

Derelict Crab Trap Reporting Survey

Did you lose traps from Hurricane Isaac, storms, accidental catch in other gear or vandalism?

PLEASE CONSIDER REPORTING THEM.

Online: www.surveymonkey.com/s/LMHYN7P

OR leave a message: 225-578-6352

Please leave as much information as possible including the date lost, number of traps and location. Any contact information will only be used to clarify information provided. This information is being collected for INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY.

Derelict traps are those that have been discarded, lost or abandoned in the environment. Traps can be accidentally lost if they become separated from their buoys by storms or passing boats. Many continue to fish, ensnaring blue crabs and other important aquatic species.

Additionally, lost traps pose a potential navigation hazard to boats and can damage other fishing gear like shrimp trawls. Due to the recent storm, an above-average number of traps was displaced. Reporting these losses, or any crab trap loss, can help guide future cleanups as well as help scientists estimate crab trap loss due to various events.

www.laseagrant.org/crabtraps

