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## REFUGE SPECIFIC CRABBING REGULATIONS



50 Code of Federal Regulations §32.66

- ✓ **THE LAUNCHING OF ANY VESSEL IN A REFUGE IMPOUNDMENT IS PROHIBITED**
  
- ✓ **YOU MUST ATTEND MINNOW TRAPS, CRAB TRAPS, CRAB POTS, AND HAND-LINES AT ALL TIMES**
  
- ✓ **THE USE OF SEINE NETS IS PROHIBITED (HOWEVER, CAST NETS ARE ALLOWED TO CATCH BAIT FISH FOR PERSONAL USE).**
  
- ✓ **MINIMUM SIZE LIMITS: 5 INCHES FOR MALE HARD CRABS (JIMMIES) AND IMMATURE FEMALE HARD CRABS. NO SIZE LIMITS EXIST FOR ADULT FEMALE HARD CRABS (SOOKS)** [VIRGINIA CODE 28.2-708, REGULATION 4 VAC 20-270-55].

All other State regulations governing saltwater fishing still apply. Please visit the Virginia Marine Resources Commission at <http://mrc.virginia.gov/index.shtm> for a list of all Virginia saltwater fishing and crabbing regulations.