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Effective immediately, the Department of Natural Resources will not be enforcing the times for removing crabs from commercial crab pots from Thursday, October 1, 2015 through Saturday, October 3, 2015. 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 prepare for Hurricane Joaquin by removing their gear from waters of the Chesapeake Bay and the Coastal Bays of the Atlantic Ocean. Enforcement of times will resume at 11:59 pm Saturday, October 3, 2015.