



## February 2025 Abandoned Crab Trap Removal Program

December 2024

- Planning activities begin.
- Update Operational Procedures
- Discuss with Partners
- Save the Date notice to Volunteer Team: Feb 21- Mar 2, 2025
- Reserve Community Center for 'Celebrate a Cleaner Bay' – Feb 22

January 2025

- Commercial Crabbers reminded to pick up traps for upcoming closure with a mailed flier.
- Field Maps app training scheduled for Feb 10 and 19th
- Field Maps database cleared and ready for 2025 data.
- Celebration planning underway: caterer, speaker, entertainment
- Airboats reserved.
- Supplies ordered:
  - Gloves, hooks, wire cutters, rope snippers, volunteer appreciation gift
- Volunteer signup initiated and assignments / scheduling in progress.

February 2025 - Implementation to begin!

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# PACK YOUR TRAPS

Abandoned Crab Trap Removal Program

## BAYS CLOSED TO CRABBING FEB. 21 - MAR. 2, 2025

All crabbers are required to Pack Your Traps! Any traps in the water during the ten day period will be collected and destroyed.

*The trap location and trap owner of removed traps will be collected.*

## PROPERLY DISPOSE OF YOUR OLD / RETIRED TRAPS



For assistance in transporting your traps to a metal recycling facility

**CONTACT ALLAN BERGER**

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### Abandoned CRAB TRAP FACTS

TRAPS REMOVED FROM MID COAST BAYS

2020	- 1,632
2021	- 1,207
2022	- 1,047
2023	- 997
2024	- 900

### HELP US, HELP YOU!

Abandoned traps cause problems:

- It costs money to replace lost traps
- Traps reduce commercial harvest by self-baited 'ghost fishing'
- Traps are navigation hazards for boaters and shrimpers
- Traps are ugly litter

Let's work together to save costs and reduce the number of derelict traps in our bays!





## **SABP 2025 Abandoned Crab Trap Removal Program SIGN UP**

**Volunteers and Boats are needed to Remove Abandoned Crab Traps  
from the Texas Mid-Coast region on Saturday, February 22, 2025.**

Group opportunities will also be available February 24 - March 2, 2025.

Targeted Shorelines will include San Antonio Bay, Espiritu Santo Bay,  
Lavaca Bay, Aransas Bay, and Matagorda Bay.

Please join us in our success with dinner & refreshments,  
informative presentations and entertainment at

POC Community Center  
Saturday, February 22, 2025  
5:30pm-9:00pm

(RSVP in signup form)

Please submit the signup form if you are interested in volunteering.  
Follow up communications will be sent to the email address and/or phone  
number provided on this form.

Thank you,  
**Allan Berger**



[SIGN UP HERE](#)