

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL
DIVISION OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
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3700 Shellfish
3723 Jonah Crab (*Cancer borealis*)

1.0 Jonah Crab Landing Permits

- 1.1 The Department may only issue a Directed Jonah Crab Landing Permit to those vessels and lobster permit holders that held a valid Delaware Commercial Lobster Pot License or federal lobster permit on June 2, 2015 or that can demonstrate to the Department, through valid reported landing reports or sales receipts, that they landed Jonah Crab or Jonah Crab claws in Delaware before June 2, 2015.
- 1.2 Unless otherwise provided, it is unlawful to possess or land Jonah Crab or parts thereof without a valid commercial foodfish license or a license to harvest shellfish for commercial purposes and a valid Directed Jonah Crab Landing Permit or an Incidental Jonah Crab Landing Permit issued by the Department.
- 1.3 Jonah Crab Landing permits are not transferable and automatically expire on December 31 of each calendar year.

2.0 Commercial Possession Limit

- 2.1 It is unlawful for a person issued a commercial foodfish license or a license to harvest shellfish for commercial purposes to possess more than 1,000 Jonah Crab per trip or more than 2,000 Jonah Crab claws per trip without a valid Directed Jonah Crab Landing Permit issued by the Department.
- 2.2 It is unlawful for a person issued an Incidental Jonah Crab Landing Permit and fishing non-lobster pot gear to possess a greater weight of Jonah Crab or Jonah Crab parts that exceed the weight of the target species for which the gear is set.
- 2.3 Persons issued a Directed Jonah Crab Landing Permit in accordance with subsection 1.1 may possess and land any quantity of Jonah Crabs or parts thereof.

3.0 Recreational Possession Limit

It is unlawful to possess more than 50 Jonah Crab per person per day, unless otherwise provided.

4.0 Minimum Size

- 4.1 It is unlawful to possess Jonah Crab measuring less than 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches at the widest part of its carapace.
- 4.2 It is unlawful to possess detached Jonah Crab claws measuring less than 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches along the longest axis of the propodus (the immovable component of the pinching claw) in a volume greater than five gallons.

5.0 Dismemberment

- 5.1 Except as provided in subsections 5.1.1 and 5.1.2, it is unlawful to possess Jonah Crab claws that are not naturally attached to the body (cephalothorax).
 - 5.1.1 A person with a valid Directed Jonah Crab Landing Permit or Incidental Jonah Crab Landing Permit issued by the Department may possess detached Jonah Crab claws in accordance with Section 2.0 and subsection 4.2 of this regulation.
 - 5.1.2 A person with a valid and corresponding receipt or bill of lading may possess detached Jonah Crab claws, provided said claws were lawfully harvested.

6.0 Egg-bearing Jonah Crab

It is unlawful to possess a Jonah Crab bearing eggs visible thereon or any Jonah Crab from which the eggs have been removed.