



DERELICT CRAB TRAP REMOVAL PROGRAM AND 2015 RECOMMENDATIONS

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

**September 4, 2014
Baton Rouge, LA**

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

Commission to designate:

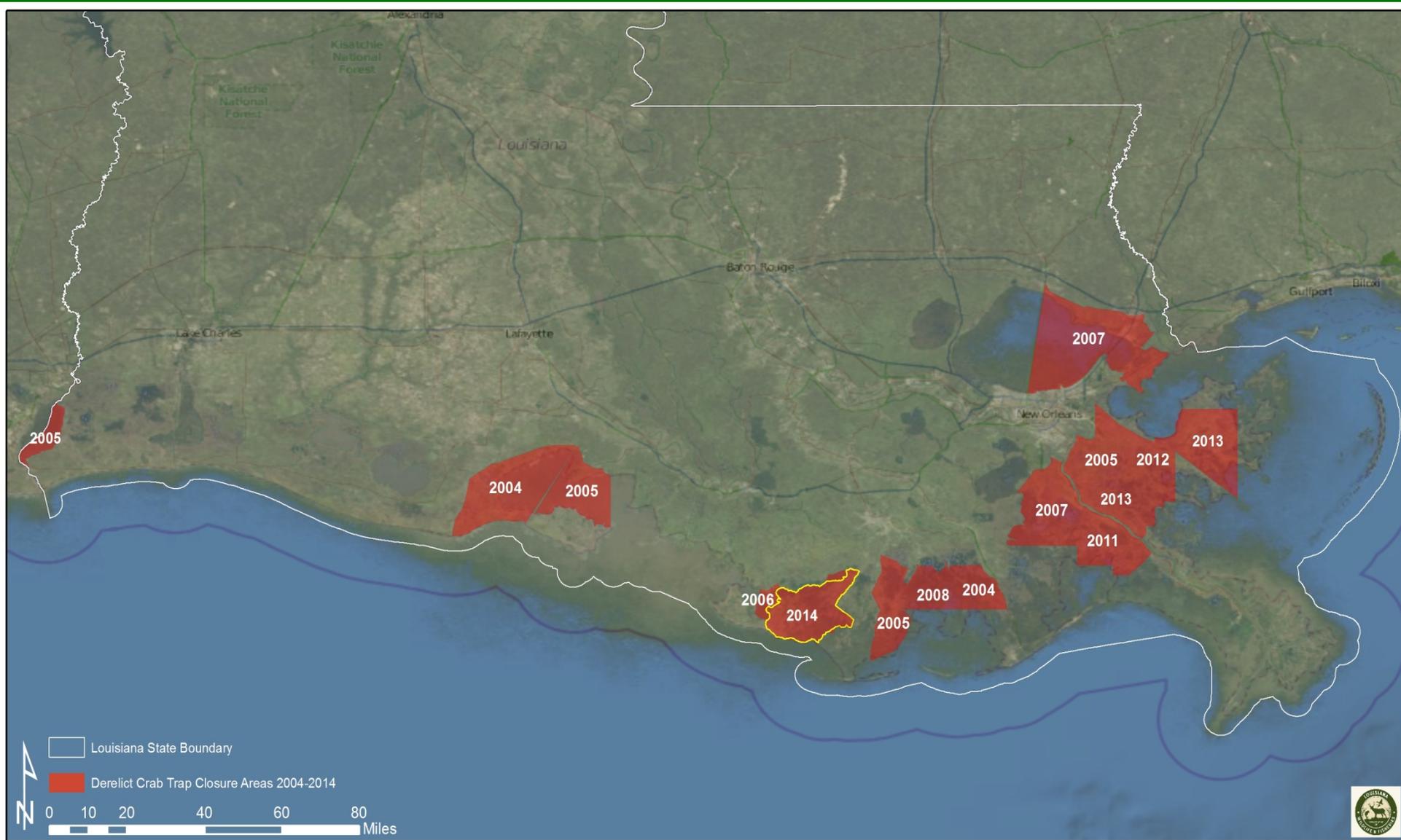
- Area of trap closure
- Who will pick traps up
- Disposal sites
- Dates of trap closure



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 (2004-2014)



2004 -2014 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
2014	1	1,051	24
Overall	18	23,226	311+

2015 Derelict Trap Program Recommendations

Area/Time

- Sabine Lake and Portions of Cameron Parish
- **6:00 am Feb 20 – 6:00 am Mar 1, 2015**
- Volunteer Days
 - Saturday Feb 21, 2015
 - Saturday Feb 28, 2015

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



Sabine
 2015 Crab Trap Closure
 (February 20, 2015 6:00 am
 March 1, 2015 6:00 am)

QUESTIONS?



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