

## Buck's Online

### The Watermen: Crab Tongs

Crab tongs are used to pick up live crabs in order to protect hands from crab pinchers (10). The crab tongs mentioned in this price list from Buck's cost \$1.95. We have no record of what decade these tongs would have been available for sale, but for comparison, a pair of crab tongs from Bass Pro Shops today costs \$5.49; prices have inflated, indicating these tongs were not for sale in a recent decade (11). Guinea watermen deal with the catching and sale of Chesapeake crabs, so crab tongs would be part of their tool set. The recurring theme of crab tools alongside records of crab being locally sold indicates that this was a highlighted catch for watermen.

Pictured below: The full picture of the tongs pricing list.

