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## **Blue Crab Bait**

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### **Description:**

LSU AgCenter scientists have invented a new bait to help catch blue crabs. The bait works particularly well on the Louisiana blue crab but shows promise for other varieties. The crab is typically caught with menhaden fish, which can have a higher price and lower supply due to their usefulness as bait, a fish oil source, and food. The new bait uses materials such as shrimp waste, a byproduct of shrimp production, to create a low-cost alternative with recycled materials. This could be a valuable addition to crab fisheries in the Gulf and East Coasts.

### **Advantages:**

- Lower cost
- Recycles waste products

### **Commercial Uses:**

- Blue crab bait

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