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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, August 31, 2021 through Friday, September 3, 2021. Licensees may keep crabs removed from crab pots during this period but may not return any pots to the water outside of standard legal crabbing times. 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 Tropical Depression Ida by removing their crabbing gear from the water. Enforcement of times will resume at 12:01 a.m. Saturday, September 4, 2021.

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