## **Blue Crab Regulations**

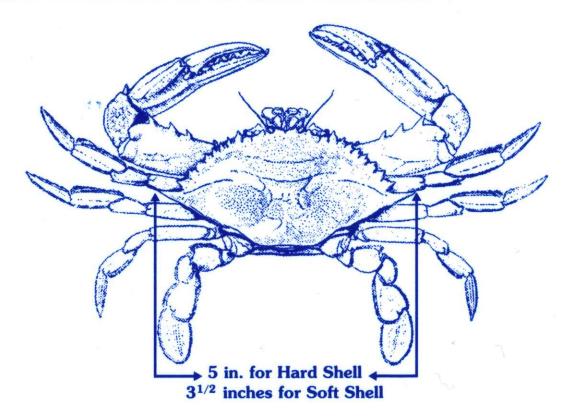
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Minimum Size: 5 inches for hard shell

 $3^{1/2}$  inches for soft shell

Open Season: May 1 - November 30

<u>Special Note:</u> Possession of uncooked blue crabs without the body shell attached is prohibited. Only two claws per body may be possessed. Blue crabs measuring less than the minimum size and all egg bearing females must be returned to the water unharmed.



Shell measured from Spike Tip to Spike Tip as Indicated by Arrows (Measurements not shown in actual size)



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