Measuring Crayfish Carapace Length

Crayfish size is most commonly measured as total carapace length, the distance from the tip of the rostrum (nose) to the end of the carapace (see signal crayfish below).

Manual calipers are used by sliding the movable arm so the jaws of the calipers fit around the carapace. The main reading (1 mm) is read by finding the closest value above the “0” on the movable arm. In the figure below the carapace length is 22 mm.