

## **N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries Approved Terrapin Bycatch Reduction Devices**

Devices are required within Diamondback Terrapin Management Areas March 1 – October 31

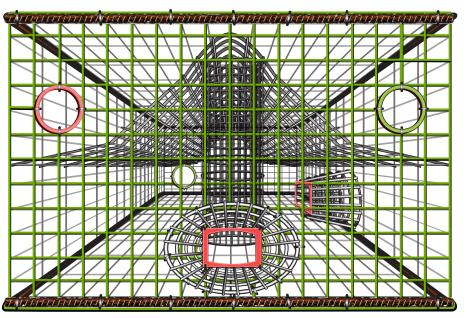
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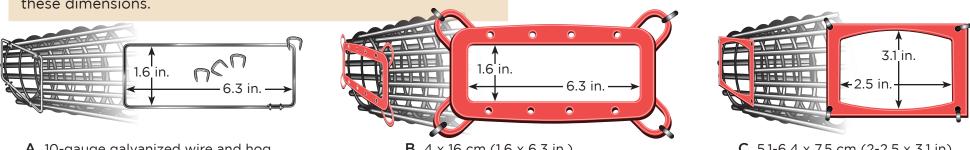
- (A.) Any shell height limiting excluders made from at least 10-gauge galvanized wire and hog rings with an internal opening no larger than 4 x 16 cm (1.6 x 6.3 in.) height by width:
- (B.) Any pre-made plastic shell height limiting excluder devices with an internal opening no larger than 4 x 16 **cm (1.6 x 6.3 in.)** height by width;
- (C.) or the pre-made plastic shell width limiting "SC design" measuring 5.1-6.4 x 7.5 cm (2-2.5 x 3.1 in)

Devices must be securely attached by at least the four corners and used in all pot funnels.

A separate terrapin excluder device would not be required in a crab pot fished within a DTMA if all funnel openings in that pot were modified to measure no larger than the maximum internal opening of an Approved Terrapin Bycatch Reduction Device, and the funnel openings are made rigid in a manner to maintain these dimensions.

## FOR ALL CRAB POTS





A. 10-gauge galvanized wire and hog rings 4 x 16 cm (1.6 x 6.3 in.)

**B.** 4 x 16 cm (1.6 x 6.3 in.)

For more information about crab pot requirements contact Blue Crab species lead biologist Daniel Zapf Daniel.Zapf@ncdenr.gov 252-948-3874

**C.** 5.1-6.4 x 7.5 cm (2-2.5 x 3.1 in)