RECREATIONAL BLUE CRAB EFFORT SURVEY

With pencil or pen, please darken all boxes that apply.

For this survey to be accurate and representative, your participation in this process is critical. It is important that each recreational blue crab license holder complete the survey as accurately as possible. Using this data, we can more accurately determine the contribution the recreational fishery is making to the total landings of blue crabs in our waters and work to ensure the long-term sustainability of the resource.

1. What is your age?
   - 16-20
   - 21-25
   - 26-30
   - 31-35
   - 36-40
   - 41-45
   - 46-50
   - 51-55
   - 56-60
   - 61-65
   - 65+

2. Are you renewing a recreational license or purchasing for the first time?
   - Renew
   - First Time Purchase

3. If you are renewing, how many years have you harvested crabs recreationally using traps?
   - 1-5
   - 6-10
   - 11-15
   - 16-20
   - 21-25
   - 26-30
   - 31-35
   - 36-40
   - 41+

4. Do you run your traps from shore/dock or from a boat?
   - Shore/Dock
   - Boat

5. If you use a boat, what size is your boat?
   - 10-18 ft
   - 19-26 ft
   - 27-32 ft
   - 33-38 ft
   - 39+ ft

6. During which months do you recreationally fish for crabs using traps?
   - January
   - February
   - March
   - April
   - May
   - June
   - July
   - August
   - September
   - October
   - November
   - December

7. How many days in a week do you check your recreational crab traps?
   - 1
   - 2
   - 3
   - 4
   - 5
   - 6

8. How many total crabs do you average per week in your recreational crab traps?
   - <5
   - 5-14
   - 15-24
   - 25-34
   - 35-44
   - 45+

9. What do you typically use to bait your recreational crab traps (select one)?
   - Whole Fish
   - Fish Parts
   - Beef
   - Chicken
   - Other

10. In what watershed do you typically set your recreational crab traps (select one)?
    - Bay St. Louis
    - Biloxi Bay
    - Pascagoula River
    - MS Sound
    - Pearl River
    - Other

11. Do your recreational crab traps have turtle excluders? Yes   No

12. Would you be willing to work with the MDMR or Gulf Coast Research Laboratory scientists on future blue crab research projects? Yes   No

   If yes, please provide your MDMR issued recreational crab license number in case we wish to contact you.
Mississippi Recreational Crab Trap Deployment

- Boat (75%)
- Shore/Dock (23%)
- Both/Unknown (2%)
Mississippi Recreational Crab Trap Fishery Bait Used

- Fish (69%)
- Chicken (17%)
- Beef (11%)
- Other (3%)
Mississippi Recreational Crab Trap Fishery Average Number of Crabs Harvested per Week
Mississippi Recreational Crab Trap Fishery Effort by Month
Mississippi Recreational Crab Trap Fishery Terrapin Excluder Devices (TEDs) Utilization

- TEDs (61%)
- No TEDs (35%)
- N/A (4%)