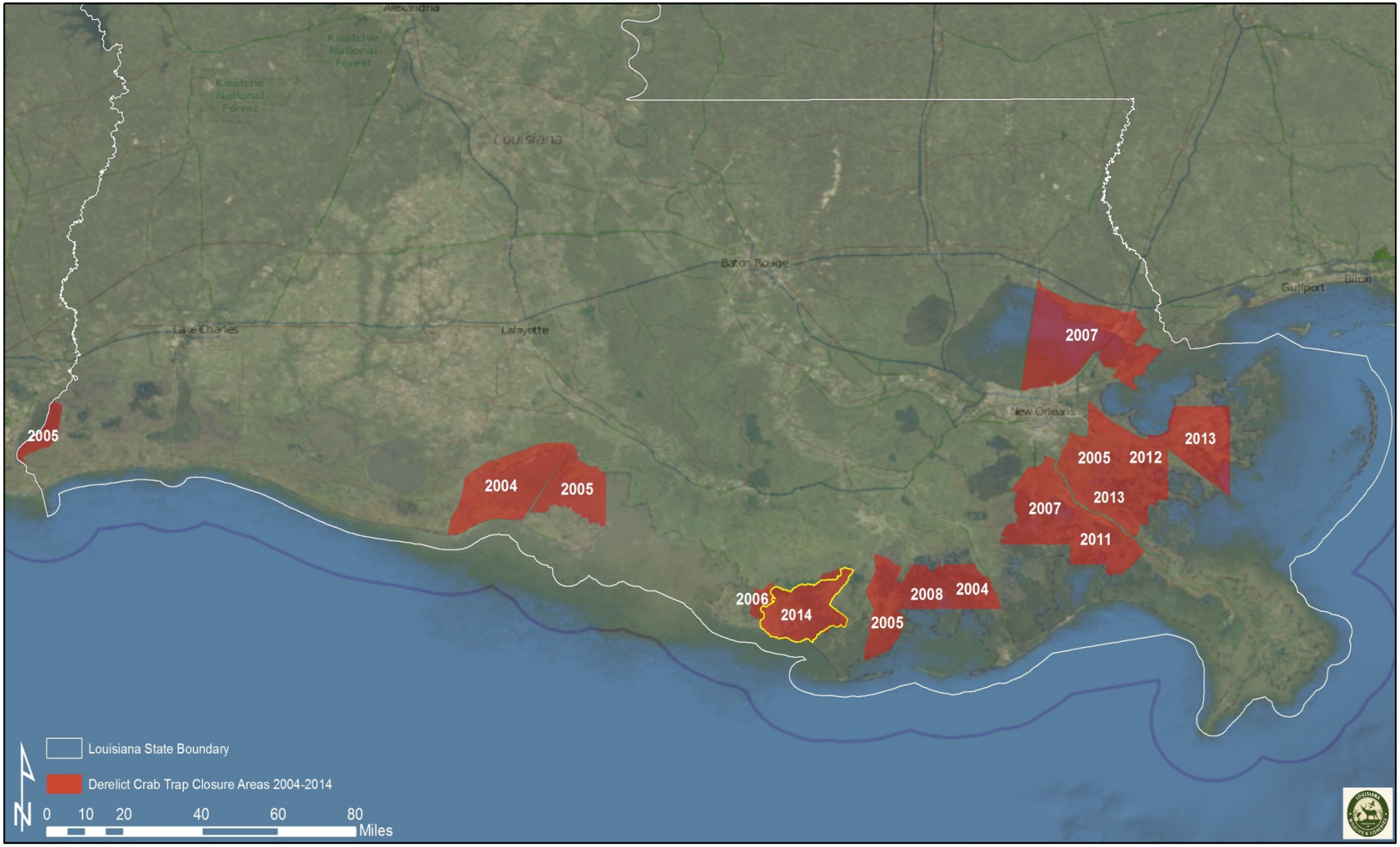
Commission to designate:

- Area of trap closure
- Who will pick traps up
- Disposal sites
- Dates of trap closure

Authorized Dates:

- Winter – up to 16 days between Feb 1 – Mar 31
- Spring – up to 14 days in conjunction with inshore shrimp season opening

Crab Trap Cleanup Areas (2004-2013)



2004 -2013 Trap Cleanup Results

Year	Area(s)	Traps	Boat-days
2004	2	6,894	90+
2005	4	4,623	50+
2006	1	2,935	31+
2007	2	1,495	15
2008	1	1,234	3
2009	1	788	NA
2010	1	477	NA
2011	1	1,100	NA
2012	2	2,798	66
2013	2	969	32
Overall	15	23,226	258+

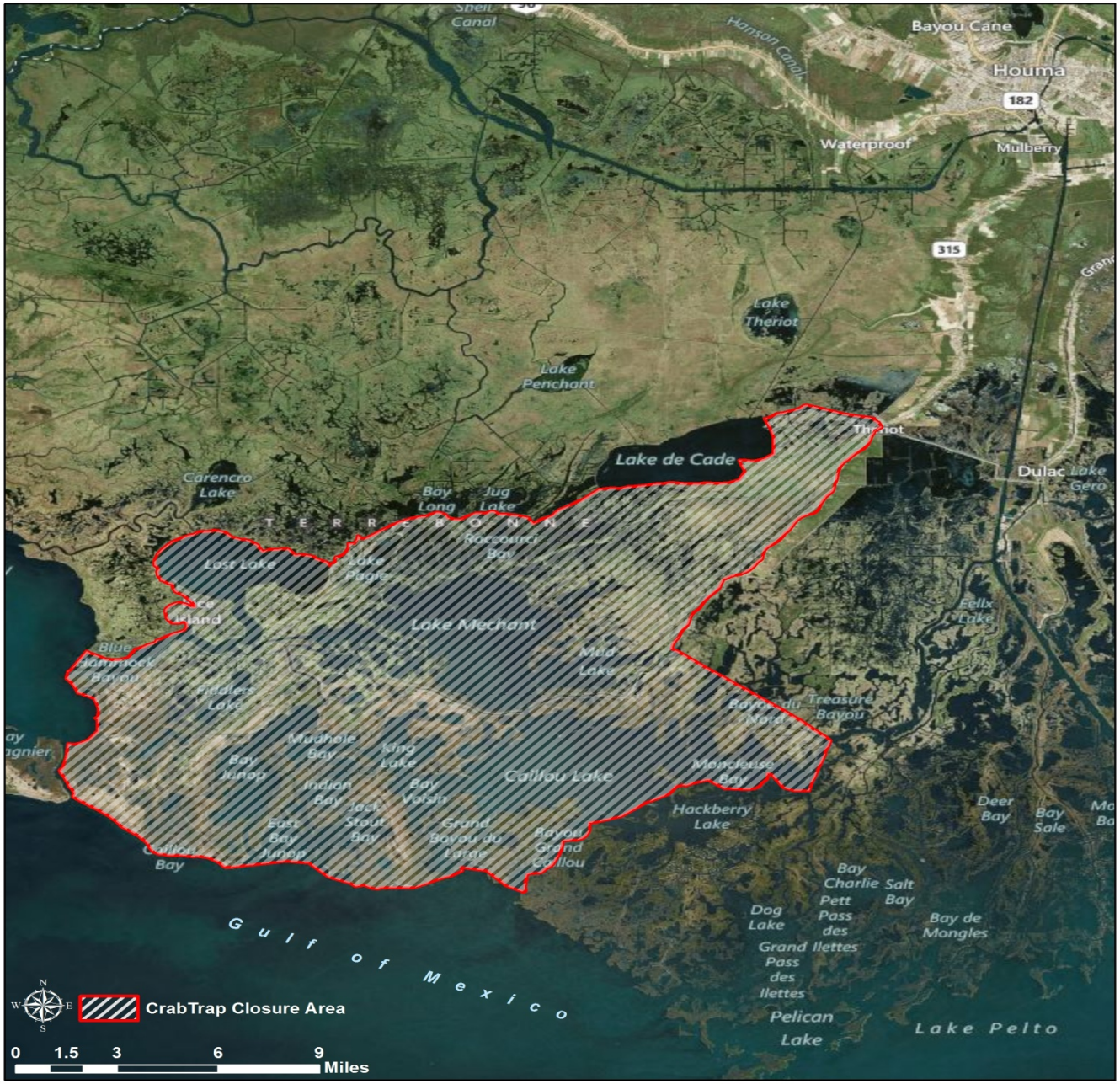
2014 Derelict Trap Program Recommendations

Area/Time

- Portions of Terrebonne Parish
- 6:00 am Feb 15 – 6:00 am Feb 24, 2014
- Volunteer Days
  - Saturday Feb 14, 2014
  - Saturday Feb 22, 2014

Other

- Remaining traps are considered abandoned
- Anyone may retrieve traps
- Traps may be removed between ½ hr before sunrise to ½ hr after sunset
- Traps cannot be possessed outside of closure area
- Traps must be brought to designated disposal sites



Terrebonne Basin
2014 Crab Trap Closure
(February 15, 2014 6:00 am
February 24, 2014 6:00 am)

QUESTIONS?

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