Diamondback terrapins are attracted to the bait in crab pots, and enter them the same way a crab does. Terrapins, like all turtles, breathe air, so a trapped terrapin will drown. Terrapin Excluder Devices (TEDs) work by stopping most terrapins from entering crab pots while still allowing crabs through.

NYS regulations require that TEDs measuring 4-¾" x 1-¾" be installed on all funnel entrances of non-collapsible crab pots set in creeks, coves, rivers, tributaries, and near-shore harbors of the Marine and Coastal District.

For more information about where TEDs are required and full blue crab regulations, see http://bit.ly/saltwaterfishregs