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Effective immediately, the Department of Natural Resources will not be enforcing the times for removing crabs from commercial crab pots (COMAR 08.02.03.11A(1)(c)) from Tuesday, September 11, 2018 through Wednesday, September 12, 2018. Licensees may keep crabs removed from crab pots during this period but may not return any pots to the water after the legal stop time. All other regulations pertaining to the commercial harvest of crabs remain in effect. The purpose of this action is to allow fishermen to respond to the impending arrival of Hurricane Florence by removing their crabbing gear from the water. Enforcement of times will resume at 12:01 a.m. Thursday, September 13, 2018.