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2 inches (5.1 cm) in length by 3/8 inch (0.95 cm) in diameter. The trap lid must be secured so that when the jute, corded loop, or pine dowel degrades, the lid will no longer be securely closed.

(B) The trap contains at least one sidewall with a vertical rectangular opening no smaller in either dimension than 6 inches (15.2 cm) in height by 3 inches (7.6 cm) in width. This opening may be laced, sewn, or otherwise obstructed by—

(1) A single length of untreated jute twine knotted only at each end and not tied or looped more than once around a single mesh bar;

(2) Untreated pine slat(s) no thicker than 3/8 inch (0.95 cm);

(3) Non-coated steel wire measuring 24 gauge or thinner;

(4) A panel of ferrous single-dipped galvanized wire mesh made of 24 gauge or thinner wire; or

(5) A rectangular panel made of any material, fastened to the trap at each of the four corners of the rectangle by rings made of non-coated 24 gauge or thinner wire or single strands of untreated jute twine. When the jute, untreated pine slat(s), non-coated steel wire, wire mesh panel, or corner fasteners degrade, the opening in the sidewall of the trap must no longer be obstructed.

(b) *Daylight hours.* A stone crab trap in the management area may be pulled or tended during daylight hours only—that is, from 1 hour before sunrise to 1 hour after sunset.

(c) *Gear belonging to others.* No fisherman may willfully tend, open, pull, or otherwise molest another fisherman's trap, buoy, or line in the management

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area without the prior written consent of that fisherman.

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§ 654.23 Southwest Florida seasonal trawl closure.

From January 1 to 1 hour after sunset (local time) May 20, each year, the area described in this section is closed to trawling, including trawling for live bait. The area is that part of the management area shoreward of a line connecting the following points (see Appendix A, Figure 2, of this part):

Point	North Latitude	West Longitude
B ¹	26°16'	81°58.5'
C	26°00'	82°04'
D	25°09'	81°47.6'
E	24°54.5'	81°50.5'
M ¹	24°49.3'	81°46.4'

¹ On the seaward limit of Florida's waters.

§ 654.24 Shrimp/stone crab separation zones.

Five zones are established in the management area and Florida's waters off Citrus and Hernando Counties for the separation of shrimp trawling and stone crab trapping. The zones are as shown in Appendix A, Figure 3, of this part. Although Zone II is entirely within Florida's waters, it is included in this section and Appendix A, Figure 3, of this part for the convenience of fishermen. Restrictions that apply to Zone II and those parts of the other zones that are in Florida's waters are contained in Rule 46–38.001, Florida Administrative Code. Geographical coordinates of the points referred to in this paragraph and shown in Appendix A, Figure 3, of this part are as follows (loran readings are unofficial and are included only for the convenience of fishermen):

Point	North latitude	West longitude	Loran Chain 7980			
			W	X	Y	Z
A	28°59'30"	82°45'36"	14416.5	31409.4	45259.1	62895.3
B	28°59'30"	83°00'10"	14396.0	31386.3	45376.8	63000.0
C	28°26'01"	82°59'47"	14301.5	31205.9	45103.2	63000.0
D	28°26'01"	82°56'54"	14307.0	31212.2	45080.0	62981.3
E	28°41'39"	82°55'25"	14353.7	31300.2	45193.9	62970.0
F	28°41'39"	82°56'09"	14352.4	31298.6	45199.4	62975.0
G	28°48'56"	82°56'19"	14372.6	31337.2	45260.0	62975.0
H	28°53'51"	82°51'19"	14393.9	31371.8	45260.0	62938.7
I	28°54'43"	82°44'52"	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
J	28°51'09"	82°44'00"	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)