

Crab Pots Removed, 2003-2021				
Year	D1 - Northern District	D2 - Central District	D3 - Southern District	Total
2003	4047	900	127	5074
2004	7708*	527	108	8343
2005	2168	N/A	N/A	2168
2006	1117	391	24	1532
2007	896	135	24	1055
2008	757	190	110	1057
2009	589	257	60	906
2010	570	154	24	748
2011	656	183	141	980
2012	684	160	295	1139
2013	451	445	545	1441
2014	364	64	226	654
2015	1004	149	155	1308
2016	753	80	70	903
2017	2,836	1,219	249	4304
2018	2,245	1,004	247	3496
2019	1,714	1,159	239	3112
2020	n/a	n/a	n/a	**
2021	2,243	766	119	3128
*During the winter of 2004, the high number of lost pots encountered appears to be a result of Hurricane Isabel (Sept. 2003).				
**Funding was not available for contracted cleanup efforts in 2020.				
NC Coastal Federation Lost Fishing Gear Recovery Efforts				

D1- Northern coast from Virginia state line, Manteo to Swanquarter including the Outer Banks to Ocracoke

D2 - Central Area from Pungo River, Neuse River, New Bern, Morehead City to Emerald Isle

D3 - Southern Area from Cape Carteret, New River, Cape Fear River, Wilmington to the S.C. line