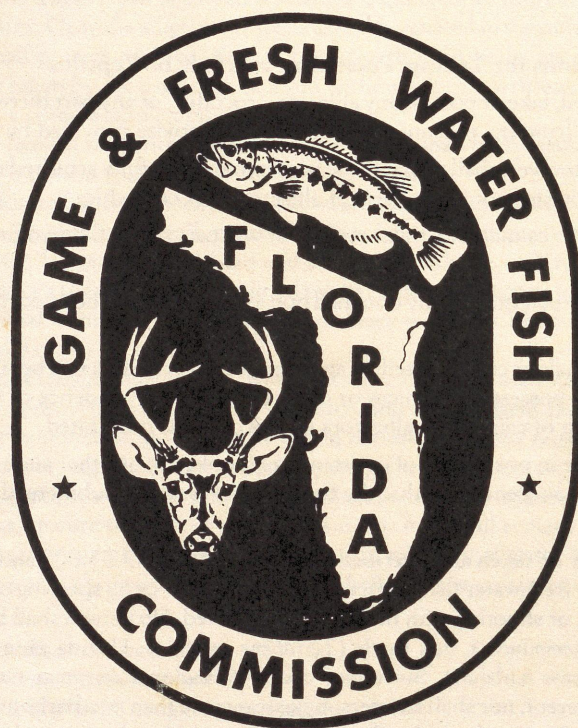


ALLIGATOR REGULATIONS 1989-90



39-24.004 Fur and Hide Dealers: Operations, Reporting Requirements

(1) No fur or hide dealer or buyer shall buy or possess any untanned skin of any fur-bearing animal acquired from any person not licensed in accordance with s. 372.57(2)(h) and (2)(i), F.S., or any untanned hide of an alligator acquired from any person not licensed as an alligator trapper, processor or farmer under s. 372.6673, F.S. or as a hide dealer under 372.66, F.S. Every fur or hide dealer shall maintain written records of all purchases of untanned skins of any animal as set forth in subsection (2). Untanned skins possessed or stored on the premises of a dealer or agent buyer for another person shall be tagged to show the name, address, date received and license number of the owner.

(2) Fur and hide dealers and their agents shall file reports with the executive director as follows: separate reports for December 1 through 15, December 16 through 31, January, February and March which shall be filed within ten days following each report period. Dealers and their agents dealing in raccoon, opossum, skunk, nutria or beaver during the period of April 1 to November 30 shall file a report for that period no later than December 10. Dealers and their agents dealing in alligator hides shall file a report each 14 days during the open season for alligators as specified in 39-25.042 and an annual summary by January 30. Report forms will be furnished by the commission and will contain the fur dealer's or agent's name, address and telephone number; the seller's name, date of transaction, furbearer license number, address, and number of hides of each species purchased. Copies of these reports shall be maintained by dealers and agents at their places of business throughout the furbearer season.

(3) Alligator hides may only be purchased in accordance with rule 39-25.021.

(4) The written records of fur and hide transactions shall be made available for inspection by wildlife officers during regular business hours. No fur and hide dealer or agent shall refuse, obstruct or interfere with such inspection.

(5) Failure to comply with these reporting or inspection requirements will constitute grounds for revocation of current license or denial of any license relating to buying and selling furbearers or alligator hides during the subsequent regulatory year.

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39-25.002 General Provisions for Taking, Possession and Sale of Reptiles

(1) No person shall buy, sell, take or possess any alligator, crocodile, or any part thereof, or the nests or eggs of any alligator or crocodile except under permit from the executive director or as otherwise provided by these rules.

(2) Nothing in this rule, however, shall prohibit the possession of lawfully acquired cured and mounted trophies and articles manufactured from the skins or hides or other parts of alligators and crocodiles.

(3) Any alligator, crocodile, caiman or similar reptile, or any part thereof, seized or otherwise acquired by the commission may be sold.

(4) Alligators, or any parts thereof, lawfully obtained outside the state may be imported only under permit from the executive director.

(5) The records of individuals or concerns selling any species of crocodilian will be subject to inspection and such individuals or concerns shall have in their possession invoices or other documentary evidence of the suppliers of such crocodilians. The advertisement or representation of caimans as alligators or crocodiles is prohibited.

(6) No person shall use, be in possession of or attend any hook, peg or other such device baited in such a manner as to be capable of taking alligators and suspended so that the bait is above water or submerged less than six inches except as otherwise provided in Rule 39-25.032.

(7) Freshwater turtles may be taken as prescribed in 39-23.012 and 39-23.003 and manually or by baited hooks, bow, dip nets, traps so designed that any freshwater fish taken therein may escape, or by spearing only during daylight hours. The taking of turtles by bucket traps, snares, or shooting with firearms is prohibited. No person shall buy, sell, or possess for sale any alligator snapping turtle (*Macrolemys temmincki*), box turtle (*Terrapene carolina*), Florida pine snake (*Pituophis melanoleucus mugitus*), Barbour's map turtle (*Graptemys barbouri*), Suwannee cooter (*Pseudemys concinna suwanniensis*), or loggerhead musk turtle (*Sternotherus minor*), or parts thereof, nor shall any person possess more than two Barbour's map turtles or Suwannee cooters, two box turtles Gulf Coast box turtles, two loggerhead musk turtles, one Florida pine snake, or one alligator snapping turtle unless authorized by permit from the executive director.

(8) No person shall buy, sell, take or possess any gopher tortoise (*Gopherus polyphemus*), or any part thereof, unless authorized by permit from the executive director.

(9) Possession of gopher tortoises may be authorized by permit from the executive director when the owner can demonstrate that such tortoise(s) was (were) legally acquired and possessed before July 1, 1988.

(10) No person shall possess any turtle or tortoise on which paint has been applied to its shell or body parts, provided that water-soluble, non-toxic identifying marking may be used in turtle racing contests.

(11) The use of gasoline or other potentially toxic substances to drive reptiles from their retreats is prohibited.

(12) Reptiles may be taken throughout the year in any manner not conflicting with other provisions of these rules.

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39-25.003 Taking and Disposal of Nuisance-Alligators Statewide

(1) No person other than nuisance-alligator trappers designated by the executive director shall take, possess and kill alligators as authorized herein. No nuisance-alligator trapper shall take, possess or kill any alligator except as authorized herein.

(2) Qualification and liability of nuisance-alligator trappers:

(a) Shall reside in the region where the nuisance-alligator trapper is authorized to take, possess or kill alligators.

(b) Shall possess the experience and ability to handle wild alligators.

(c) Shall be capable of supplying all equipment necessary to take alligators.

(d) Shall have sufficient time to adequately and efficiently take designated alligators.

(e) Shall not have been convicted of violating any law or rule relating to the illegal taking of crocodilians within five years of the date of application, or within ten years of the date of application if such conviction involved endangered crocodilians.

(f) Shall assume personal liability for health, welfare and safety while acting as a nuisance-alligator trapper.

(g) Those persons employed by alligator farms or engaged in alligator farming or alligator exhibits shall not be eligible to participate as a nuisance-alligator trapper. However, nothing herein shall prohibit the employment of nuisance-alligator trappers by alligator farm permittees for the taking of alligators or alligator eggs from the wild in accordance with commission rules.

(3) Selection and review:

(a) Applicants and qualifications for appointment shall be reviewed by a selection board appointed in each region by the executive director. The board shall conduct a personal interview and consider each applicant's qualification and personal background. The names of those applicants nominated by the board shall be submitted to the executive director for final consideration and appointment. The number of appointments shall be based on need.

(b) Selected nuisance-alligator trappers shall enter into a contract and be licensed as an alligator trapper under s. 372.6673, F.S., to take and possess alligators in accordance with this rule.

(4) Conditions governing operations of authorized nuisance-alligator trappers:

(a) The nuisance-alligator trapper will be issued a permit assigning in writing a specific nuisance alligator complaint by the designated regional coordinator. Only the alligator(s) specifically designated in the nuisance-alligator complaint may be taken. No nuisance-alligator trapper shall possess any live alligator for more than 24 hours except as directed by the coordinator.

(b) No alligator shall be taken by the use or aid of a gun without specific written authorization, unless the nuisance-alligator trapper is in the presence of a commission employee.

(c) A nuisance-alligator harvest tag furnished by the commission shall be immediately attached to any alligator killed by the nuisance-alligator trapper. No person shall possess any untagged alligator hide.

(d) Alligators shall be skinned only at specific designated sites and in accordance with specific written skinning instructions provided by the commission. The hides of the alligators taken may be held by the nuisance-alligator trapper at a designated specific site for purposes of salt curing, but shall be validated and sold in accordance with rule 39-25.021.

(e) The meat of the alligators taken may be consumed by the nuisance-alligator trapper or his immediate family but shall not be sold or transferred unless such meat is processed in accordance with rule 39-25.052 and, if sold, such sale is conducted in accordance with rule 39-25.051.

(f) Each nuisance-alligator trapper may be assisted by not more than four assistants and one licensed alligator trapping agent provided that each person is approved by the executive director, and that no agent shall operate or conduct any trapping activity except in the presence of the nuisance-alligator trapper unless authorized by the regional coordinator in emergency situations.

(g) Nuisance alligator harvest tags shall remain the property of the commission until affixed as provided herein. No person except an authorized nuisance-alligator trapper and his agent shall possess any nuisance-alligator harvest tag at any time, and such nuisance-alligator trapper shall insure that all harvest tags issued to him shall remain in his or his agent's possession.

(h) Assignments of alligators to be taken and the issuance of nuisance alligator harvest tags to a nuisance-alligator trapper shall be discontinued upon receipt of verified information and belief by the executive director that the nuisance-alligator trapper has:

1. Attempted to generate alligator complaints

2. Taken alligators in excess of authorization

3. Failed to promptly respond to an assigned complaint

4. Been convicted of a violation of any regulation concerned with the commercialization of wildlife or freshwater fish

5. Violated any portion of this rule

6. Acted incompetently in carrying out the responsibilities of his assignments. Following a review by the appropriate regional review board in which the alleged misconduct is confirmed, the contract of the nuisance-alligator trapper shall be breached and terminated.

(5) Sale of alligator parts: Parts of alligators may only be sold in accordance with rules 39-25.051 and 39-25.007.

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39-25.004 Regulations Governing the Operation of Alligator Farms

Alligator farms may be established and operated and alligators, eggs, and hides may be possessed only under permit by the executive director subject to the following restrictions and conditions:

(1) General provisions:

- (a) The premises of alligator farms shall be subject to inspection by commission personnel at any time.
- (b) Complete written records of all changes in alligator stock shall be kept and made available for examination by commission personnel. Shipping tickets, invoices or bills of lading shall be maintained to show source of supply or disposition of alligator stock.
- (c) No permittee or his or her employee shall receive or transfer any alligator, eggs, or hides without a transportation permit from the executive director.
- (d) The permittee shall disclose ownership of alligators and provide documentation of inventory of initial and subsequent numbers of all alligator eggs and alligators, including breeding females and offspring. Documentation shall be sufficient to demonstrate the inventory is commensurate with production and survival levels for captive populations as measured against professionally accepted biological standards.
- (e) Permits to establish and operate alligator farms are not transferable except when incident to sale or other ownership transfer of the facility, and to individuals meeting the criteria established by Commission rule.
- (f) The permittee shall provide security of facility premises necessary to ensure that no alligators, eggs, or parts thereof can be moved in or out of the alligator farm without the permittee's knowledge.
- (g) An Alligator Farm Annual Report (GFC Form 1000AF, effective August 10, 1987) shall be completed at the conclusion of each calendar year and submitted to the Commission's Division of Law Enforcement by January 31 of the following year.
- (h) Alligator farm permittees shall be licensed at a fee of \$250.00 as required by s. 372.6673, F.S.
- (i) The executive director shall not issue an alligator farm permit to any person who has been convicted of any violation of s. 372.663 or s. 372.664, F.S., or the rules of the commission relating to the illegal taking of any crocodylian species:
 - 1. For five (5) years following such conviction, or;
 - 2. For ten (10) years following, if such conviction involves the taking of an endangered crocodylian species. The executive director shall revoke any alligator farm permit of persons convicted of any violation of s. 372.663 or s. 372.664, F.S., or the rules of the commission relating to the illegal taking of any crocodylian species.
- (j) Upon revocation of an alligator farm permit as provided in s. 39-5.004, the permittee shall have six (6) months to dispose of legally acquired alligator stock. Alligator stock may not be disposed of to corporations or partnerships to which the permittee is a principle.
 - (2) Specifications for alligator farms:
 - (a) Pens or holding facilities shall be constructed in a manner to prevent the escape of any alligator contained in such pen or facility or entrance by any alligator from outside such pen or facility.
 - (b) The permittee shall provide rearing tanks (of concrete, fiberglass, plastic or metal construction) for alligators less than four (4) feet in length. Alligators less than two (2) feet in length shall be housed separately from those two (2) to four (4) feet in length. Onsite propagation facilities will also provide ponds, nest sites and spacing for breeding adults and artificial incubators.
 - (c) The permittee shall make all alligator eggs produced on the farm available for inspection by August 1 of each nesting year. All alligator eggs shall be in containers having not more than one layer of eggs at one incubation facility on each alligator farm. Only viable alligator eggs will be credited to the egg inventory. Eggs laid after August 1 may be collected and added to the egg inventory only if egg development characteristics indicate a laying date after August 1, and nests are verified by commission personnel prior to being collected.
 - (d) Alligator farm permittees shall furnish alligator housing of sufficient size and design as provided by s. 39-6.004, such that alligators shall be kept in a humane and sanitary manner.
 - (3) Additional specifications for alligator farms eligible to receive alligator eggs and hatchlings taken from the wild:
 - (a) Alligator hatchlings of the year shall be marked according to specifications provided by the Commission and shall be kept separate from older alligators until March 31 of the following year.
 - (b) Rearing tanks shall contain dry and wet areas of sufficient surface area to permit all alligators to completely submerge in water and completely exit from water and orient in any direction without touching the sides of the tank(s).
 - (c) Rearing tank(s) must be readily drainable for purposes of inventory.
 - (d) A minimum of 2,000 square feet of rearing tank(s) shall be provided.
 - (4) Permits for alligator farms eligible to receive alligator eggs and hatchlings taken from the wild:
 - (a) A maximum of thirty (30) permits may be issued to applicants on a first-come, first-served basis as determined by receipt of a written application. Upon notification that an applicant is first on the list to receive a permit and that a permit is available, the applicant shall have 10 days to purchase a farming license and 180 days to ensure completion of a commission inspection and determination that the applicant's alligator farm facilities meet specifications provided in s. 39-25.004(3), F.A.C.
 - (b) After the issuance of all permits referenced in 39-25.004(4)(a), the commission shall maintain on a first-come, first-served basis a waiting list of additional applicants. Applicants wishing to maintain their status on said waiting list must notify the commission in writing between December 1 and December 31 of each year. As additional permits for alligator farms eligible to receive alligator eggs and hatchlings from the wild become available, the executive director may issue permits to qualified applicants on said waiting list contingent upon a commission inspection as provided in (4)(a).
 - (c) No person shall be issued more than one permit for an alligator farm eligible to receive alligator eggs and hatchlings taken from the wild.
 - (d) Permits for alligator farms eligible to receive alligator eggs and hatchlings taken from the wild are not transferable except when incident to sale or other ownership transfer of the permittee's facility.

39-25.021 Regulations Governing the Validation and Sale of Alligator Hides

(1) The hides of alligators taken from the wild and possessed under the provisions of rules 39-25.003, 39-25.032, 39-25.042 or 39-25.052 must be validated and a validation tag fee of \$30 per hide, as required by s. 372.6674, F.S., paid to the commission under the conditions set forth herein:

(a) Alligator hides may only be transferred to licensed fur and hide dealers following validation, at validation sites or other sites approved by the executive director.

(b) The commission shall provide at least three validation sites during October of each year, and a minimum of two additional validations from January 1 to September 1 of each year. Each validation site will provide adequate space for hide inspection. The commission shall also validate hides, affix validation tags, and collect at the time of validation \$30 for each hide validated.

(2) Alligator trappers, their licensed agent(s) or licensed alligator processors may pool a minimum of 200 alligator hides for the purposes of hide validation at a state-sanctioned private validation. Private validations may be authorized by the commission under the following conditions:

(a) A written request shall be submitted to the commission a minimum of 30 days in advance of the proposed private validation, and shall include the location and approximate number of hides to be validated.

(b) Persons requesting private validations shall provide suitable covered validation sites, equipment, materials and labor to assist the commission in accomplishing the validation of hides in a timely, proper and efficient manner. Failure of persons requesting private validations to comply with the requirements of this subsection, as determined by the executive director, shall constitute grounds for denial of future requests by any and all such participants.

(c) Upon approval of a private validation by the executive director, the commission shall validate hides and collect the tag fees at the designated site.

(3) Conditions governing the validation and sale of alligator hides.

(a) Hides of alligators taken under rules 39-25.032 and 39-25.042 shall be validated no later than 30 days following the close of harvest periods specified in subject rules except as otherwise provided by permit. The hide of any alligator taken under rule 39-25.003 shall be validated no later than 185 days following the day the alligator was taken.

(b) Persons licensed or permitted to take, process, or possess alligators or their hides shall deliver the hides of said alligators and corresponding copies of alligator harvest report forms (GFC form 1001AT, effective April 1, 1988, provided by the commission) to a designated alligator hide validation site for the purpose of hide validation, as specified under subsection (3)(a) of this rule.

(c) Failure of a licensed alligator trapper, alligator trapping agent, or alligator processor to have any alligator hide validated as prescribed herein shall be in violation of this rule and said alligator hide(s) shall be subject to seizure and forfeiture to the commission under the provisions of s. 372.73, F.S.

(d) Alligator hides may only be sold to fur and hide dealers licensed under s. 372.66, F.S. and by persons licensed under 372.66 or 372.6673, F.S. Fur and hide dealers shall maintain records of the hide tag numbers and the name and the license number of persons from whom the hides were obtained.

(4) Only validated alligator hides may be tanned, taxidermy mounted, or exported from the state.

(5) Alligator hide validation tags shall remain the property of the commission prior to being affixed to hides. Hide validation tags shall be used only one time and no person, other than designated commission employees, may possess unused hide validation tags.

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39-25.031 Regulations Governing the Collection of Alligator Eggs and Hatchlings from the Wild

(1) Persons taking alligator eggs and hatchlings from the wild shall meet the following criteria:

(a) Be licensed as an alligator farmer pursuant to s. 372.6673, F.S. and permitted to operate an alligator farm eligible to receive eggs and hatchlings taken from the wild pursuant to s. 39-25.004(4), or be licensed as an alligator farmer agent pursuant to s. 372.6673, F.S.

(b) Not have been convicted of any violation of F.S. 372.663, or F.S. 372.664 or the rules of the commission relating to the illegal taking of crocodylian species for a period of five years prior to application, or if such violation involves the taking of an endangered crocodylian species, for a period of ten years prior to application.

(c) Possess a current hatchling harvest permit and current hatchling tags.

(2) Only alligator farm permittees permitted under s. 39-25.004(4) and their agents licensed under Florida law shall be authorized to take alligator hatchlings. Only alligator hatchlings from locales specifically designated by a hatchling harvest permit issued by the commission may be taken by permittees and their agents. No person shall take, transport or possess wild alligator hatchlings except as authorized by this section or by permit from the executive director.

(3) Conditions governing alligator hatchling harvest operations:

(a) Alligator hatchling harvest quota limits will be established by the executive director for individual counties or other specified management units. Permittees will identify their preferred collection areas and total number of alligator hatchlings requested on application forms (GFC Form 1001AF, effective date August 10, 1987) provided by the commission. Completed applications shall be received by the commission by June 15 each year. A random drawing will be held to determine the first choice of counties or management units to be assigned when more than one applicant requests the same area. A list of alternate permittees as determined by the random drawing will be established for each collection area.

(b) Assigned alligator hatchling collection areas may be voluntarily surrendered or, transferred to other permittees permitted under s. 39-25.004(4), provided that a written request for such surrender or transfer and payment for transferred area quotas is submitted to the commission by September 1 of each year and subsequently approved by the executive director.

(c) Assignment of alligator hatchling collection areas to permittees will be conducted at least once every three (3) years.

(d) Each permittee selected in the assignment process will be authorized to receive a hatchling harvest permit and a number of hatchling tags equal to the combined harvest quotas for the hatchling collection areas assigned to him. Each permittee shall remit hatchling tag fees by September 1 of each year for the total number of hatchling tags he is authorized to receive. Upon receipt of the total hatchling tag fees due, the commission will issue a hatchling harvest permit and the total authorized number of hatchling tags to the permittee. The fee for alligator hatchling tags provided under this section shall be fixed, pursuant to s. 372.6674, F.S., at a cost of \$15 each.

(e) Alligator hatchling collection areas and their associated harvest quotas for which hatchling tag fees are not received by September 1 of each year shall revert to a pool of available collection areas and may be reassigned to the alternates identified under subsection (3)(a) of this rule, except that any new permittee not previously assigned collection areas shall be given priority in the reassignment of available collection areas until each new permittee is assigned the minimum quota established each year under subsection (3)(h).

(f) If a permittee fails to collect at least 40 percent of the hatchling harvest quota for any hatchling collection area assigned to him, the executive director may make those hatchling collection areas available for reassignment in the following year.

(g) Permittees shall obtain and maintain in their possession or the possession of their agents alligator hatchling tags from the commission in a quantity not to exceed their assigned alligator hatchling harvest quota for the time specified by their permit.

(h) The executive director will annually establish the maximum and minimum numbers of alligator hatchlings that a permittee may request and take.

(i) Prior to collection activities, permittees or their agents shall notify the commission's regional law enforcement commander or his designee in the appropriate commission regional office of the locations and times of their collection activities.

(j) Alligator hatchlings shall be immediately tagged upon capture with alligator hatchling tags. A hatchling collection form (GFC Form 1002AF, effective date August 10, 1987) provided by the commission must be completed prior to leaving the collection site and shall accompany the hatchlings at all times until they are delivered to the permittee's alligator farm. Hatchling collection forms shall be submitted to the commission by November 16. No person shall possess any untagged alligator hatchlings acquired pursuant to this section.

(k) Alligator hatchlings shall be transported and housed in suitable facilities as provided in s. 39-6.005 and transported to the permitted alligator farm within fifteen (15) days following collection. Alligator hatchlings acquired pursuant to subsection (3) of this rule shall be maintained at the permittee's facility until March 31 of the following year.

(l) All unused alligator hatchling tags issued pursuant to this section shall be returned to the commission by November 16 each year.

(m) Alligator hatchling collections may be conducted under the conditions set forth under this section from September 15 through November 1.

(n) Alligator hatchling tags issued to a permittee shall remain the sole property of the commission until attached as provided herein and may be possessed only by the permittee or his licensed agent(s) prior to such attachment. The permittee shall be strictly liable to insure that all alligator hatchling tags remain in his possession, or the possession of his licensed agent(s).

(o) Permittees or their agent(s) shall not collect wild alligator hatchlings until the commission conducts a total captive hatchling production inventory on the permittee's alligator farm.

(4) Conditions governing the establishment and assignment of alligator nest collection quotas:

(a) Alligator nest collection areas and annual harvest quotas shall be established by the executive director based on on-site inventories conducted by commission biologists.

(b) No more than 50% of the nests in an alligator nest collection area may be collected annually.

(c) Egg collection permits shall be issued for no more than two groups of eligible alligator farmers.

(d) Eligible farmers wishing to participate in egg collections shall identify, by April 1 of each year, the collection group and the person they recommend to be permitted as the egg collection coordinator (herein referred to as coordinator). The executive director shall designate the coordinator for each collection group. The coordinator shall be permitted to direct and conduct egg collections on behalf of the participants in the collection group. The coordinator(s) shall be solely responsible for making fee payments, informing participants in the collection group of permit requirements, and meeting reporting requirements.

(e) Farmers in each collection group shall be given equal opportunity to participate in the egg collection and distribution.

(f) The number of nests assigned to a collection group will be based on the proportion of farms participating in the collection group.

(g) Prior to issuance of a harvest authorization, the coordinator(s) shall submit fee payment to the commission for a minimum of 35 egg permits at a cost of \$5 each for each alligator nest assigned to the collection group, and shall request approval from the Executive Director of collection dates and access points for each collection area.

(5) Conditions governing alligator egg collections:

(a) Alligator egg collections may be conducted only for 30 days following the date of permit issuance from locations specified in a harvest authorization permit.

(b) Egg collections shall only be conducted under the supervision of commission personnel and shall be directed from an aircraft provided by the coordinator in which seat space is made available for a commission employee. Pilot must be commercial rated and insured in specified aircraft and operate under Federal Aviation Regulation 135.

1989 ALLIGATOR FARM INVENTORY SUMMARY

ALLIGATOR FARM	OWNER	CITY	PRIVATE MET. HATCH COLL.	ORPHANED EGGS	ORPHANED HATCHLINGS	OUT OF STATE HATCHLING	GRAND TOTAL HATCHLINGS	REPORTED MORTALITY	LIVE GATORS ACQUIRED (+)	LIVE GATORS DISPOSED (-)	TOTAL GATORS	HIDES TAGGED	MEAT PRODUCED	MEAT SOLD
ASHLEY ASSOCIATES	DON ASHLEY	TALLAHASSEE	0	0	0	0	597	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BABCOX FLORIDA CO.	PETER ARNOLD	PUNTA GORDA	0	0	0	0	1170	0	100	0	601	97	0	0
WAYNE H. BECK	WAYNE BECK	MOOREHAVEN	0	0	0	0	1059	0	0	0	1524	0	0	0
BIG GATOR RANCH	RON NELSON	IMMERNESS	0	0	0	0	3135	127	1076	283	1994	0	0	0
BONNY FARMS	JOE TILLYAN	LAKE PLACID	0	0	0	0	54	3	44	1	3841	50	0	0
BUSCH GARDENS	RON REYNOLDS	TAMPA	0	0	0	0	758	10	0	0	151	4	0	0
CIRCLE N FARMS	DONALD NELSON	BUSHNELL	0	0	0	0	3419	151	389	0	1216	1979	13556	13556
CLARROCK FARMS	TIN KEAGAN	CHRISTMAS	0	0	0	0	100	0	104	0	0	0	0	0
CULSON GATOR FARM	FLYNN COLSON	BROOKSVILLE	0	0	0	0	696	3	350	0	846	0	0	0
CYPRESS CREEK FARMS	SCOTT ANDERSON	STARKE	0	0	0	0	746	15	1	286	3251	300	3402	2984
C.S.T. GATOR FARM	DON MORGAN	KEYSTONE HTS	0	0	0	0	194	33	0	0	1772	4	0	0
DAVID A EVANS	DAVID EVANS	HOMERVILLE GA.	0	0	0	0	532	31	0	0	1299	22	113	8
ARTHUR JONES ENTER.	KEN EARNEST	ANTHONY	0	0	0	0	947	0	79	1004	2915	75	1140	1140
DANIELSON GATOR FARM	ARCHIE SMITH	DUNNELLON	0	0	0	0	5	2	0	0	115	0	0	0
EVERGLADE TOURS INC.	JOHN HUDSON	HOMESTEAD	0	0	0	0	0	-11	65	41	60	0	0	0
EVERGLADE WONDER BAR.	LESTER PIPER	BONITA SPRINGS	0	0	0	0	1371	175	3580	574	3381	4400	28237	18128
FLORIDA'S CYPRESS BAR.	ANDY KOZAKULIS	CYPRESS BAR.	0	0	0	0	2030	26	111	3819	6228	0	0	0
FLYING P RANCH	G.O. PARROT	BUSHNELL	0	0	0	0	1586	0	1601	0	225	0	0	0
FOSTER FARMS INC.	KEVIN FOSTER	OKEECHOBEE	0	0	0	0	1485	0	457	62	4607	3300	25251	18934
FRANKS GATOR FARM	PATRICIA FRANKS	OSTEEN	0	0	0	0	776	29	60	186	1861	1150	12588	9107
FROELICH'S GATOR FARM	EDWIN FROELICH	CHRISTMAS	0	0	0	0	835	4	240	46	2165	84	1720	1720
GATOR ADRES, INC.	CRIG LYON	BAINESVILLE	0	0	0	0	710	0	0	0	787	151	2144	1717
GATOR JANS INC.	JAY HILDEN	DELAND	0	0	0	0	1183	201	795	0	3976	1122	600	6920
GATOR JUNGLE OF PLANT	TRACY HOWELL	DOMER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	1	11679	10224
GATORRIVA	DAVID THELLEN	PALMDALE	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0
GATORLAND ZOO	FRANK GOETH	ORLANDO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GOPES GATOR FARM	FRANK GOPES	TAMPA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
HERPETOFAUNA	FRANK GOPES	N.F.T. WERS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
HILLTOP FARMS	LAULER WELLS	AVON PARK	160	0	0	0	5375	41	1	2651	11493	1314	6157	4220
HINES, TOMMY	TOMMY HINES	NEARBERY	0	0	0	0	623	1	59	160	1628	0	0	0
HONELL ALLIGATOR FARM	JOHN HONELL	DOVER	0	0	0	0	1926	841	0	707	4899	811	5180	3745
HUNT'S ALLIGATOR BR	CLYDE HUNT	BUSHNELL	0	0	0	0	41	2	0	0	283	0	0	0
JAM GAME FARM	JAMES POSEY	PALMDALE	0	0	0	0	458	12	6	1650	75	613	311	0
JIM GATOR FARM	MADLINE POSEY	PALMDALE	0	0	0	0	494	0	247	0	907	0	0	0
KACKLEY GATOR FARM	STEVE KACKLEY	SEBRING	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LEE, DRENNAN CRAWFORD	D.C. LEE	WILKWOOD	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	144	0	0	0
LIFESTONE FARMS	LOIS HOWELL	ARCADIA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	56	0	0	0
N.A. OSTRICH	GARY LEVINE	LIVE OAK	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PARKER ISLAND GATOR	WILLIAM TILLYAN	LAKE PLACID	0	0	0	0	0	45	585	1039	4680	466	6319	6319
PELLA'S GATOR FARM 1	EUGENE PELLA	SEBRING	0	0	0	0	1125	0	0	260	2157	0	0	0
PELLA'S GATOR FARM 2	EUGENE PELLA	SEBRING	0	0	0	0	267	22	0	0	651	0	0	0
PELT'S AND SKINS	PETER BISGARD	LOUSTANA	0	0	0	0	1051	0	100	244	3211	391	2175	0
RAYFIELD GROVES	JACK RAYFIELD	MERRITT ISLAND	0	0	0	0	750	10	6	10	360	0	0	0
RUSSELL GATOR FARM	TOMMY RUSSELL	OSTEEN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2728	85	1185	628
ST. AUGUSTINE ALL. FARM	MARK VISE	ST. AUGUSTINE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SWAMPY ADRES	KEN GETIGER	SEBRING	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TYSON, JAY	TYSON, JAY	PINETTA	0	0	0	0	25	0	0	0	216	0	0	0
WOOTEN, RAYMOND	RAYMOND WOOTEN	OCHOPEE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

SUBTOTAL	MEANS PER FARM	# OF FARMS
160	35127	1842
5534	10170	14093
123	224	313
44	44	44
44	44	44
16385	92750	16385
2853	2027	364
44	44	44
44	44	44
128379	96105	2136
44	44	44

(c) Only alligator farmers or their agents licensed under S. 372.6673 F.S., may assist in egg collection activities under the harvest authorization.

(d) The number of nests that may be opened shall not exceed the quota identified on the harvest authorization for each harvest area. All eggs from each opened nest shall be collected.

(e) All eggs collected each day shall be presented in a single layer for inspection to commission personnel at the designated exit point. The coordinator may select eggs to be retained and shall mark said eggs in a manner designated by the commission. A fee of \$5 per egg shall be assessed for every egg retained. All remaining eggs shall be surrendered to commission personnel at the exit point.

(f) The coordinator shall provide the commission personnel at the exit point an exact inventory of the number of eggs transported to each participating farm.

(g) Eggs collected under this section shall be incubated in containers separate from captive produced eggs. The coordinator(s) shall provide to the commission by October 15 of each year records of the number of eggs that were collected under this section that hatched at each participating farm.

Specific Authority: Art. V, Sec. 9, Fla. Const., 372.021, 372.6672, F.S. Law Implemented: Art. V, Sec. 9, Fla. Const., 372.6672, 372.6673, 372.6674, F.S. History: New 8-24-87, 6-7-88, 2-14-89

39-25.032 Regulations Governing the Establishment of Alligator Management Programs on Private Lands

Alligator management programs designed for the taking of alligator eggs and hatchlings and the trapping of adult alligators on private lands may only be established under permit from the executive director under the following conditions:

(1) Alligator Management Program Permits — Application and review procedures.

(a) The owner or authorized lessee of property containing not less than 1,000 acres of alligator habitat (as described in GFC form 1000PW) shall make written application, on forms provided by the commission (GFC form 1000PW, effective April 1988, is incorporated to the rule by reference and may be obtained from the commission's Tallahassee and regional offices), for an Alligator Management Program Permit by April 1 of each year. A group of landowners or authorized lessees may apply jointly provided the aggregate adjoining properties contain not less than 1,000 acres of alligator habitat.

(b) Alligator habitat inventories contained in said applications shall be compiled or verified by a wildlife biologist or other natural resource professional meeting the certification requirements of The Wildlife Society or other appropriate professional organizations with a certification program that requires adherence to a code of ethics. Adult alligator, hatchling and nest surveys contained in said applications shall be compiled or verified by a wildlife biologist meeting the certification requirements of The Wildlife Society.

(c) Upon review and approval of timely submitted applications, applicants meeting the criteria established herein shall be issued an Alligator Management Program Permit. The permit shall entitle the permittee or licensed persons designated in the application and their agent(s) to take alligators, their eggs or hatchlings from the permitted property, in accordance with the provisions of this rule.

(d) Permittees or designees, and their agent(s) shall be licensed in accordance with the provisions of s. 372.6673, F.S.

(2) Procedures governing the taking of adult alligators (alligators greater than four feet in length).

(a) A commission biologist shall review the Alligator Management Program Permit application and recommend to the executive director the number and sizes of adult alligators to be taken based upon the biological information contained therein.

(b) Upon approval of harvest quotas by the executive director, the commission shall furnish the permittee or his designee a harvest permit and an alligator harvest tag for each adult alligator to be taken from the approved area.

(c) Alligators greater than nine feet in length may be taken from May 1 through May 30, and alligators greater than four feet may be taken from September 1 through October 15 or as otherwise designated by permit.

(d) Alligators may be taken by the use of firearms, live traps, sethooks or snares; or harpoons, gigs, snatch hooks, and manually operated spears, spearguns, crossbows and bows with projectiles attached to a restraining line. The use of firearms other than bang sticks is prohibited from sunset to sunrise and in wetlands not wholly encompassed by privately owned lands.

(e) Alligators shall be killed and tagged immediately upon taking. An identifying alligator harvest tag issued by the commission shall be locked through the skin of the carcass within six (6) inches of the tip of the tail. The identifying alligator harvest tag shall remain attached to the alligator hide at all times, until validated in accordance with the provisions of rule 39-25.021. No person shall possess any untagged alligator hide.

(f) An alligator harvest report form (GFC form 1001AT, effective April 1988, is incorporated to the rule by reference and may be obtained from the commission's Tallahassee and regional offices), provided by the commission must be completed by the permittee within 24 hours of taking each alligator and prior to any transfer to a permitted alligator processing facility. A copy of the alligator harvest report form shall accompany the alligator hide at all times.

(3) Procedures governing the taking of alligator eggs and hatchlings.

(a) Alligator Management Program permittees wishing to harvest alligator eggs and/or hatchlings shall submit to the commission by August 1 of each year an alligator nest survey specified in the Application for Alligator Management Program Permit (GFC form 1000PW) and/or an alligator hatchling pod inventory specified in said application by November 1 of each year.

(b) Commission biologists shall assess the status of the alligator population based on available habitat and survey information provided by the permittee and recommend to the executive director the number of alligator eggs and/or hatchlings to be collected.

(c) Upon approval of quotas by the executive director, the commission shall issue the permittee or his designee a harvest permit and alligator hatchling tags or egg collection permits following receipt of hatchling tag or egg permit fees. Alligator hatchling tags provided under this subsection shall be fixed, pursuant to s. 372.6674, F.S., at a cost of \$7.50 each and alligator egg collection permits provided under this subsection shall be fixed, pursuant to s. 372.6673, F.S., at a cost of \$2.50 each.

(d) Alligator eggs and/or hatchlings may be taken only at the times and under the conditions set forth in the harvest permit. Hatchlings shall be tagged immediately upon taking or capture with an alligator hatchling tag.

(e) Persons issued harvest permits shall maintain complete records of eggs or hatchlings taken, and shall complete and return within 15 days an alligator transfer document (GFC form 1003AF, effective August 10, 1987) provided by the commission for eggs or hatchlings transferred to alligator farm facilities permitted under rule 39-25.004 (3).

(f) Alligator eggs or hatchlings taken under this rule may be retained for rearing by the landowner only under the provisions of rule 39-25.004 (3).

(4) Commission personnel shall be granted access to any lands or facilities permitted hereunder in order to verify application information submitted hereunder and to collect biological data on and specimens from alligators, their eggs or hatchlings, provided that specimens shall only be collected when necessary for the management of the species. All required records shall be made available to inspection by the commission.

(5) Harvest tags and hatchling tags remain the sole property of the commission until attached as provided herein, and may be possessed only by the permittee, his designee or their licensed agent(s) prior to such attachment. Egg collection permits may be possessed only by the permittee, his designee, or their licensed agent(s). The permittee shall be strictly liable to insure that all unused harvest tags, hatchling tags, and egg collection permits remain in his possession, or the possession of his designees or their licensed agent(s), and are returned to the commission within 15 days following the close of the harvest period designated in the harvest permit.

Specific Authority: Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const.; 372.021, 372.6672, F.S. Law Implemented: Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const.; 372.6672, 372.6673, 372.6674, F.S. History: New — 5-5-88, 2-14-89

39-25.042 Regulations Governing Statewide Alligator Trapping; Permitting, Taking and Sale

No person shall take adult alligators (those greater than four feet in length) from the wild except as provided herein and under other applicable rules of the commission.

(1) Only those persons licensed as required by s. 372.6673, F.S., and possessing a valid alligator harvest permit and alligator harvest tags may take alligators under this section. Alligator harvest permits and harvest tags shall be issued in accordance with the following:

(a) Alligator harvest permit applications (GFC form 1000AT, effective May 1, 1988, is incorporated to this rule by reference and may be obtained at the commission's Tallahassee and regional offices) shall be submitted to the commission by June 15 of each year.

(b) Applicants for alligator harvest permits shall:

1. Be 18 years of age or older.

2. Submit only one harvest permit application.

3. Not have been convicted of any violation of ss. 372.663 or 372.664, F.S., or rules of the commission relating to the illegal taking of any crocodylian species:

a. For a period of five (5) years preceding the date of application, or;

b. For a period of ten (10) years preceding the date of application if such conviction involved the taking of an endangered crocodylian species.

4. Identify their preferred harvest areas on the harvest permit application.

(c) Only management units comprised of specified wetlands, lakes, rivers or other water bodies that may be reasonably grouped for the purposes of study, analysis or management shall be open to harvest and such units shall be established by commission order. Annual harvest quotas for each management unit shall be established by commission order and shall be based upon an evaluation of on-site population inventories for each management unit. The harvest quota for a management unit shall not exceed 15 percent of the estimated harvestable population for that unit. For each quota of 15 alligators established in a management unit, one alligator harvest permit may be made available for issuance by random drawing.

(d) Alligator harvest permits will be issued based on a random drawing of applications received by the commission by June 15 of each year.

(e) Applicants selected to receive alligator harvest permits shall:

1. Purchase an alligator trapping license as required by s. 372.6673, F.S.

2. Request in writing the issuance of alligator trapping agent's licenses, at a cost of \$50 each (as required by s. 372.6673, F.S.), for each person that will take, possess or process adult alligators as their agent. No more than one agent may be requested.

(f) Alligator harvest permits and up to 15 alligator harvest tags shall be issued to selected applicants following purchase of an alligator trapping license and completion of the commission-sponsored training program required in subsection (g) and such permits shall be valid only for the area, date and quota indicated thereon.

(g) Alligator harvest permittees shall complete a commission-sponsored training program at a location, date and time designated by the commission. Licensed agents to the permittee shall complete a commission-sponsored training program at a location, date and time designated by the commission or be accompanied by a person who has completed the subject training program.

- (2) Alligator trapping requirements:
- (a) Alligators may only be taken in accordance with the provisions of the alligator harvest permit.
 - (b) Alligators may be taken from ½ hour before sunset to ½ hour after sunrise beginning ½ hour before sunset on September 1 through midnight September 30, except as otherwise provided in the alligator harvest permit.
 - (c) Only alligators greater than four feet in length may be taken.
 - (d) Alligators may be taken only by the use of hand-held snares, harpoons, gigs, snatch hooks, and manually operated spears, spearguns, crossbows and bows with projectiles attached to a restraining line. The use of baited hooks or firearms for taking alligators is prohibited except that bang sticks are permitted for taking alligators attached to a restraining line. Any persons actively participating in the taking of alligators as provided herein shall possess an alligator trapping license or alligator trapping agent's license.
 - (e) Alligators may only be taken in the area specified in the alligator harvest permit.
 - (f) Immediately upon capture an alligator harvest tag issued by the commission shall be locked through the skin of the carcass within six (6) inches of the tip of the tail. Until validation, the alligator harvest tag shall remain attached to the alligator hide at all times. No person shall possess any untagged alligator hide.
 - (g) An alligator harvest report form (GFC form 1001AT, effective April 1988) provided by the commission shall be completed by the permittee within 24 hours of taking each alligator and prior to the transfer to a permitted alligator processing facility. A copy of the alligator harvest report form shall accompany the alligator hide at all times until validation.
 - (h) Unused alligator harvest tags shall be returned by the permittee to the commission by October 15 of each year. Failure to return unused harvest tags by October 15 may constitute grounds for exclusion of the permittee from the program in subsequent years.
 - (i) Alligators shall be killed immediately.
- (3) Alligator processing and sale of parts.
- (a) Alligators taken under the provisions herein may only be possessed, transported or processed by the permittee or his licensed agent(s), or transferred to persons permitted to process alligators, or their designated employees as provided by permit, under the provisions of rule 39-25.052.
 - (b) The transfer of any alligator carcass to persons permitted to process alligators must be recorded immediately on the alligator harvest report form (GFC form 1001AT) provided by the commission. Copies of completed forms shall be maintained by both parties to the transfer.
 - (c) Any alligator meat processed for sale must be processed and packaged in a permitted alligator meat processing facility under the provisions of rule 39-25.052. Alligator meat and by-products, except alligator hides, shall only be sold as provided in rule 39-25.051.
 - (d) Alligator meat not processed and packaged in a permitted alligator meat processing facility may be kept for personal consumption but shall not be sold. Each package of meat kept for personal consumption shall be labeled in indelible ink to indicate the harvest tag number and license holder's name.
 - (e) All hides from alligators taken under this section shall be validated by the commission under the provisions of rule 39-25.021.
 - (f) Commission personnel shall be granted access to collect biological data on and specimens from any alligators taken under the provisions of this rule, provided that specimens shall only be taken when necessary for the management of the species.
- (4) Alligator harvest tags issued under this section shall remain the property of the commission until affixed as provided herein. Harvest tags issued pursuant to this section may be possessed only by the permittee or his licensed agent(s) prior to use. The permittee shall be strictly liable to insure that possession of unused harvest tags is limited to persons authorized under this rule.
- (5) Nothing herein shall prohibit the executive director from establishing special restrictions or exemptions from this rule for the purpose of conducting experimental alligator harvests on designated areas.

Specific Authority: Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const.; 372.021, 372.6672, F.S. Law Implemented: Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const.; 372.6673, F.S. History: New — 5-5-88, 2-14-89

39-25.051 Sale of Alligator Meat and Parts

- (1) No person shall sell alligator meat except that meat processed and packaged in any alligator processing facility permitted under rule 39-25.052.
- (2) No person shall sell or possess for sale alligator meat except as authorized by this section. Only alligator meat lawfully acquired and packaged by a permitted alligator processing facility may be sold, provided that:
 - (a) Alligator meat is packaged in accordance with the provisions of rule 39-25.052.
 - (b) Alligator meat shall only be sold and possessed for sale in compliance with all applicable sanitation and permit requirements of the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the county health department of the county where subject processing facility is located and other federal, state or local authorities.
 - (c) Written records of all alligator meat sales, with the exception of retail sales to the consumer, shall be maintained and shall include the name of the seller and buyer, date of sale, and amount sold. Such records shall be open to inspection by commission personnel at any time.
 - (d) All alligator meat purchased shall remain in the original package until the meat is prepared for consumption or processing.
 - (e) Packages containing lawfully acquired alligator meat packaged and labeled in accordance with this rule and rule 39-25.052 may be shipped in intrastate or interstate commerce.

(3) Alligator meat originating in other states may be imported and sold in Florida under permit issued by the Executive Director. Permits shall be issued only upon a showing that the state of origin has in effect sufficient regulatory controls to assure that the meat was lawfully acquired and processed prior to shipment into Florida. In addition to such other terms as may be specified by permit to assure protection of the resource and compliance with the laws of the state of origin, the importation of alligator meat shall be conditioned upon the following:

(a) All imported alligator meat shall be shipped in a tamper-proof package, stamped or otherwise labeled to indicate that such meat was processed in accordance with the applicable health and sanitation requirements and laws of the state of origin.

(b) Each package of imported alligator meat shall be labeled with a sequentially numbered seal to identify the state of origin; the producer, processor and wholesaler; the destination of such meat; the number of pounds of meat enclosed; and the date packaged.

(c) Written records of all transactions undertaken pursuant to permit shall be maintained and shall include the source of all meat, the name of the seller and buyer, date of sale, and the amount sold.

(d) Packages shall be used to package meat only one time, and meat shall remain in such package until sold or prepared for consumption.

(4) Alligator parts may be sold in accordance with s. 39-25.007 and the following:

(a) The feet, viscera or skeletal parts of lawfully acquired alligators may be sold provided that all sales, with the exception of retail sales to the consumer, shall be documented in writing to indicate the kind and quantity of items sold and the name and address of each buyer.

(b) Any alligator skull retained or transferred shall be permanently and visibly labeled with the identifying harvest tag number of the alligator from which the skull was taken.

Specific Authority: Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const.; 372.021, 372.6672, F.S. Law Implemented: Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const.; 372.6672, 372.6673, F.S. History: New — 6-21-82; Amended — 7-1-84, 7-1-85, 6-1-86, 5-5-88, 12-12-88, 2-14-89

39-25.052 Regulations Governing the Processing of Alligators

No person shall sell any alligator meat which is not processed and packaged in a permitted alligator processing facility as provided in this section.

(1) Alligator processing facilities may be established and operated only under permit from the executive director and shall be licensed as required by s. 372.6673, F.S. The criteria for issuance of an alligator processing facility permit are as follows:

(a) Applicants shall submit an application on the form provided by the commission (GFC form 1000AP, effective April 1988, is incorporated to this rule by reference and may be obtained from the commission's Tallahassee and regional offices) and evidence of compliance with the license provisions of s. 372.6673, F.S., at least 30 days prior to the proposed date of operation. Such application shall include proof of compliance with all applicable state or local health regulations governing the proposed facility.

(b) The executive director shall not issue an alligator processing facility permit or shall revoke said permit for any person who has been convicted of any violation of ss. 372.663 or 372.664, F.S., or the rules of the commission relating to the illegal taking of any crocodylian species:

1. For five (5) years following such conviction, or;
2. For ten (10) years following, if such conviction involves the taking of an endangered crocodylian species.

(2) Alligator processors and their designated employees as provided by permit may receive and possess alligator carcasses for processing of meat and hides provided:

(a) Alligators are lawfully acquired from a licensed alligator farm, licensed alligator trapper or their licensed agent(s) as provided in rules 39-25.003, 39-25.004, 39-25.032 and 39-25.042.

(b) The alligator processor's portion of the alligator harvest report form (GFC form 1001AT, effective April 1, 1988) shall be completed immediately upon receipt of alligators taken from the wild. The subject form shall be returned to the commission within 15 days of the transfer.

(c) Commission personnel shall be granted access to any permitted facility to collect biological specimens from and data on any alligators possessed under this provision, provided that specimens shall only be collected when necessary for the management of the species.

(d) Written records of the number and source of all alligator carcasses or hides received shall be maintained for a period of one year following disposal of the meat, hides, or parts thereof.

(3) Processing and storage facilities and all commission required records shall be subject to inspection by commission personnel at any time.

(4) Alligator meat packaging requirements:

(a) Meat not processed and packaged for sale may be kept for personal consumption but shall not be sold. Each package of meat so processed shall be labeled to indicate the harvest tag number and license holder's name in indelible ink on each package.

(b) Each package of meat processed for sale shall be affixed with a seal furnished by the commission upon payment of the cost of seals and labeled to indicate the name of the licensed farmer, processor, or trapper supplying the alligator, the harvest tag number from the alligator from which the meat was taken, the date packaged, and the number of pounds of meat enclosed, or packaged in an approved tamper-proof package and labeled in a fashion approved by the executive director. Each package shall be used to package meat only one time.

(5) These requirements shall not be construed to supersede the regulatory authority of any federal, state or local entity regarding the processing or handling of food products, but shall be deemed supplemental thereto. Alligator meat processed hereunder shall be handled and processed in compliance with all applicable sanitation and permit requirements of the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the county health department of the county in which the facility is located, and any other federal, state, or local authorities.

(6) Sale of raw alligator products.

(a) Alligator meat and byproducts may be sold in accordance with rule 39-25.051.

(b) Alligator processing facility permittees shall have the hides of all alligators taken from the wild validated as required by rule 39-25.021.

Specific Authority: Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const.; 372.021, 372.6672, F.S. Law Implemented: Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const.; 372.6673, F.S. History: New — 5-5-88, 2-14-89

