

### 15A NCAC 03R .0118 EXEMPTED CRAB POT ESCAPE RING AREAS

The areas referenced in 15A NCAC 03J .0301(g) are delineated in the following coastal fishing waters:

- (1) Pamlico Sound - within the area described by a line beginning at a point 35° 43.7457' N - 75° 30.7014' W on the south shore of Eagles Nest Bay on Pea Island; running westerly to a point 35° 42.9500' N - 75° 34.1500' W; running southerly to a point 35° 39.3500' N - 75° 34.4000' W; running southeasterly to a point 35° 35.8931' N - 75° 31.1514' W in Chicamacomico Channel near Beacon "ICC"; running southerly to a point 35° 28.5610' N - 75° 31.5825' W on Gull Island; running southwest to a point 35° 22.8671' N - 75° 33.5851' W in Avon Channel near Beacon "1AV"; running southwest to a point 35° 18.9603' N - 75° 36.0817' W in Cape Channel near Beacon "2"; running westerly to a point 35° 16.7588' N - 75° 44.2554' W in Rollinson Channel near Beacon "42RC"; running southwest to a point 35° 14.0337' N - 75° 45.9643' W southwest of Oliver Reef near the quick-flashing beacon; running westerly to a point 35° 09.3650' N - 76° 00.6377' W in Big Foot Slough Channel near Beacon "14BF"; running southwest to a point 35° 08.4523' N - 76° 02.6651' W in Nine Foot Shoal Channel near Beacon "9"; running westerly to a point 35° 07.1000' N - 76° 06.9000' W; running southwest to a point 35° 01.4985' N - 76° 11.4353' W near Beacon "HL"; running southwest to a point 35° 00.2728' N - 76° 12.1903' W near Beacon "ICS"; running southerly to a point 34° 59.5027' N - 76° 12.3204' W in Wainwright Channel immediately east of the northern tip of Wainwright Island; running southwest to a point 34° 59.3610' N - 76° 12.6040' W on Wainwright Island; running easterly to a point at 34° 58.7853' N - 76° 09.8922' W on Core Banks; running easterly and northerly along the shoreline across the inlets following the COLREGS Demarcation line up the Outer Banks to the point of beginning.
- (2) Newport River, from April 1 through June 15 - within the area described by a line beginning at a point 34° 49.5080' N - 76° 41.4440' W; running westerly along the south side of the Highway 101 Bridge over Core Creek to a point on the west shore 34° 49.5260' N - 76° 41.5130' W; running along the shoreline of Newport River and its tributaries to a point 34° 49.3050' N - 76° 44.2350' W; running westerly along the south side of the Highway 101 Bridge over Harlowe Canal to a point on the west shore 34° 49.2980' N - 76° 44.2610' W; running along the shoreline of Newport River and its tributaries to a point 34° 45.2478' N - 76° 46.4479' W; running southerly along the Inland-Coastal Waters boundary line to a point 34° 45.1840' N - 76° 46.4488' W; running along the shoreline of Newport River and its tributaries to a point 34° 43.2520' N - 76° 41.6840' W; running easterly along the north side of the Highway 70 Bridge over Newport River to a point 34° 43.2840' N - 76° 41.2200' W; running along the shoreline of Newport River and its tributaries to a point 34° 43.3530' N - 76° 40.2080' W; running easterly across Gallant Channel to a point 34° 43.3521' N - 76° 40.0871' W; running along the shoreline of Newport River and its tributaries back to the point of beginning.

*History Note:* Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-182; 143B-289.52;  
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