

2010 CBSAC Chesapeake Bay Blue Crab Advisory Report, Appendix 2. A summary of female blue crab conservation measures implemented by each Bay jurisdiction during 2008 and 2009.

Regulations Implemented to Reduce Female Harvest			
Year	Maryland	Virginia	Potomac River
2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -restricted participation in the fall female fishery to only those watermen with history in this portion of the fishery since 2004. - Those participants permitted to harvest females during the fall were given daily bushel limits based on their harvest history. Bushel limits ranged from 5 to 50 per day. -Close to female harvest on Oct. 23 (Formerly Dec. 15) -Banned recreational harvest of female crabs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Close to female harvest on Oct. 27 (Formerly Nov. 30) -Close winter dredge fishery -Abolish recreational crab license allowing 5 pots per license -Require 2 additional,crab pot escape rings (cull rings) -Require cull rings to be open at all times. -increase the peeler size limit to 3.25 inches until July 15 and to 3.5 inches thereafter. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Daily bushel limits on females beginning Sept. 1, 2008. 2 bushels/day above St.Clements Island and 11 bushels per day below St. Clements Island. - Season to female harvest Oct 22 (Formerly Nov 30).
2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -replaced limited access to fall female fishery with daily bushel limits spanning the entire crabbing season. -implemented periodic closures to commercial female harvest. Closures: June 1 – Jun 15, Sept. 26 – Oct. 4, season close to female harvest November 10. Daily bushel limits range from 2 to 45 depending on date and license type. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closed season on the taking and possession of female crabs from November 21 through November 30 Closed the 2009/10 winter dredge season Maintained cull ring, minimum peeler size limits adopted in 2008 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Season close to female harvest Oct 22 -No daily limit on female harvest