

# RECREATIONAL CRABBING CHANGES for 2008

## LEGAL HARVEST – minimum allowable size – males only!

April 1 to July 14 -- 5" hard crab – 3 ¼" peeler

July 15 to December 15 – 5 ¼" hard crab – 3 ½" peeler

There is NO recreational harvest  
of female hard or peeler crabs.

Soft crab regulations have not changed.

## **"Sally"** -- CANNOT HARVEST

An immature (adolescent) female blue crab, known as a "Sally" or "She-Crab", is easily identified as having an inverted "V" or triangular shaped apron and red-tipped claws.



Adolescent female blue crab

## **"Sook"** -- CANNOT HARVEST

A mature (adult) female blue crab, known as a "Sook", is identified as having an inverted "U" or bell-shaped apron and red-tipped claws.



Adult female blue crab

## **"Jimmy"** -- CAN HARVEST

A male blue crab, known as a "Jimmy", has a long, narrow, inverted "T" shaped apron and blue-tipped claws.

Time, gear and catch restrictions can be found  
on pages 33-34 of the 2008 Fishing Guide and at  
<http://www.dnr.state.md.us/fisheries/regulations/recregchrt.html>



Adult male blue crab