

2008 TERREBONNE BAY ESTUARY DERELICT CRAB TRAP CLEAN UP

THANK YOU for your interest in the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) derelict crab trap removal program.

When and Where The derelict crab trap cleanup will take place within a portion of the upper Terrebonne Bay Estuary (see second page) between Bayou Pointe au Chenes and Bayou Little Caillou just south of the Pointe au Chenes Wildlife Management Area from February 23 through March 2, 2008.

Restrictions

- Traps may be removed only from within the closure area, during the Feb 23 to Mar 3 time period, and from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.
- Crabs and bycatch in the derelict crab traps must be released.
- Traps may not be brought outside of the closure area and must be brought to designated disposal sites. Disposal sites will be the Pointe au Chenes Marina (at end of LA Hwy. 665) and Sea Breeze Marina (at end of LA Hwy. 55).
- Most of the cleanup area is privately owned. Access to private property has been granted by Louisiana Land and Exploration Company and Apache Minerals. Volunteers should respect property and not litter.

Volunteer Instructions The volunteer day will be on Saturday, February 23, although derelict traps may be collected anytime during the cleanup period. LDWF personnel will be present at each disposal site on the designated volunteer day beginning at 8:30 a.m. and remaining until approximately 3:30 p.m. to distribute instructions, maps, and supplies (tarps, grappling hooks, garbage bags, and gloves) to the volunteers and to assist with the unloading of derelict traps.

Volunteers are needed to retrieve traps and to work at the disposal sites. Volunteers should wear appropriate protective clothing because removing abandoned crab traps is a wet and dirty job.

Volunteers collecting crab traps when LDWF personnel are not present are asked to place the traps and buoys in a storage receptacle at the disposal site and to submit the following information (name; address; date; number of traps retrieved; number) to Vince Guillory (see below). The data collection form is available at www.derelictcrabtrap.net/form.html.

More Information Additional information may be obtained from the Derelict Crab Trap Removal Program web site (www.derelictcrabtrap.net) or from Vince Guillory, LDWF Program Coordinator, at (985)594-4139 or vguillory@wlf.louisiana.gov.

The Terrebonne Bay Estuary closure area is defined by the following boundaries:

From a point originating along the western shoreline of Cut Off Canal at its intersection with Grand Bayou, thence southward along the western shoreline of Cut Off Canal to its intersection with the boundary of the Pointe au Chenes Wildlife Management Area, thence west along the southern boundary of the Pointe au Chenes Wildlife Management Area to the Humble Canal, thence west along the northern shoreline of Humble Canal to its intersection with Bayou Terrebonne, thence south along the western shoreline of Bayou Terrebonne to its intersection with Bush Canal, thence west along the northern shoreline of Bush Canal to its intersection with Bayou Little Caillou, thence south along the western shoreline of Bayou Little Caillou to 29 degrees 17 minutes 00 seconds north latitude, thence east along 29 degrees 17 minutes 00 seconds north latitude to the eastern shoreline of Bayou Pointe au Chenes, thence north along the eastern shoreline of Bayou Pointe au Chenes to the eastern shoreline of Cut Off Canal, thence north along the eastern shoreline of Cut Off Canal to its intersection with the southern shoreline of Grand Bayou, thence west across Cut Off Canal and terminating at the point of origin at the western shoreline of Cut Off Canal at its intersection with Grand Bayou.

