

HB0915/254432/1

BY: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 915
(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike line 3 in its entirety and substitute “Crabs – Harvest Times – Trotlines and Crab Pots”; strike beginning with “authorizing” in line 4 down through “regulations” in line 5 and substitute “requiring the Department of Natural Resources to adopt regulations that provide the option to a tidal fish licensee authorized to catch crabs using trotlines and crab pots to work certain hours during a certain time period; requiring a licensee who chooses a certain hours-of-work option to notify the Department of that choice by a certain date; prohibiting a licensee who chooses a certain hours-of-work option from changing that option until the following license year; requiring a licensee who chooses a certain hours-of-work option to affix a certain display on the licensee’s vessel signifying the choice of that option; and generally relating to harvest times for crabs using trotlines and crab pots”; and strike beginning with “restricting” in line 11 down through “licenses” in line 15.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, strike beginning with “**EXCEPT**” in line 23 down through “**IF**” in line 24 and substitute “**If**”; and in line 26, strike “The” and substitute “**SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, THE**”.

On page 3, strike in their entirety lines 1 through 10, inclusive; after line 28, insert:

“(C) (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS THAT PROVIDE THE OPTION TO A LICENSEE WHO IS AUTHORIZED TO CATCH CRABS USING TROTLINES OR CRAB POTS TO WORK THE FOLLOWING HOURS FROM JULY 15 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 15 OF ANY YEAR, INCLUSIVE:

(Over)

(I) FOR A LICENSEE WHO USES TROTLINE GEAR, HOURS THAT BEGIN 2 HOURS BEFORE SUNRISE AND END 8 HOURS AFTER SUNRISE, NOT INCLUDING TIME SPENT SETTING OR TAKING UP GEAR; OR

(II) FOR A LICENSEE WHO USES CRAB POTS, HOURS THAT BEGIN 1.5 HOURS BEFORE SUNRISE AND END 6.5 HOURS AFTER SUNRISE.

(2) (I) A LICENSEE WHO CHOOSES THE OPTION OF WORKING THE EARLIER HOURS UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT OF THAT CHOICE BY JULY 1 OF THE LICENSE YEAR.

(II) AFTER A LICENSEE CHOOSES THE EARLY-HOURS OPTION FOR THE LICENSE YEAR, THE LICENSEE MAY NOT CHANGE OPTIONS UNTIL THE FOLLOWING LICENSE YEAR.

(3) A LICENSEE WHO CHOOSES THE EARLY-HOURS OPTION SHALL AFFIX A DISPLAY ON THE LICENSEE'S VESSEL IN A FORM AND MANNER DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO SIGNIFY THE CHOICE OF THE EARLY-HOURS OPTION.”;

and in line 29, strike “(c)” and substitute “**(D)**”.