



2017 Florida Alligator Hunting Survey Report

The [Alligator Management Program](#) of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission surveyed alligator hunters that were permitted in 2017 to gather information about this program and to help provide better service to our constituents. The survey was intended only for those persons who received an alligator harvest permit in 2017. The survey announcement (attached) was sent via e-mail to all 2017 permit holders for which we had an e-mail address. This included 5,623 addresses from a total of 6,042 permittees. Potential survey respondents were given 30 days to complete the survey. There were 2,015 responses.

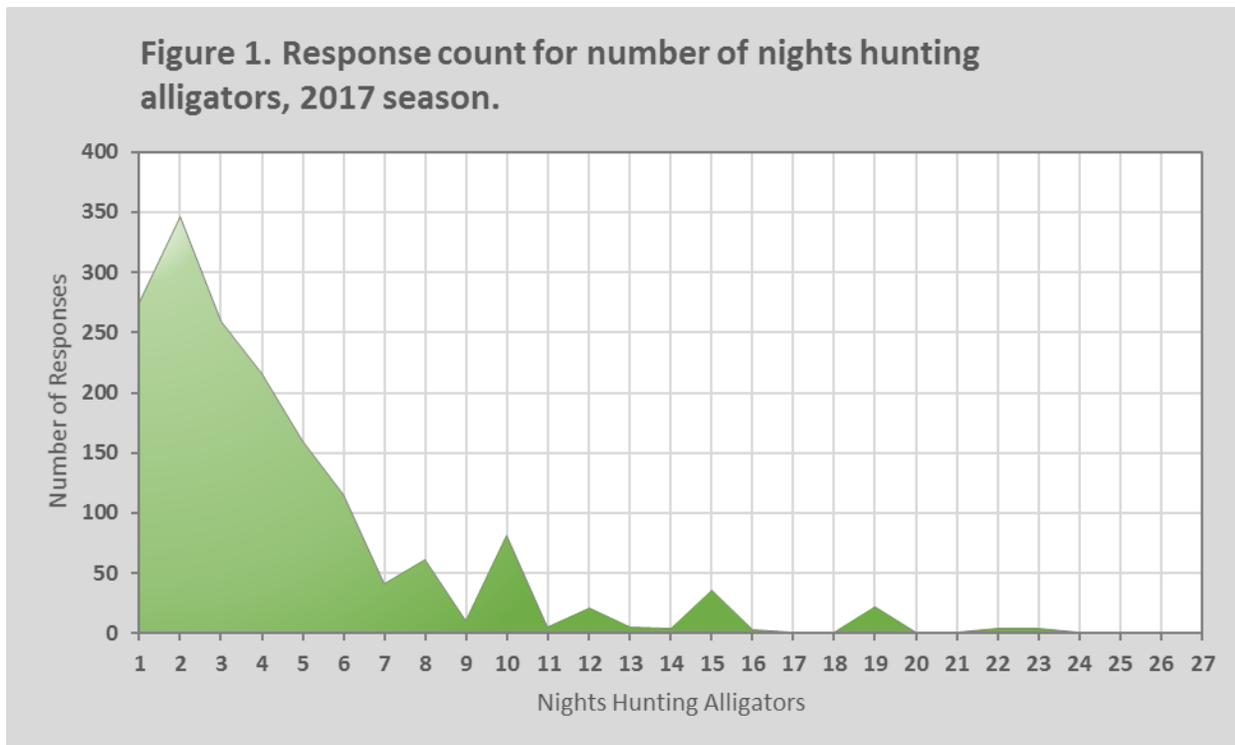
The following data represent relationships between responses that may provide useful information for the management of alligator hunts. A Survey Summary which includes the number of responses and the response rate for each question also follows. The survey instrument is also attached.

General Statistics:

The following are averages of responses from survey questions 10 and 12, respectively.

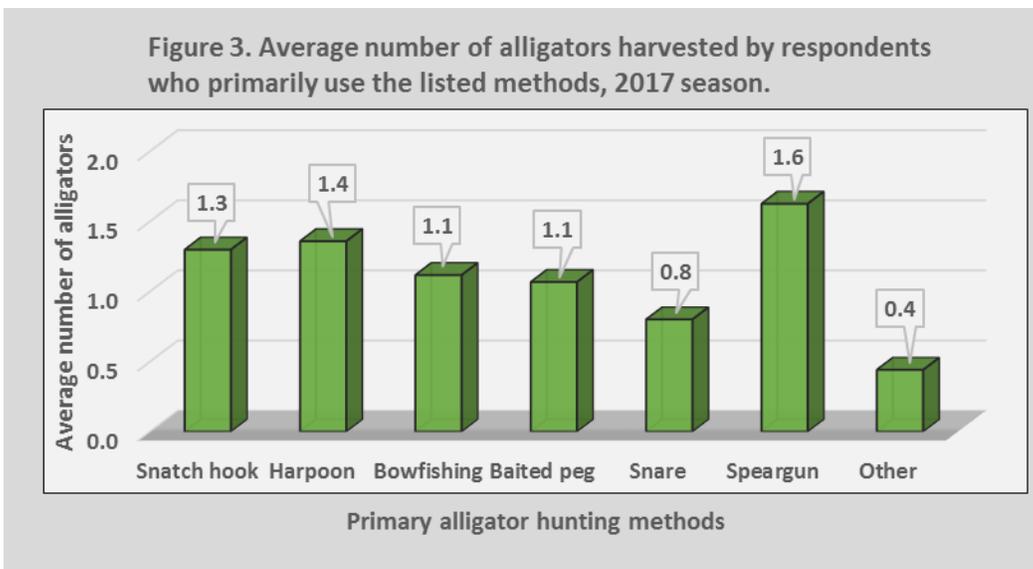
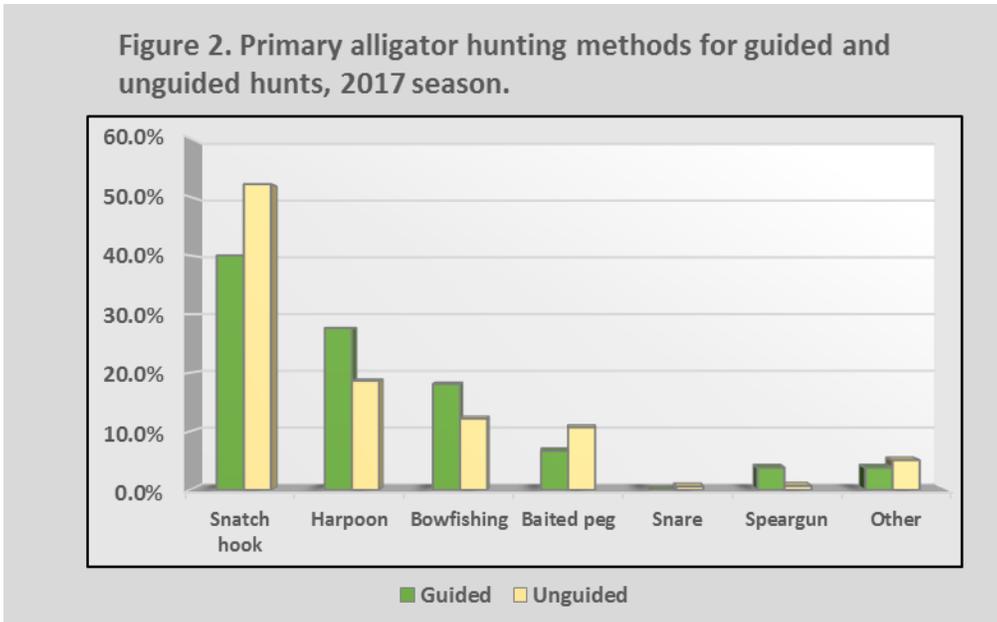
- Average number of nights spent hunting alligators: 4.2
- Average number of alligators harvested per person: 1.2

Responses for these questions for each AMU is contained in Table 2.



Methods of alligator hunting:

This survey question was intended to determine the most popular methods of hunting. The overall percentages are contained in the Question 13 graph in the survey summary, attached. Responses for each AMU are contained in Table 2. Figure 2 shows the method responses, but separates guided and unguided data. Figure 3 gives the average number of alligators harvested by respondents who primarily use the listed methods. (The survey questions do not ask the exact method used to take each alligator).



Alligator Hunter Density:

Question 18 of the survey was used to gather information on the effect of perceived hunter density on the quality of the hunting experience. Total responses for this question are summarized on page 22 of the Survey Summary. Responses for each AMU are contained in Table 2.

Table 1. AMUs with a high number of respondents indicating that there were too many alligator hunters on their harvest unit. This table only includes areas with more than two responses of too many hunters.

AMU	No. of responses of too many hunters	% responses that indicated too many hunters
545 KENANSVILLE LAKE	17	37.0%
110 LAKE KISSIMMEE	14	21.9%
711 LAKE HANCOCK	13	31.0%
407 STA - 1W NORTH	10	32.3%
858 ST. JOHNS COUNTY	8	14.8%
835 LAKE COUNTY	8	9.9%
810 CLAY COUNTY	7	21.9%
854 PUTNAM COUNTY	6	15.8%
849 OSCEOLA COUNTY	6	10.0%
853 POLK COUNTY	6	8.3%
527 LAKE MONROE	5	23.8%
508 CRESCENT LAKE	5	18.5%
722 ORANGE LAKE	5	10.0%
415 STA - 2	4	30.8%
414 STA - 3/4 WEST	4	28.6%
724 NEWNANS LAKE	4	17.4%
505 LAKE HARNEY	4	9.1%
850 PALM BEACH COUNTY	3	37.5%
839 LIBERTY COUNTY	3	30.0%
837 LEON COUNTY	3	23.1%
408 STA - 1W SOUTH	3	21.4%
413 STA - 3/4 EAST	3	18.8%
549 THREE LAKES WMA	3	17.6%
105 KISSIMMEE RIVER (POOL A)	3	13.6%
520 LAKE TOHOPEKALIGA	3	9.7%
504 ST. JOHNS RIVER (PUZZLE LAKE)	3	7.3%
502 ST. JOHNS RIVER (LAKE POINSETT)	3	6.4%

The final question in the survey, Question 29, was a text box in which respondents could comment on any topic. These comments, made by 568 respondents, were subjectively placed into three classes: positive, negative, and neutral. Positive comments included highly satisfactory hunts and compliments on the management of the program. Negative comments included dissatisfaction with the application process, complaints about under- and over- harvesting, and overcrowding issues. Neutral comments were primarily suggestions for program changes or remarks about the hunt that had neither positive nor negative connotations.

Figure 4. Characterization of respondent comments, 2017 season.

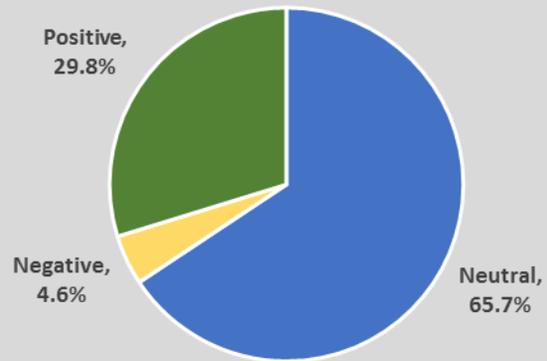


Table 2. 2017 Survey responses for specific Alligator Management Units. Percent values and averages are based on the number of respondents.

AMU	# of Permittees	# of Permitted Respondents	% Sampled	Question 10	Question 12	Question 13, as Percent in each Unit							Question 18, as Percent in each Unit		
				Average Nights Hunted	Average Harvest	Snatch hook	Harpoon	Bowfishing	Baited peg	Snare	Speargun	Other	Saw Few Hunters	Others had No Effect	Too Many Hunters
101 LAKE PIERCE	19	5	26.3%	3.6	0.4	20.0%	40.0%	20.0%	20.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	60.0%	20.0%	20.0%
102 LAKE MARIAN	21	13	61.9%	4.2	1.8	54.5%	0.0%	0.0%	36.4%	0.0%	0.0%	9.1%	58.3%	25.0%	16.7%
103 KISSIMMEE RIVER (POOL E)	22	7	31.8%	3.5	1.2	80.0%	0.0%	0.0%	20.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	80.0%	0.0%	20.0%
104 LAKE HATCHINEHA	74	28	37.8%	3.0	1.4	37.0%	37.0%	7.4%	18.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	50.0%	46.4%	3.6%
105 KISSIMMEE RIVER (POOL A)	89	22	24.7%	2.7	1.1	36.4%	13.6%	13.6%	27.3%	9.1%	0.0%	0.0%	27.3%	59.1%	13.6%
106 KISSIMMEE RIVER	68	17	25.0%	2.9	1.4	37.5%	12.5%	31.3%	18.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	43.8%	56.3%	0.0%
108 LAKE ARBUCKLE	5	1	20.0%	1.0	2.0	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
109 LAKE ISTOKPOGA	83	23	27.7%	2.7	1.1	36.4%	40.9%	4.5%	4.5%	0.0%	0.0%	13.6%	39.1%	60.9%	0.0%
110 LAKE KISSIMMEE	222	64	28.8%	3.4	1.3	28.3%	43.3%	10.0%	13.3%	0.0%	0.0%	5.0%	27.4%	50.0%	22.6%
112 TENOROC FMA	2	1	50.0%	2.0	2.0	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
115 LAKE WEOHYAKAPKA	2	0	0.0%												
116 CYPRESS LAKE	18	6	33.3%	1.8	1.7	20.0%	20.0%	20.0%	20.0%	0.0%	0.0%	20.0%	16.7%	66.7%	16.7%
117 LAKE PARKER	2	0	0.0%												
118 LAKE MANATEE	3	3	100.0%	2.8	1.5	75.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	25.0%	75.0%	25.0%	0.0%
119 PEACE RIVER NORTH	4	1	25.0%	2.0	2.0	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
120 PEACE RIVER SOUTH	3	2	66.7%	0.5	1.0	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
121 CALOOSAHATCHEE RIVER	2	0	0.0%												
303 LAKE MICCOSUKEE	28	11	39.3%	4.8	2.0	9.1%	36.4%	45.5%	9.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	18.2%	72.7%	9.1%
306 WACISSA RIVER	4	0	0.0%												
401 LOXAHATCHEE NWR	11	4	36.4%	1.7	1.3	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	50.0%	25.0%	25.0%
402 EVERGLADES WMA (WCA 2)	11	5	45.5%	1.2	1.2	20.0%	20.0%	0.0%	20.0%	0.0%	0.0%	40.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
404 EVERGLADES WMA (WCA 3)	52	23	44.2%	2.5	1.2	55.0%	35.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	5.0%	5.0%	95.2%	0.0%	4.8%
405 HOLLEY LAND WMA	6	3	50.0%	4.0	1.3	66.7%	33.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	66.7%	33.3%	0.0%
406 STA - 5	60	22	36.7%	1.5	1.8	95.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	5.0%	0.0%	38.1%	52.4%	9.5%
407 STA - 1W NORTH	100	31	31.0%	2.9	1.6	90.0%	3.3%	0.0%	3.3%	3.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	66.7%	33.3%
408 STA - 1W SOUTH	50	14	28.0%	6.6	1.6	92.9%	0.0%	0.0%	7.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	7.1%	71.4%	21.4%
409 LAKE HICPOCHEE	7	4	57.1%	2.0	1.3	25.0%	0.0%	0.0%	75.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	50.0%	50.0%	0.0%
413 STA - 3/4 EAST	60	16	26.7%	2.7	1.4	92.9%	7.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	6.7%	73.3%	20.0%
414 STA - 3/4 WEST	40	14	35.0%	3.2	1.4	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	69.2%	30.8%
415 STA - 2	35	13	37.1%	3.5	1.8	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	15.4%	53.8%	30.8%
500 BLUE CYPRESS LAKE	34	6	17.6%	2.3	1.0	40.0%	0.0%	0.0%	40.0%	0.0%	0.0%	20.0%	40.0%	40.0%	20.0%
501 ST. JOHNS RIVER (L. HELL N' BLAZES)	51	16	31.4%	4.3	1.2	38.5%	30.8%	7.7%	15.4%	0.0%	0.0%	7.7%	61.5%	38.5%	0.0%
502 ST. JOHNS RIVER (LAKE POINSETT)	148	47	31.8%	6.5	1.3	51.1%	23.4%	8.5%	14.9%	2.1%	0.0%	0.0%	31.9%	61.7%	6.4%
504 ST. JOHNS RIVER (PUZZLE LAKE)	133	41	30.8%	4.5	1.1	43.6%	23.1%	20.5%	7.7%	0.0%	0.0%	5.1%	45.0%	47.5%	7.5%
505 LAKE HARNEY	115	44	38.3%	2.8	0.6	47.5%	17.5%	17.5%	10.0%	0.0%	0.0%	7.5%	46.3%	43.9%	9.8%
506 ST. JOHNS RIVER (WELAKA)	51	18	35.3%	3.1	0.7	80.0%	6.7%	0.0%	13.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	43.8%	50.0%	6.3%
507 ST. JOHNS RIVER (PALATKA SOUTH)	21	11	52.4%	1.5	0.3	10.0%	20.0%	30.0%	30.0%	0.0%	0.0%	10.0%	80.0%	20.0%	0.0%
508 CRESCENT LAKE	82	27	32.9%	4.5	1.1	75.0%	12.5%	4.2%	4.2%	0.0%	0.0%	4.2%	25.9%	55.6%	18.5%
510 LAKE JESUP	63	17	27.0%	1.5	0.9	53.3%	6.7%	6.7%	20.0%	0.0%	0.0%	13.3%	60.0%	40.0%	0.0%
515 LAKE PANASOFFKEE	5	2	40.0%	5.0	0.5	50.0%	0.0%	50.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%
516 WITHLACOOCHEE RIVER NORTH	2	1	50.0%	3.0	2.0	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%

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518 LAKE ROUSSEAU	27	11	40.7%	4.4	1.3	27.3%	27.3%	27.3%	9.1%	0.0%	0.0%	9.1%	90.9%	9.1%	0.0%
520 LAKE TOHOPEKALIGA	103	31	30.1%	3.5	1.3	24.1%	27.6%	13.8%	24.1%	0.0%	6.9%	3.4%	31.0%	58.6%	10.3%
527 LAKE MONROE	52	21	40.4%	5.7	1.0	47.6%	19.0%	9.5%	19.0%	0.0%	0.0%	4.8%	42.9%	33.3%	23.8%
528 LAKE DEXTER	22	3	13.6%	4.0	0.0	33.3%	33.3%	0.0%	33.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	66.7%	33.3%	0.0%
540 ST. JOHNS RIVER UPPER BASIN CANALS	159	51	32.1%	3.6	1.5	57.1%	20.4%	10.2%	8.2%	0.0%	2.0%	2.0%	38.8%	57.1%	4.1%
542 BLUE CYPRESS WATER MGT AREA	22	8	36.4%	2.4	2.0	71.4%	0.0%	0.0%	14.3%	0.0%	0.0%	14.3%	57.1%	42.9%	0.0%
543 T.M. GOODWIN WMA - BROADMOOR	60	21	35.0%	4.8	1.6	70.0%	5.0%	10.0%	10.0%	0.0%	0.0%	5.0%	25.0%	65.0%	10.0%
544 STICK MARSH	43	18	41.9%	4.4	1.8	50.0%	18.8%	0.0%	31.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	12.5%	87.5%	0.0%
545 KENANSVILLE LAKE	151	46	30.5%	2.7	1.3	50.0%	31.8%	4.5%	4.5%	0.0%	0.0%	9.1%	22.7%	38.6%	38.6%
546 T.M. GOODWIN WMA - GOODWIN UNIT	24	6	25.0%	2.8	0.8	60.0%	0.0%	40.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	80.0%	20.0%	0.0%
547 GUANA RIVER WMA	22	7	31.8%	5.2	1.4	57.1%	0.0%	28.6%	14.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	42.9%	57.1%	0.0%
548 OCALA WMA	1	1	100.0%	1.0	2.0	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
549 THREE LAKES WMA	36	17	47.2%	2.9	1.6	37.5%	37.5%	12.5%	12.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	37.5%	43.8%	18.8%
601 LAKE OKEECHOBEE (WEST)	136	39	28.7%	3.0	1.6	45.7%	28.6%	5.7%	14.3%	0.0%	0.0%	5.7%	52.8%	44.4%	2.8%
602 LAKE OKEECHOBEE (NORTH)	34	16	47.1%	3.1	1.5	46.7%	33.3%	6.7%	13.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	68.8%	31.3%	0.0%
603 LAKE OKEECHOBEE (EAST)	7	3	42.9%	4.0	1.7	50.0%	25.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	25.0%	66.7%	33.3%	0.0%
604 LAKE OKEECHOBEE (SOUTH)	62	28	45.2%	2.9	1.2	73.9%	8.7%	0.0%	8.7%	0.0%	0.0%	8.7%	52.0%	40.0%	8.0%
711 LAKE HANCOCK	114	42	36.8%	3.2	1.4	85.4%	7.3%	2.4%	0.0%	2.4%	0.0%	2.4%	17.1%	51.2%	31.7%
721 RODMAN RESERVOIR	40	12	30.0%	3.9	1.0	41.7%	33.3%	16.7%	0.0%	0.0%	8.3%	0.0%	50.0%	41.7%	8.3%
722 ORANGE LAKE	141	50	35.5%	4.0	0.9	33.3%	29.2%	20.8%	8.3%	2.1%	0.0%	6.3%	35.4%	54.2%	10.4%
723 LOCHLOOSA LAKE	46	15	32.6%	2.8	1.3	42.9%	21.4%	28.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	7.1%	42.9%	57.1%	0.0%
724 NEWNANS LAKE	76	23	30.3%	4.4	1.5	80.0%	15.0%	5.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	13.6%	68.2%	18.2%
732 LAKE IAMONIA	39	17	43.6%	3.9	1.1	43.8%	6.3%	31.3%	0.0%	6.3%	6.3%	6.3%	18.8%	68.8%	12.5%
733 LAKE TALQUIN	6	1	16.7%	22.0	2.0	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
734 LAKE SEMINOLE	19	6	31.6%	4.2	1.5	33.3%	16.7%	50.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	33.3%	50.0%	16.7%
741 LAKE TRAFFORD	17	9	52.9%	1.9	1.3	87.5%	12.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	77.8%	22.2%	0.0%
751 LAKE GEORGE	126	37	29.4%	4.1	0.9	68.6%	20.0%	0.0%	5.7%	2.9%	0.0%	2.9%	34.3%	60.0%	5.7%
801 ALACHUA COUNTY	45	16	35.6%	4.5	1.1	35.7%	21.4%	14.3%	14.3%	0.0%	7.1%	7.1%	60.0%	40.0%	0.0%
802 BAKER COUNTY	11	7	63.6%	2.0	0.6	42.9%	14.3%	14.3%	14.3%	0.0%	0.0%	14.3%	85.7%	14.3%	0.0%
803 BAY COUNTY	48	19	39.6%	6.8	0.8	57.9%	10.5%	26.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	5.3%	57.9%	42.1%	0.0%
804 BRADFORD COUNTY	28	5	17.9%	3.6	1.4	40.0%	20.0%	20.0%	0.0%	0.0%	20.0%	0.0%	60.0%	40.0%	0.0%
805 BREVARD COUNTY	11	11	100.0%	3.2	1.5	36.4%	27.3%	27.3%	9.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	61.5%	38.5%	0.0%
806 BROWARD COUNTY	1	1	100.0%	1.0	2.0	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
807 CALHOUN COUNTY	34	8	23.5%	3.7	0.9	50.0%	16.7%	33.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	50.0%	37.5%	12.5%
808 CHARLOTTE COUNTY	31	13	41.9%	4.3	1.0	75.0%	8.3%	8.3%	8.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	83.3%	16.7%	0.0%
809 CITRUS COUNTY	45	14	31.1%	5.8	1.3	61.5%	23.1%	0.0%	15.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	69.2%	30.8%	0.0%
810 CLAY COUNTY	116	32	27.6%	4.5	0.7	56.0%	4.0%	20.0%	8.0%	0.0%	0.0%	12.0%	39.3%	35.7%	25.0%
811 COLLIER COUNTY	4	4	100.0%	2.4	1.8	40.0%	40.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	20.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
812 COLUMBIA COUNTY	4	0	0.0%												
814 DESOTO COUNTY	4	2	50.0%	3.0	2.0	0.0%	50.0%	0.0%	50.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
815 DIXIE COUNTY	28	10	35.7%	3.9	0.9	60.0%	10.0%	20.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	10.0%	50.0%	30.0%	20.0%

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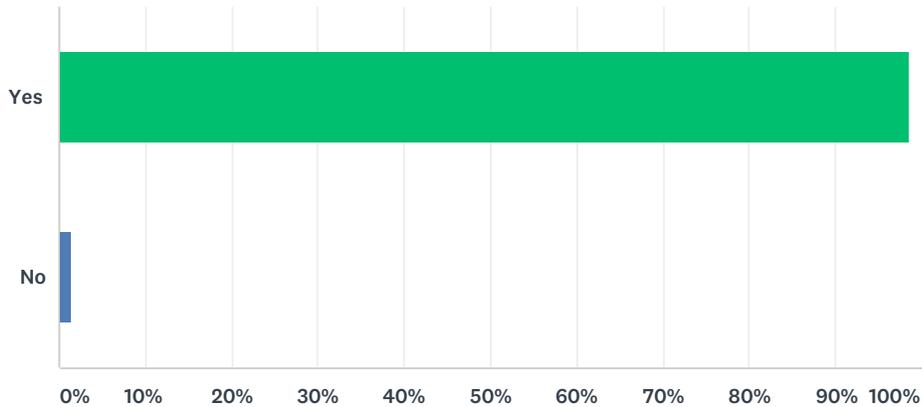
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816 DUVAL COUNTY	37	12	32.4%	4.8	0.9	80.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	20.0%	81.8%	9.1%	9.1%
817 ESCAMBIA COUNTY	21	10	47.6%	9.0	1.0	66.7%	0.0%	22.2%	11.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	30.0%	60.0%	10.0%
818 FLAGLER COUNTY	14	4	28.6%	4.0	1.0	50.0%	0.0%	0.0%	50.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	75.0%	25.0%	0.0%
819 FRANKLIN COUNTY	99	25	25.3%	5.2	1.7	62.5%	4.2%	25.0%	0.0%	0.0%	4.2%	4.2%	0.0%	0.0%	52.0%	44.0%	4.0%
820 GADSDEN COUNTY	4	2	50.0%	9.0	3.0	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
821 GILCHRIST COUNTY	7	2	28.6%	4.7	0.0	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
822 GLADES COUNTY	11	7	63.6%	2.4	1.8	60.0%	0.0%	40.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	60.0%	40.0%	0.0%
823 GULF COUNTY	106	17	16.0%	5.2	0.6	6.3%	25.0%	31.3%	6.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	31.3%	25.0%	68.8%	6.3%	6.3%
824 HAMILTON COUNTY	4	0	0.0%														
825 HARDEE COUNTY	4	2	50.0%	4.0	2.0	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
826 HENDRY COUNTY	7	2	28.6%	3.0	2.0	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
827 HERNANDO COUNTY	4	2	50.0%	6.5	1.0	50.0%	0.0%	0.0%	50.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
828 HIGHLANDS COUNTY	79	25	31.6%	4.5	1.6	39.1%	21.7%	13.0%	21.7%	0.0%	4.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	56.5%	43.5%	0.0%
829 HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY	10	3	30.0%	4.3	1.7	66.7%	33.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
830 HOLMES COUNTY	11	4	36.4%	3.8	0.5	0.0%	33.3%	66.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
831 INDIAN RIVER COUNTY	4	4	100.0%	2.8	1.4	40.0%	40.0%	0.0%	20.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	40.0%	40.0%	20.0%
832 JACKSON COUNTY	28	10	35.7%	3.6	1.0	40.0%	20.0%	40.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	70.0%	10.0%	20.0%
833 JEFFERSON COUNTY	24	9	37.5%	4.9	1.0	62.5%	25.0%	12.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	37.5%	50.0%	12.5%
834 LAFAYETTE COUNTY	7	2	28.6%	3.0	1.0	0.0%	0.0%	50.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	50.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
835 LAKE COUNTY	272	81	29.8%	4.9	1.1	61.0%	14.3%	7.8%	11.7%	0.0%	0.0%	5.2%	0.0%	0.0%	50.6%	39.2%	10.1%
836 LEE COUNTY	45	15	33.3%	5.8	0.9	61.5%	7.7%	0.0%	15.4%	7.7%	0.0%	7.7%	0.0%	0.0%	78.6%	14.3%	7.1%
837 LEON COUNTY	34	13	38.2%	5.7	1.7	25.0%	33.3%	16.7%	8.3%	0.0%	0.0%	16.7%	0.0%	0.0%	41.7%	33.3%	25.0%
838 LEVY COUNTY	34	16	47.1%	10.8	1.7	31.3%	37.5%	18.8%	12.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	50.0%	43.8%	6.3%
839 LIBERTY COUNTY	62	10	16.1%	11.4	0.5	37.5%	12.5%	50.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	50.0%	12.5%	37.5%
840 MADISON COUNTY	4	2	50.0%	3.0	1.0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
841 MANATEE COUNTY	62	24	38.7%	4.4	1.0	69.6%	8.7%	0.0%	8.7%	0.0%	0.0%	13.0%	0.0%	0.0%	78.3%	13.0%	8.7%
842 MARION COUNTY	82	28	34.1%	6.5	1.1	46.4%	17.9%	10.7%	14.3%	0.0%	3.6%	7.1%	0.0%	0.0%	71.4%	28.6%	0.0%
843 MARTIN COUNTY	11	6	54.5%	3.4	1.6	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
845 NASSAU COUNTY	99	6	6.1%	8.8	3.8	33.3%	0.0%	50.0%	16.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	83.3%	0.0%	16.7%
846 OKALOOSA COUNTY	14	7	50.0%	5.5	0.4	57.1%	0.0%	28.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	14.3%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
847 OKEECHOBEE COUNTY	4	4	100.0%	1.5	1.7	66.7%	0.0%	33.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	66.7%	33.3%	0.0%
848 ORANGE COUNTY	58	24	41.4%	3.5	1.0	39.1%	21.7%	4.3%	21.7%	0.0%	0.0%	13.0%	0.0%	0.0%	69.6%	21.7%	8.7%
849 OSCEOLA COUNTY	133	60	45.1%	3.8	1.3	24.6%	35.1%	19.3%	17.5%	0.0%	1.8%	1.8%	0.0%	0.0%	46.6%	43.1%	10.3%
850 PALM BEACH COUNTY	7	7	100.0%	10.3	1.8	87.5%	12.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	50.0%	12.5%	37.5%
851 PASCO COUNTY	4	0	0.0%														
852 PINELLAS COUNTY	4	2	50.0%	2.5	1.5	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
853 POLK COUNTY	211	72	34.1%	4.2	1.1	59.4%	20.3%	7.8%	10.9%	0.0%	0.0%	1.6%	0.0%	0.0%	61.2%	29.9%	9.0%
854 PUTNAM COUNTY	119	38	31.9%	4.1	0.7	27.8%	30.6%	19.4%	8.3%	2.8%	2.8%	8.3%	0.0%	0.0%	50.0%	33.3%	16.7%
855 SANTA ROSA COUNTY	58	23	39.7%	6.9	0.9	68.2%	4.5%	18.2%	0.0%	0.0%	4.5%	4.5%	0.0%	0.0%	63.6%	27.3%	9.1%
856 SARASOTA COUNTY	4	2	50.0%	2.0	2.0	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
857 SEMINOLE COUNTY	4	2	50.0%	3.0	0.0	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	50.0%	0.0%	50.0%

Table 2. 2017 Survey responses for specific Alligator Management Units. Percent values and averages are based on the number of respondents.

AMU	# of Permittees	# of Permitted Respondents	% Sampled	Question 10	Question 12	Question 13, as Percent in each Unit							Question 18, as Percent in each Unit		
				Average Nights Hunted	Average Harvest	Snatch hook	Harpoon	Bowfishing	Baited peg	Snare	Speargun	Other	Saw Few Hunters	Others had No Effect	Too Many Hunters
858 ST. JOHNS COUNTY	194	54	27.8%	4.9	0.6	47.1%	13.7%	7.8%	21.6%	0.0%	0.0%	9.8%	42.3%	42.3%	15.4%
859 ST. LUCIE COUNTY	11	4	36.4%	7.3	2.0	75.0%	0.0%	0.0%	25.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	75.0%	25.0%	0.0%
860 SUMTER COUNTY	34	6	17.6%	4.3	1.7	33.3%	33.3%	16.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	16.7%	66.7%	33.3%	0.0%
861 SUWANNEE COUNTY	7	4	57.1%	4.7	0.5	75.0%	0.0%	25.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	50.0%	25.0%	25.0%
862 TAYLOR COUNTY	4	2	50.0%	0.5	1.0	50.0%	0.0%	50.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
863 UNION COUNTY	14	3	21.4%	9.0	1.0	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
864 VOLUSIA COUNTY	34	13	38.2%	3.1	0.8	45.5%	27.3%	9.1%	9.1%	0.0%	0.0%	9.1%	91.7%	8.3%	0.0%
865 WAKULLA COUNTY	28	10	35.7%	3.5	1.4	30.0%	20.0%	40.0%	0.0%	0.0%	10.0%	0.0%	40.0%	50.0%	10.0%
866 WALTON COUNTY	62	21	33.9%	9.8	0.6	42.9%	14.3%	19.0%	14.3%	0.0%	0.0%	9.5%	57.1%	38.1%	4.8%
867 WASHINGTON COUNTY	45	12	26.7%	3.9	0.8	27.3%	27.3%	45.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	75.0%	25.0%	0.0%
Statewide Totals/Averages:	6,042	1,977	32.7%	4.2	1.2	51.5%	19.1%	12.5%	10.5%	0.5%	0.9%	5.0%	47.2%	41.9%	10.9%

Q1 Did you have an alligator harvest permit in Florida in 2017?

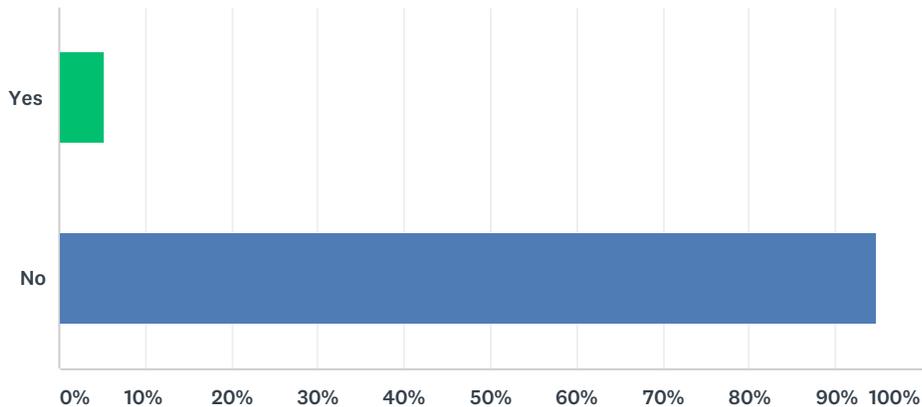
Answered: 2,015 Skipped: -1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	98.61%	1,987
No	1.39%	28
TOTAL		2,015

Q2 Did you purchase more than one permit in your name?

Answered: 2,007 Skipped: 7

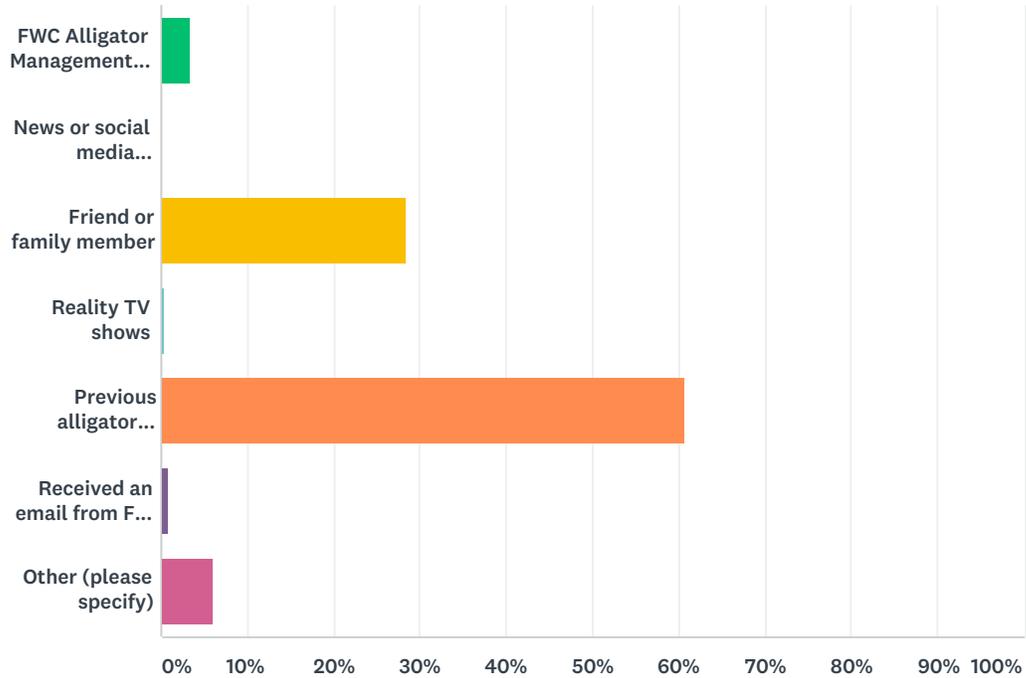


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	5.33%	107
No	94.67%	1,900
TOTAL		2,007

Q3 What most influenced your decision to apply for an alligator harvest permit?

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Answered: 2,015 Skipped: -1

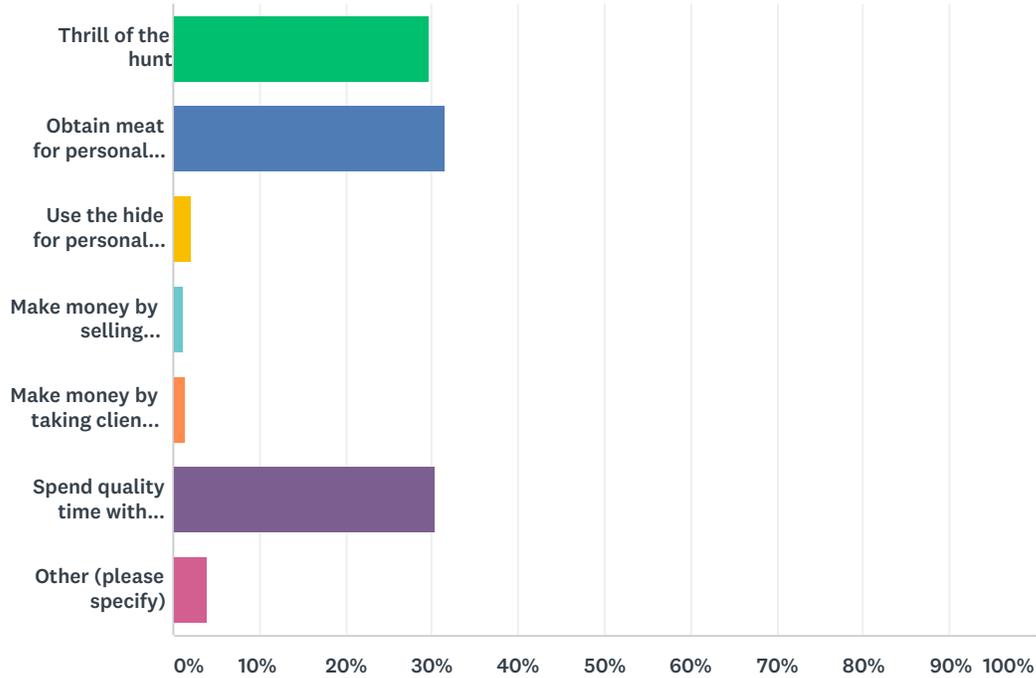


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
FWC Alligator Management Program website	3.28%	66
News or social media (Facebook, Twitter)	0.25%	5
Friend or family member	28.49%	574
Reality TV shows	0.35%	7
Previous alligator hunting experience	60.65%	1,222
Received an email from FWC about the hunt	0.84%	17
Other (please specify)	6.15%	124
TOTAL		2,015

Q4 What is the primary reason why you hunt alligators?

Answered: 2,015 Skipped: -1

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Thrill of the hunt	29.68%	598
Obtain meat for personal consumption	31.51%	635
Use the hide for personal products	2.03%	41
Make money by selling meat/hides	1.19%	24
Make money by taking clients hunting or guiding other hunters	1.44%	29
Spend quality time with family and friends	30.27%	610
Other (please specify)	3.87%	78
TOTAL		2,015

Q5 What alligator management unit or county were you permitted to hunt? (If you had multiple permits, select the area for the first permit that you received.)(Select from drop-down menu)

Answered: 2,015 Skipped: -1



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105 KISSIMMEE
RIVER (POOL A)

106 KISSIMMEE
RIVER

108 LAKE
ARBUCKLE

109 LAKE
ISTOKPOGA

110 LAKE
KISSIMMEE

112 TENOROC
FMA

115 LAKE
WEOHYAKAPKA

116 CYPRESS
LAKE

117 LAKE PARKER

118 LAKE
MANATEE

119 PEACE
RIVER NORTH

120 PEACE
RIVER SOUTH

121
CALOOSAHATCH...

303 LAKE
MICCOSUKEE

306 WACISSA
RIVER

401
LOXAHATCHEE
NWR

402 EVERGLADES
WMA (WCA 2)

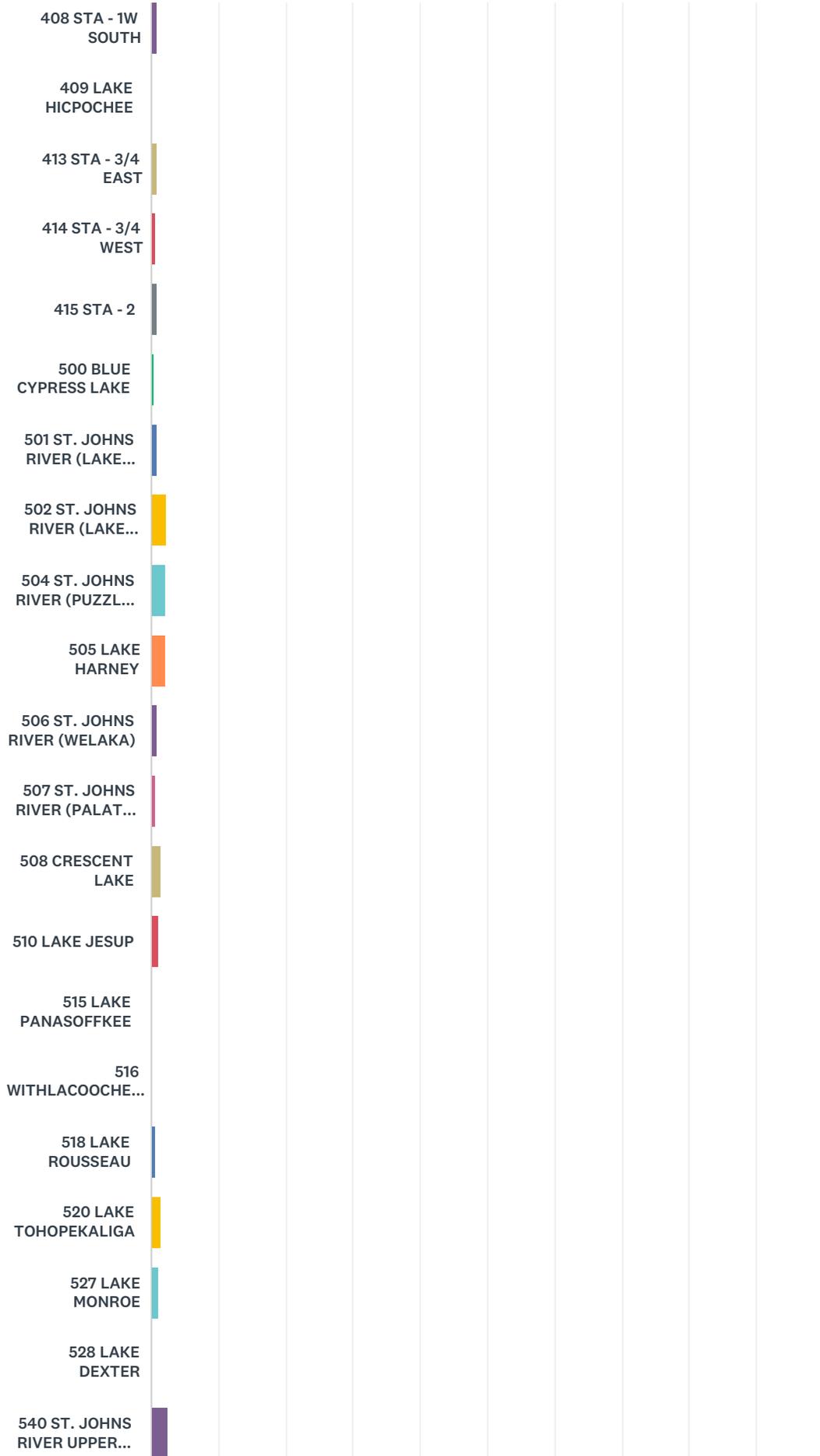
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WMA (WCA 3)

405 HOLEY LAND
WMA

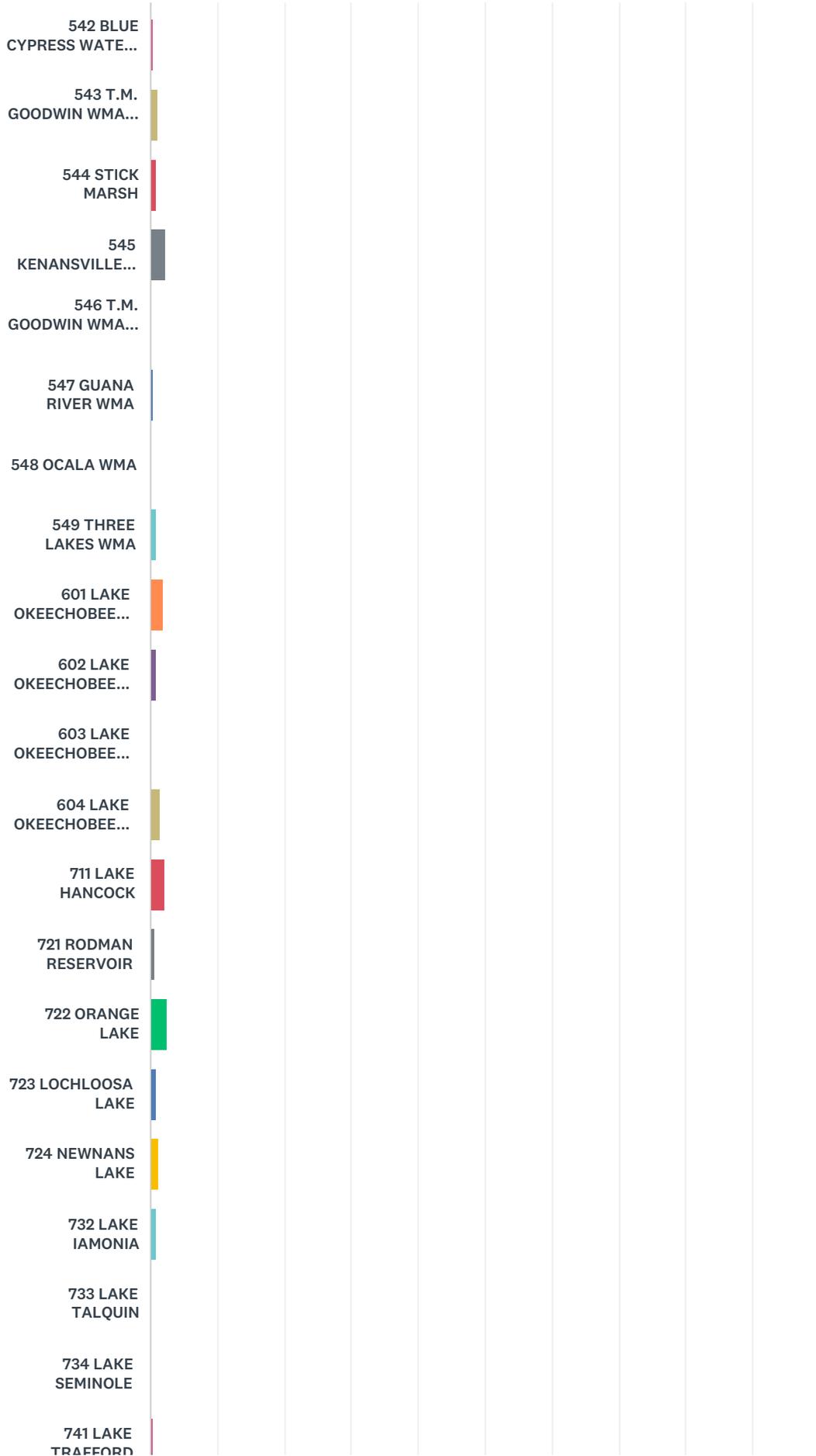
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NORTH

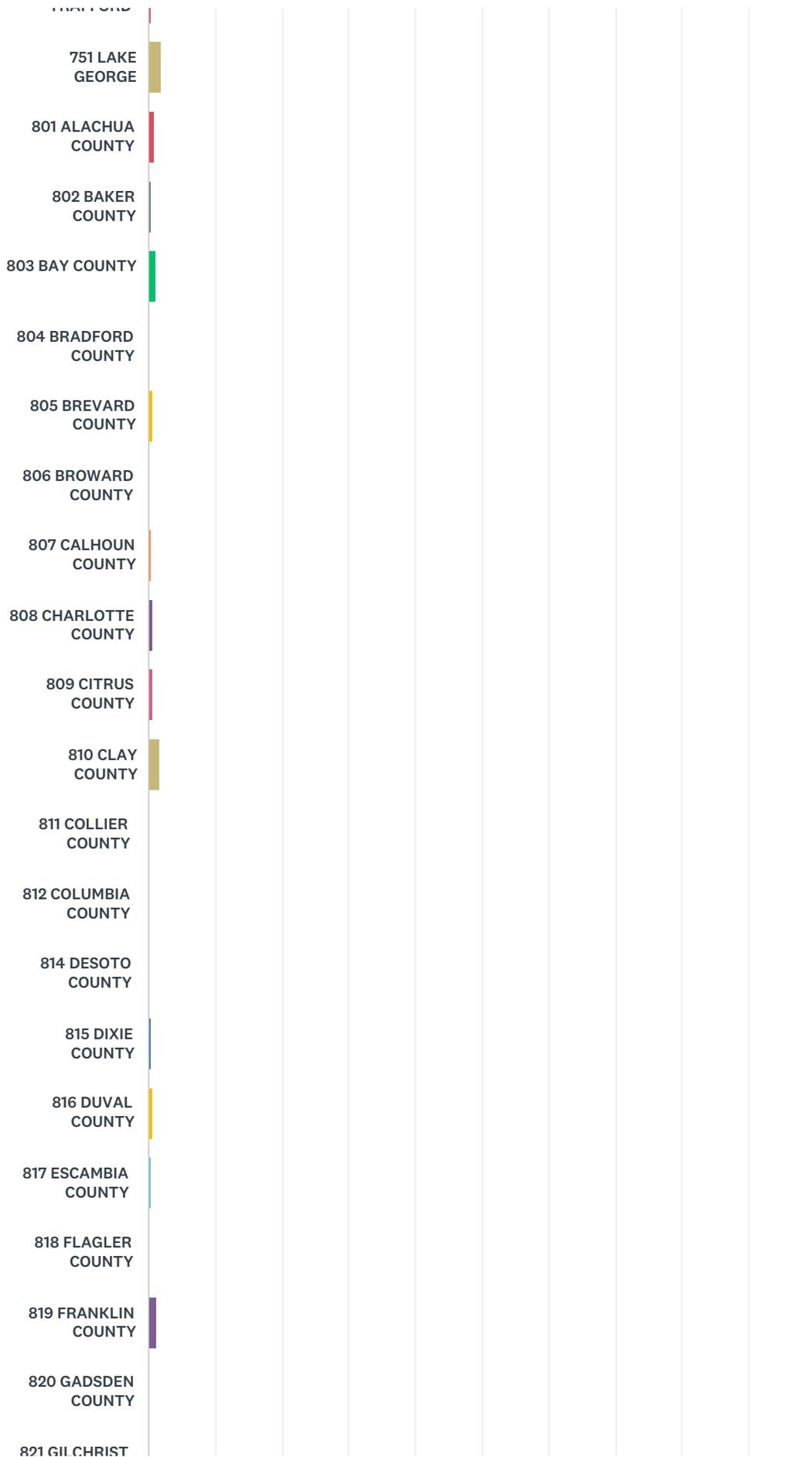
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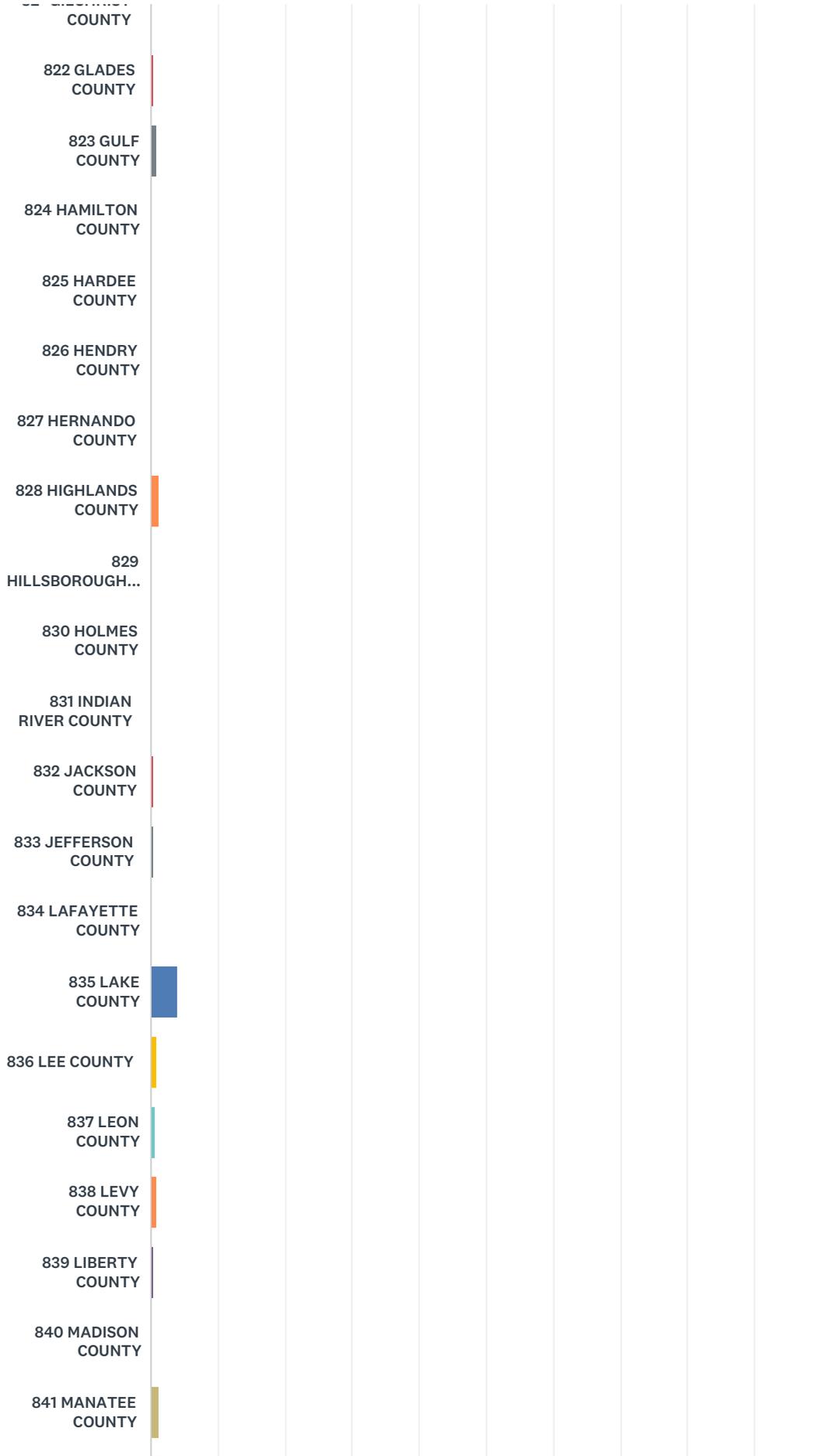
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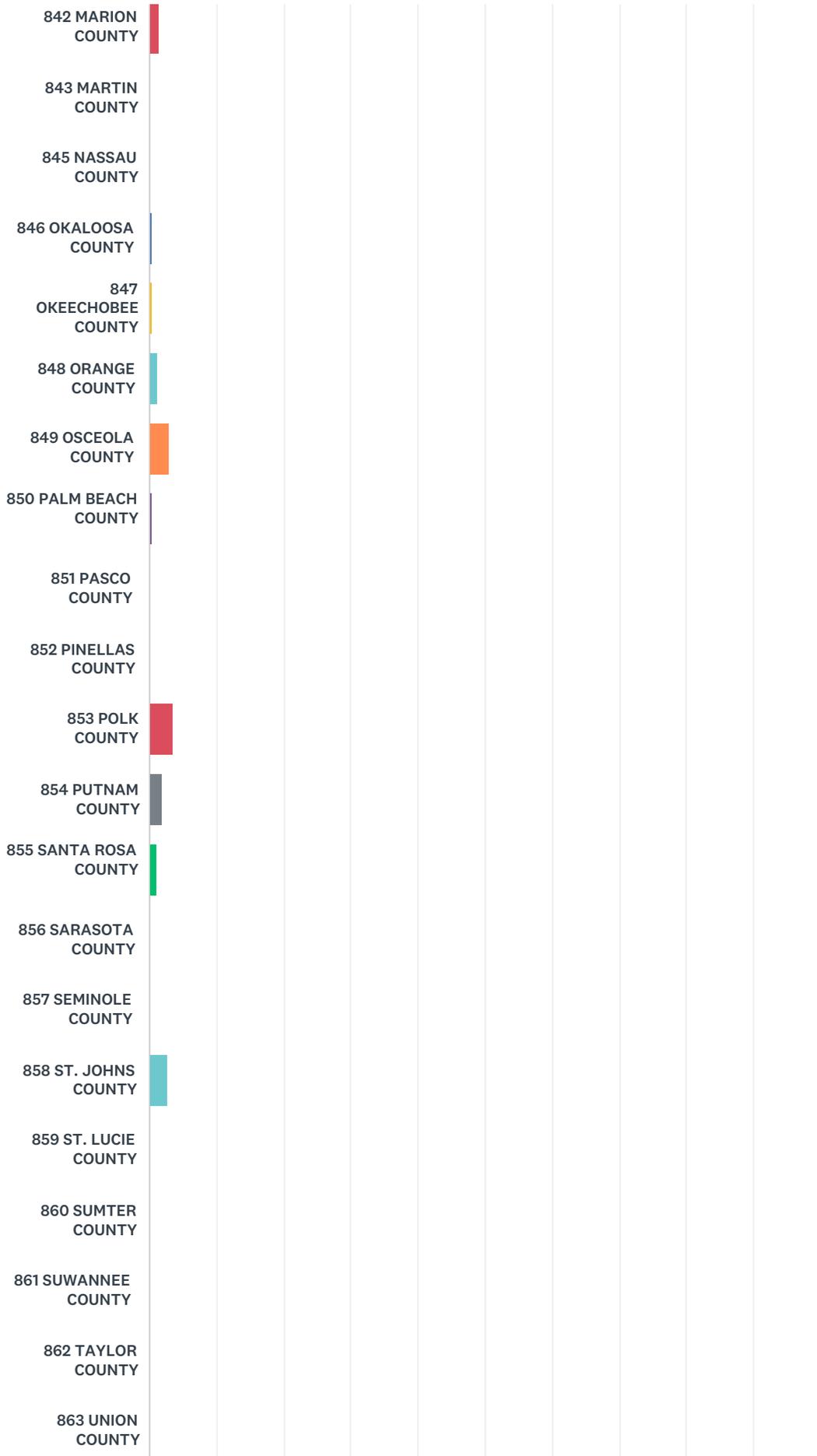
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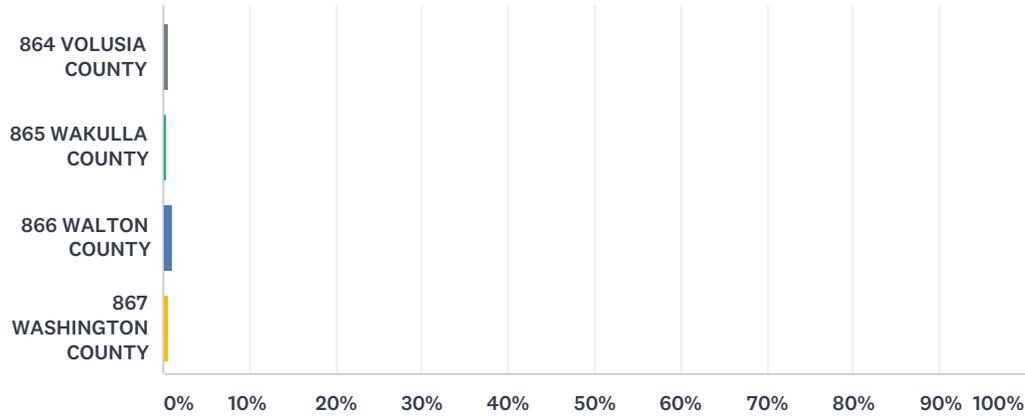
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
101 LAKE PIERCE	0.25%	5
102 LAKE MARIAN	0.65%	13
103 KISSIMMEE RIVER (POOL E)	0.40%	8
104 LAKE HATCHINEHA	1.39%	28
105 KISSIMMEE RIVER (POOL A)	1.09%	22
106 KISSIMMEE RIVER	0.89%	18
108 LAKE ARBUCKLE	0.05%	1
109 LAKE ISTOKPOGA	1.14%	23
110 LAKE KISSIMMEE	3.23%	65
112 TENOROC FMA	0.05%	1
115 LAKE WEOHYAKAPKA	0.00%	0
116 CYPRESS LAKE	0.30%	6
117 LAKE PARKER	0.00%	0
118 LAKE MANATEE	0.20%	4
119 PEACE RIVER NORTH	0.05%	1
120 PEACE RIVER SOUTH	0.10%	2
121 CALOOSAHATCHEE RIVER	0.00%	0
303 LAKE MICCOSUKEE	0.55%	11
306 WACISSA RIVER	0.00%	0
401 LOXAHATCHEE NWR	0.20%	4
402 EVERGLADES WMA (WCA 2)	0.25%	5
404 EVERGLADES WMA (WCA 3)	1.14%	23
405 HOLEY LAND WMA	0.15%	3
406 STA - 5	1.09%	22
407 STA - 1W NORTH	1.54%	31

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408 STA - 1W SOUTH	0.74%	15
409 LAKE HICPOCHEE	0.20%	4
413 STA - 3/4 EAST	0.84%	17
414 STA - 3/4 WEST	0.69%	14
415 STA - 2	0.74%	15
500 BLUE CYPRESS LAKE	0.35%	7
501 ST. JOHNS RIVER (LAKE HELL N' BLAZES)	0.79%	16
502 ST. JOHNS RIVER (LAKE POINSETT)	2.38%	48
504 ST. JOHNS RIVER (PUZZLE LAKE)	2.03%	41
505 LAKE HARNEY	2.18%	44
506 ST. JOHNS RIVER (WELAKA)	0.89%	18
507 ST. JOHNS RIVER (PALATKA SOUTH)	0.60%	12
508 CRESCENT LAKE	1.39%	28
510 LAKE JESUP	0.94%	19
515 LAKE PANASOFFKEE	0.10%	2
516 WITHLACOOCHEE RIVER NORTH	0.05%	1
518 LAKE ROUSSEAU	0.55%	11
520 LAKE TOHOPEKALIGA	1.54%	31
527 LAKE MONROE	1.09%	22
528 LAKE DEXTER	0.15%	3
540 ST. JOHNS RIVER UPPER BASIN CANALS	2.58%	52
542 BLUE CYPRESS WATER MANAGEMENT AREA	0.40%	8
543 T.M. GOODWIN WMA (BROADMOOR UNIT)	1.04%	21
544 STICK MARSH	0.89%	18
545 KENANSVILLE LAKE	2.28%	46
546 T.M. GOODWIN WMA (GOODWIN UNIT)	0.30%	6
547 GUANA RIVER WMA	0.35%	7
548 OCALA WMA	0.05%	1
549 THREE LAKES WMA	0.84%	17
601 LAKE OKEECHOBEE (WEST)	1.94%	39
602 LAKE OKEECHOBEE (NORTH)	0.79%	16
603 LAKE OKEECHOBEE (EAST)	0.15%	3
604 LAKE OKEECHOBEE (SOUTH)	1.39%	28
711 LAKE HANCOCK	2.08%	42

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721 RODMAN RESERVOIR	0.60%	12
722 ORANGE LAKE	2.48%	50
723 LOCHLOOSA LAKE	0.74%	15
724 NEWNANS LAKE	1.19%	24
732 LAKE IAMONIA	0.84%	17
733 LAKE TALQUIN	0.05%	1
734 LAKE SEMINOLE	0.30%	6
741 LAKE TRAFFORD	0.45%	9
751 LAKE GEORGE	1.89%	38
801 ALACHUA COUNTY	0.79%	16
802 BAKER COUNTY	0.35%	7
803 BAY COUNTY	0.99%	20
804 BRADFORD COUNTY	0.25%	5
805 BREVARD COUNTY	0.69%	14
806 BROWARD COUNTY	0.05%	1
807 CALHOUN COUNTY	0.40%	8
808 CHARLOTTE COUNTY	0.65%	13
809 CITRUS COUNTY	0.69%	14
810 CLAY COUNTY	1.59%	32
811 COLLIER COUNTY	0.25%	5
812 COLUMBIA COUNTY	0.00%	0
814 DESOTO COUNTY	0.15%	3
815 DIXIE COUNTY	0.50%	10
816 DUVAL COUNTY	0.60%	12
817 ESCAMBIA COUNTY	0.50%	10
818 FLAGLER COUNTY	0.20%	4
819 FRANKLIN COUNTY	1.29%	26
820 GADSDEN COUNTY	0.10%	2
821 GILCHRIST COUNTY	0.15%	3
822 GLADES COUNTY	0.35%	7
823 GULF COUNTY	0.84%	17
824 HAMILTON COUNTY	0.00%	0
825 HARDEE COUNTY	0.15%	3
826 HENDRY COUNTY	0.10%	2

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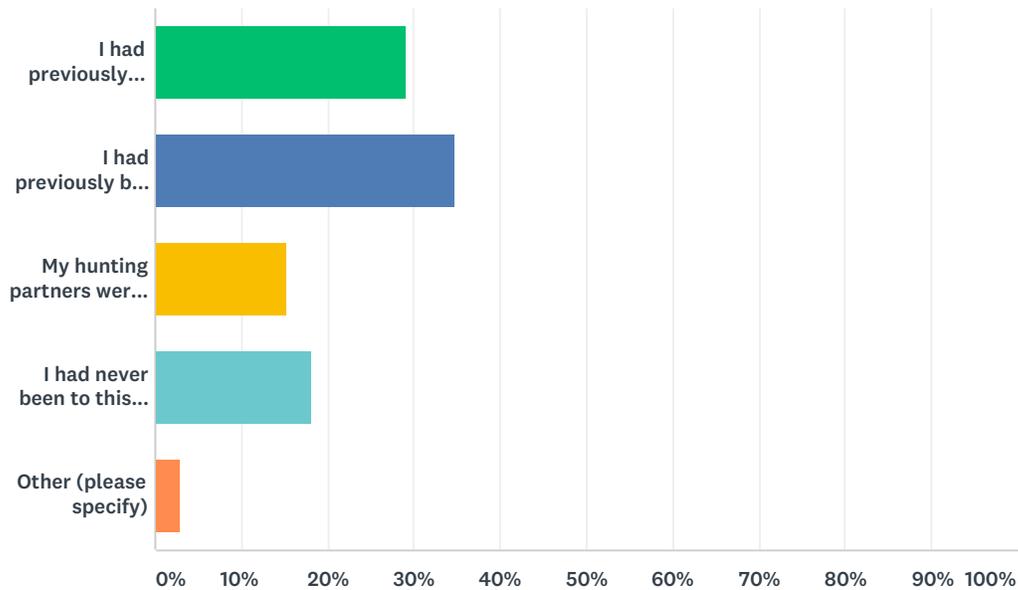
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828 HIGHLANDS COUNTY	1.24%	25
829 HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY	0.15%	3
830 HOLMES COUNTY	0.20%	4
831 INDIAN RIVER COUNTY	0.25%	5
832 JACKSON COUNTY	0.50%	10
833 JEFFERSON COUNTY	0.45%	9
834 LAFAYETTE COUNTY	0.10%	2
835 LAKE COUNTY	4.02%	81
836 LEE COUNTY	0.74%	15
837 LEON COUNTY	0.69%	14
838 LEVY COUNTY	0.79%	16
839 LIBERTY COUNTY	0.50%	10
840 MADISON COUNTY	0.10%	2
841 MANATEE COUNTY	1.19%	24
842 MARION COUNTY	1.44%	29
843 MARTIN COUNTY	0.30%	6
845 NASSAU COUNTY	0.30%	6
846 OKALOOSA COUNTY	0.40%	8
847 OKEECHOBEE COUNTY	0.35%	7
848 ORANGE COUNTY	1.19%	24
849 OSCEOLA COUNTY	3.03%	61
850 PALM BEACH COUNTY	0.40%	8
851 PASCO COUNTY	0.00%	0
852 PINELLAS COUNTY	0.10%	2
853 POLK COUNTY	3.57%	72
854 PUTNAM COUNTY	1.89%	38
855 SANTA ROSA COUNTY	1.14%	23
856 SARASOTA COUNTY	0.10%	2
857 SEMINOLE COUNTY	0.10%	2
858 ST. JOHNS COUNTY	2.73%	55
859 ST. LUCIE COUNTY	0.20%	4
860 SUMTER COUNTY	0.30%	6
861 SUWANNEE COUNTY	0.20%	4
862 TAYLOR COUNTY	0.10%	2

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863 UNION COUNTY	0.15%	3
864 VOLUSIA COUNTY	0.69%	14
865 WAKULLA COUNTY	0.50%	10
866 WALTON COUNTY	1.04%	21
867 WASHINGTON COUNTY	0.60%	12
TOTAL		2,015

Q6 Prior to applying for this permit, what best describes your familiarity with the harvest unit that you listed above.

Answered: 2,015 Skipped: -1

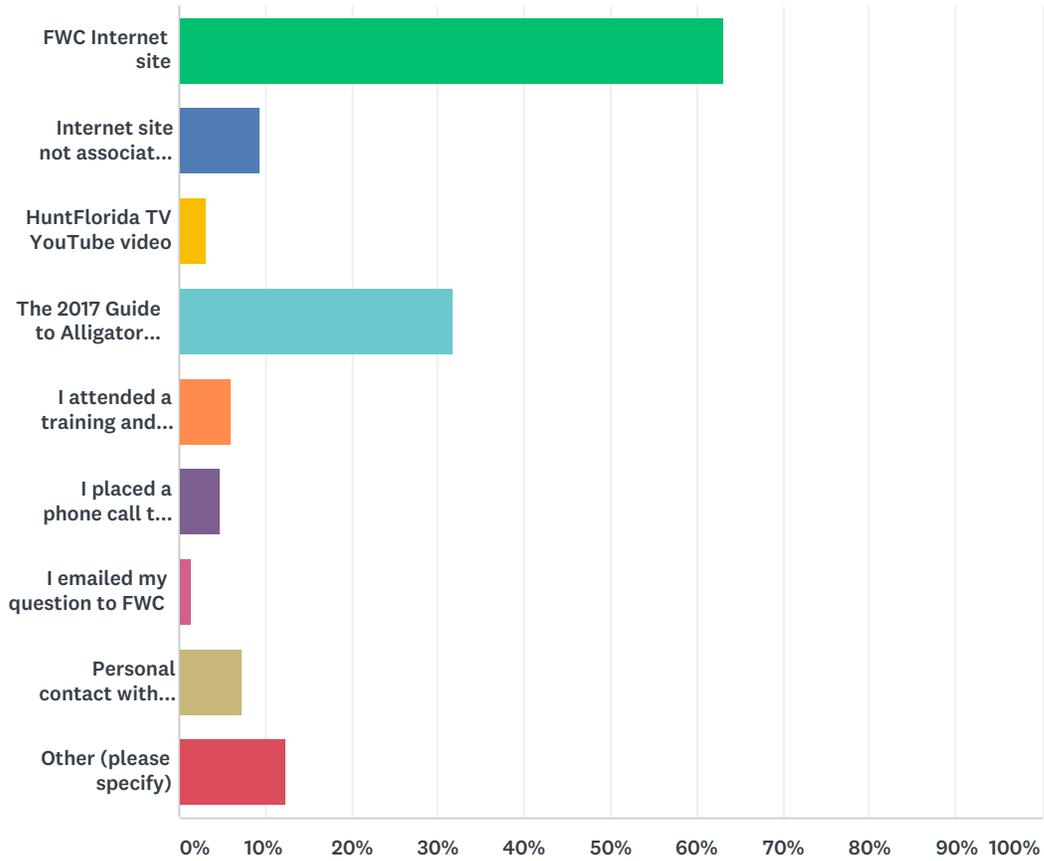


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I had previously hunted alligators on this harvest unit.	29.03%	585
I had previously been hunting, fishing, and/or boating on this harvest unit.	34.79%	701
My hunting partners were familiar with this harvest unit.	15.24%	307
I had never been to this harvest unit prior to my alligator hunt.	18.11%	365
Other (please specify)	2.83%	57
TOTAL		2,015

Q7 Where did you find answers to questions that you had about hunting alligators or about your harvest unit? (Check all that apply.)

Answered: 2,015 Skipped: -1

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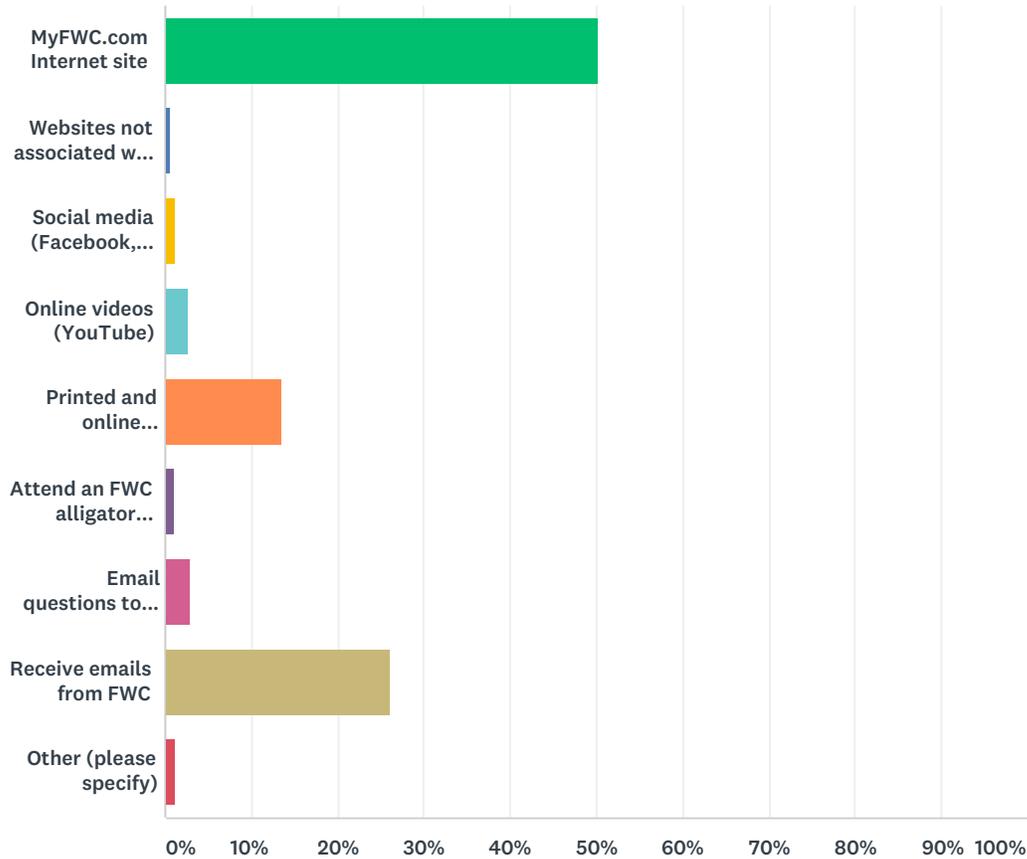


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
FWC Internet site	63.13%	1,272
Internet site not associated with FWC	9.43%	190
HuntFlorida TV YouTube video	3.08%	62
The 2017 Guide to Alligator Hunting in Florida	31.76%	640
I attended a training and orientation class	6.05%	122
I placed a phone call to FWC	4.81%	97
I emailed my question to FWC	1.39%	28
Personal contact with an FWC Officer or biologist	7.25%	146
Other (please specify)	12.31%	248
Total Respondents: 2,015		

Q8 How do you prefer to receive information on alligator hunting?

Answered: 2,015 Skipped: -1

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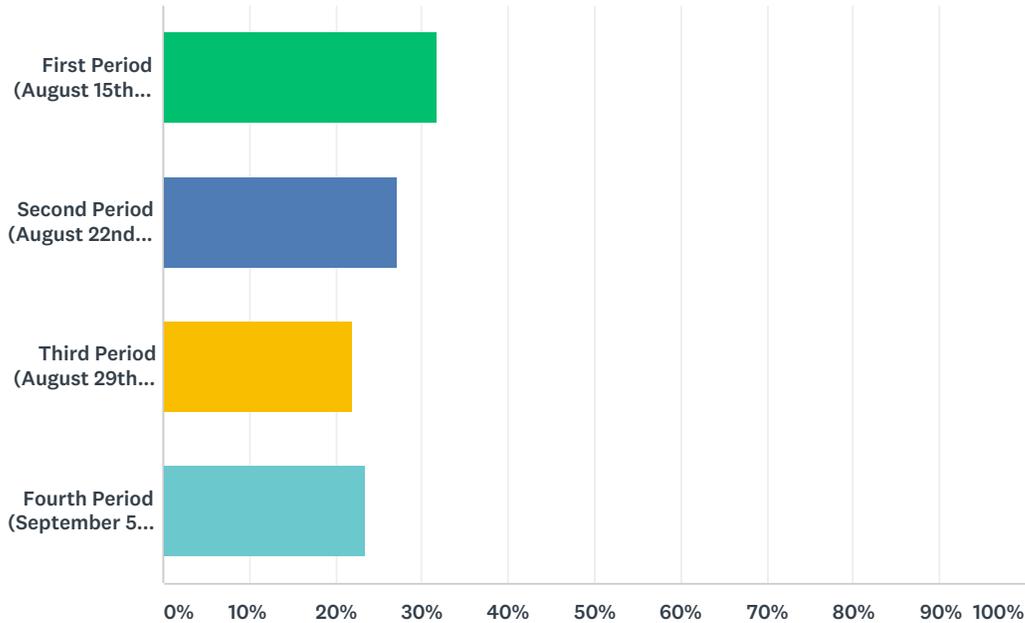


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
MyFWC.com Internet site	50.22%	1,012
Websites not associated with FWC	0.60%	12
Social media (Facebook, Twitter, etc.)	1.29%	26
Online videos (YouTube)	2.68%	54
Printed and online materials (alligator harvest training manual, alligator hunting guide, hunting handbook)	13.70%	276
Attend an FWC alligator harvest training class	1.14%	23
Email questions to FWC	2.98%	60
Receive emails from FWC	26.10%	526
Other (please specify)	1.29%	26
TOTAL		2,015

Q9 What harvest period were you permitted for? (Check more than one if you received multiple permits.)

Answered: 2,015 Skipped: -1

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
First Period (August 15th through August 22nd)	31.76%	640
Second Period (August 22nd through August 29th)	27.20%	548
Third Period (August 29th through September 5th)	22.03%	444
Fourth Period (September 5th through September 12th)	23.47%	473
Total Respondents: 2,015		

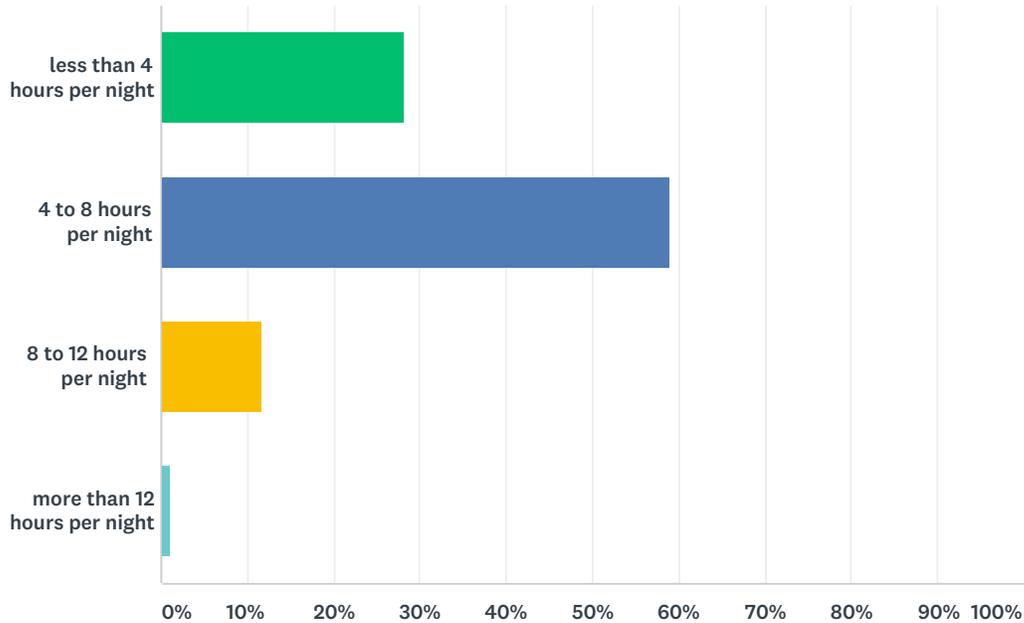
Q10 How many nights did you hunt for alligators on your permit? Do not include nights when you helped other alligator hunters. (Please enter a whole number only.)

Answered: 1,860 Skipped: 154

Q11 Please estimate the average number of hours that you hunted alligators each night. Do not include time spent assisting other alligator hunters.

Answered: 1,874 Skipped: 140

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
less than 4 hours per night	28.28%	530
4 to 8 hours per night	59.07%	1,107
8 to 12 hours per night	11.69%	219
more than 12 hours per night	0.96%	18
TOTAL		1,874

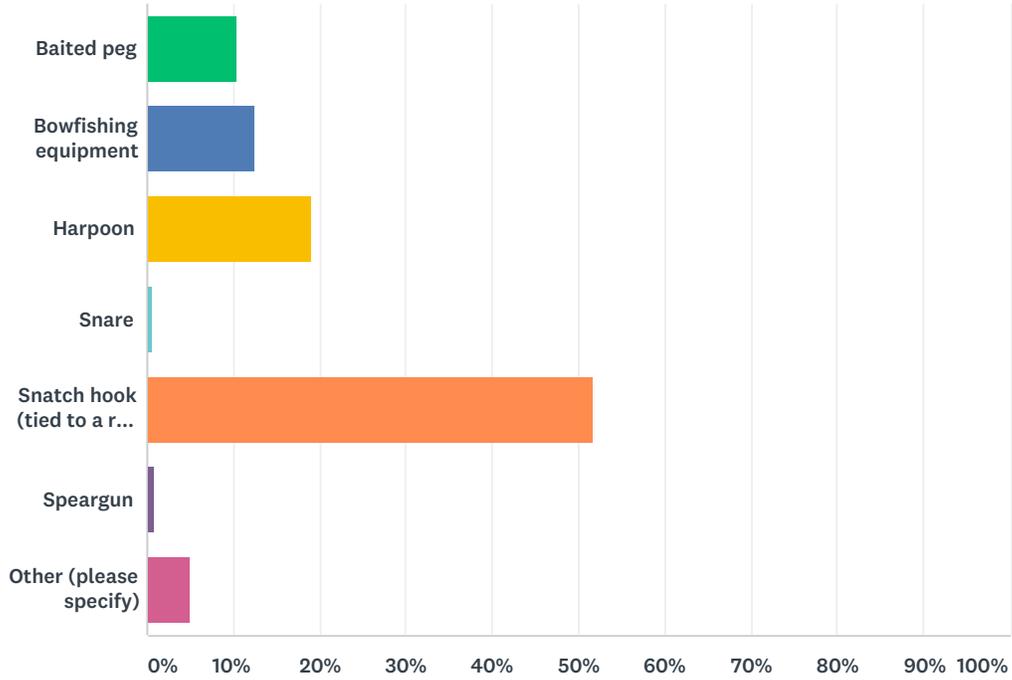
Q12 How many alligators did you harvest on your permit(s)? (Only count alligators harvested on permits in your name.)

Answered: 1,920 Skipped: 94

Q13 What was the primary method of take that you used to hunt alligators?

Answered: 1,875 Skipped: 139

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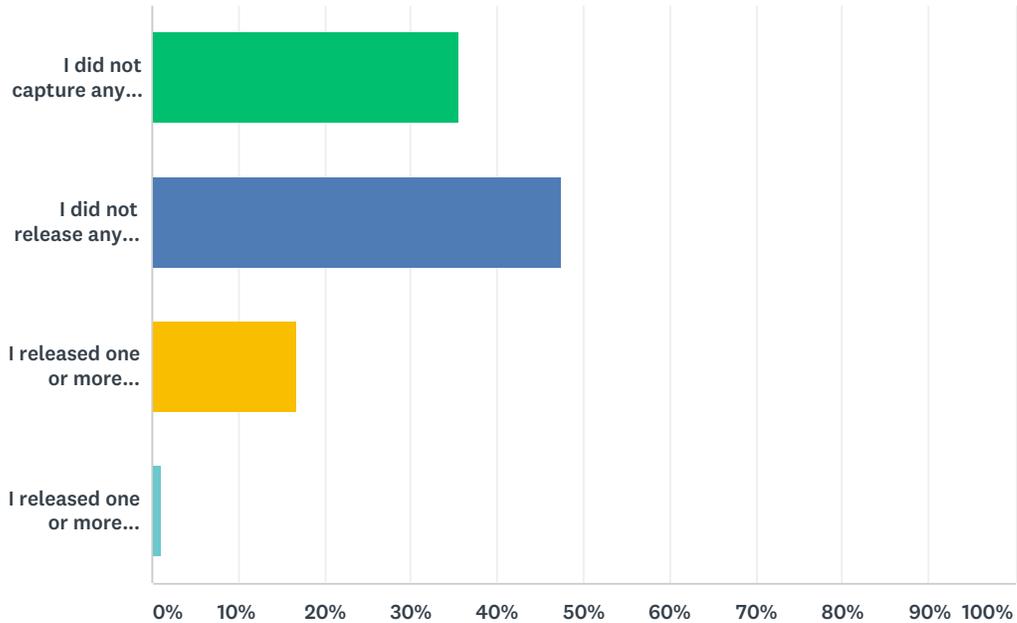


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Baited peg	10.51%	197
Bowfishing equipment	12.53%	235
Harpoon	18.99%	356
Snare	0.53%	10
Snatch hook (tied to a rod and reel or hand line)	51.57%	967
Speargun	0.85%	16
Other (please specify)	5.01%	94
TOTAL		1,875

Q14 Did you release any alligators captured in the 2017 Statewide Alligator Harvest?

Answered: 1,920 Skipped: 94

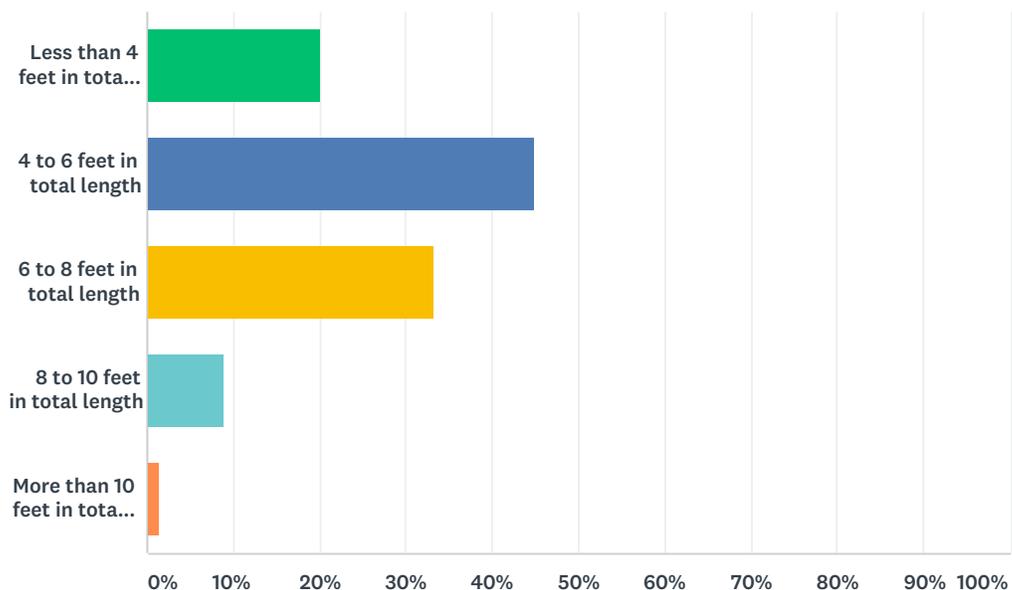
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I did not capture any alligators.	35.47%	681
I did not release any captured alligators.	47.45%	911
I released one or more alligators captured with a snatch hook.	16.82%	323
I released one or more alligators captured with a snare.	1.04%	20
Total Respondents: 1,920		

Q15 If you released any alligators that were captured on your permit in 2017, what was the size of the alligator(s)?

Answered: 393 Skipped: 1,621

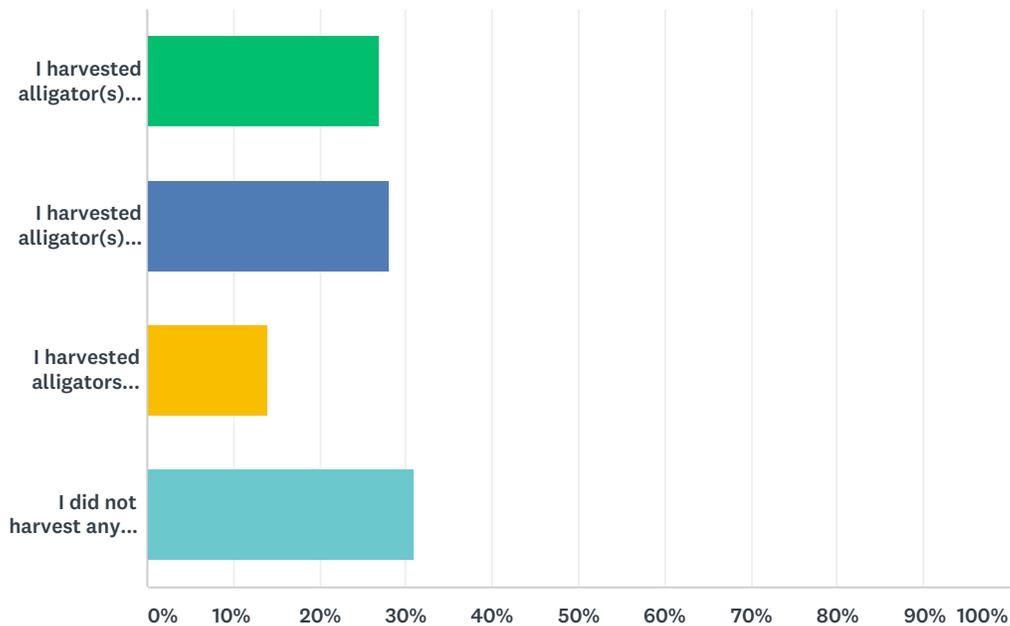


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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Less than 4 feet in total length	20.10%	79
4 to 6 feet in total length	45.04%	177
6 to 8 feet in total length	33.33%	131
8 to 10 feet in total length	8.91%	35
More than 10 feet in total length	1.53%	6
Total Respondents: 393		

Q16 During which harvest periods did you take alligators using your permit (not as an agent)?

Answered: 1,840 Skipped: 174

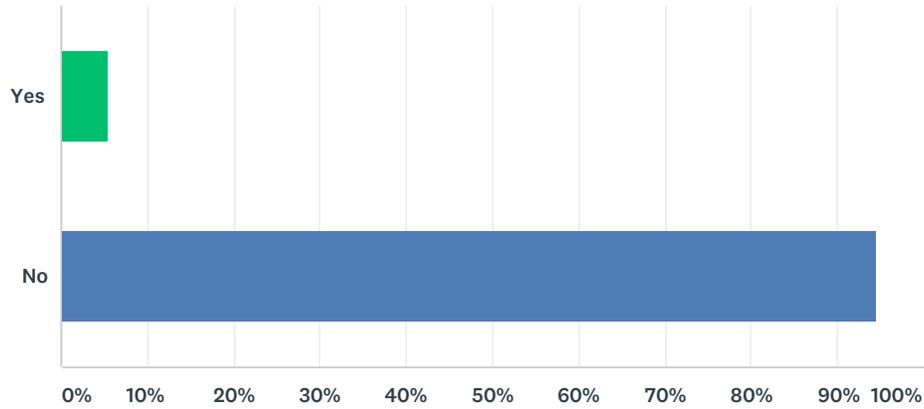


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I harvested alligator(s) during my quota period (periods 1 - 4, August 15 - September 12).	27.01%	497
I harvested alligator(s) during the open period (September 12 - November 1).	28.04%	516
I harvested alligators during both the quota period and the open period.	14.02%	258
I did not harvest any alligators.	30.92%	569
TOTAL		1,840

Q17 Did you pay a guide to take you on your hunt?

Answered: 1,920 Skipped: 94

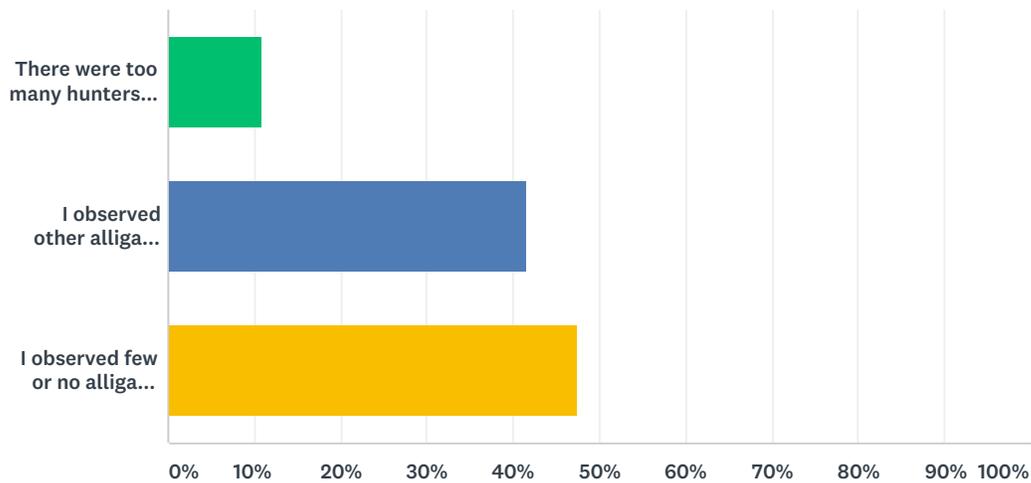
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	5.47% 105
No	94.53% 1,815
TOTAL	1,920

Q18 How did the number of alligator hunters that you observed affect your alligator hunting experience?

Answered: 1,920 Skipped: 94

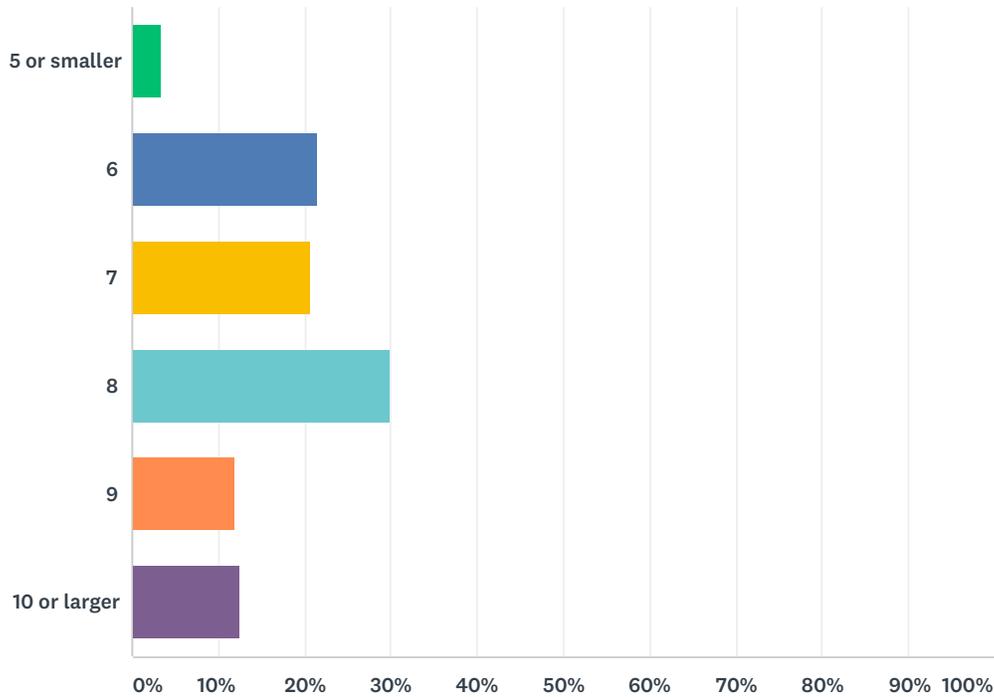


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
There were too many hunters on my unit, which greatly reduced the quality of the experience.	10.78% 207
I observed other alligator hunters, but it did not affect the quality of the experience.	41.72% 801
I observed few or no alligator hunters.	47.50% 912
TOTAL	1,920

Q19 What is the smallest size alligator that you would want to harvest on your hunt? (The choices are total length in feet.)

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Answered: 1,920 Skipped: 94

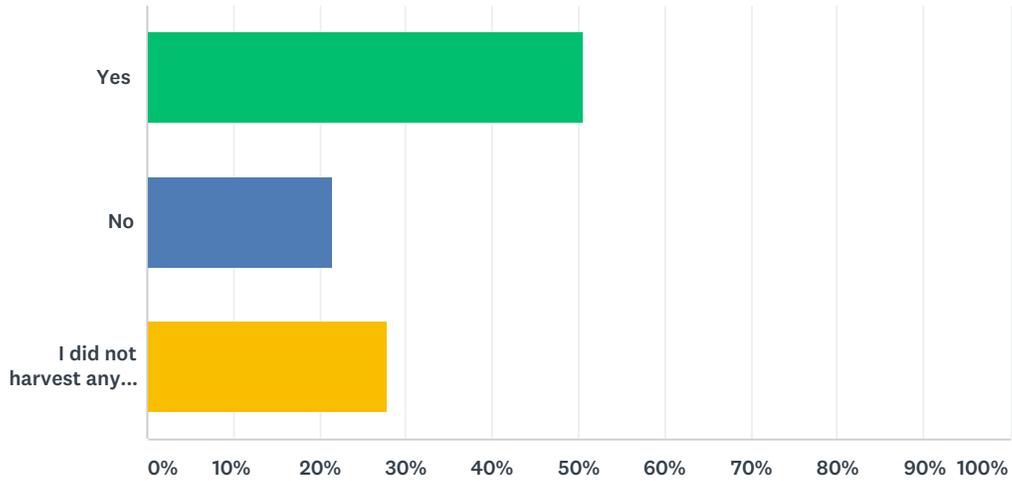


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
5 or smaller	3.44%	66
6	21.46%	412
7	20.73%	398
8	30.00%	576
9	11.82%	227
10 or larger	12.55%	241
TOTAL		1,920

Q20 Were you able to harvest the size alligator(s) you were interested in?

Answered: 1,920 Skipped: 94

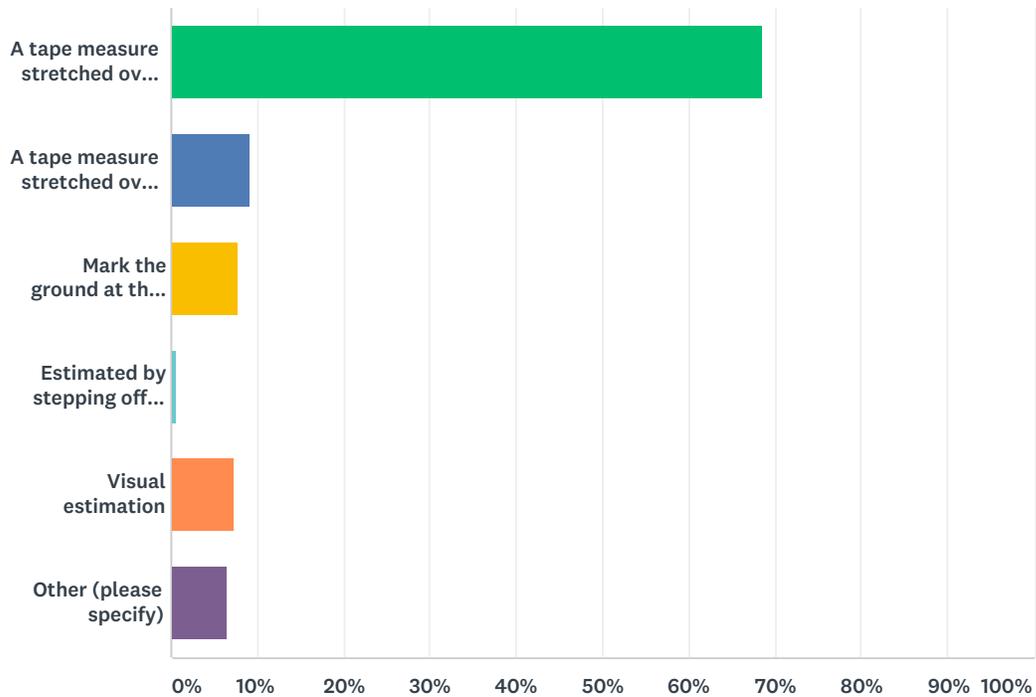
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	50.57%	971
No	21.61%	415
I did not harvest any alligators	27.81%	534
TOTAL		1,920

Q21 What method did you use to measure your alligator's length?

Answered: 1,587 Skipped: 427



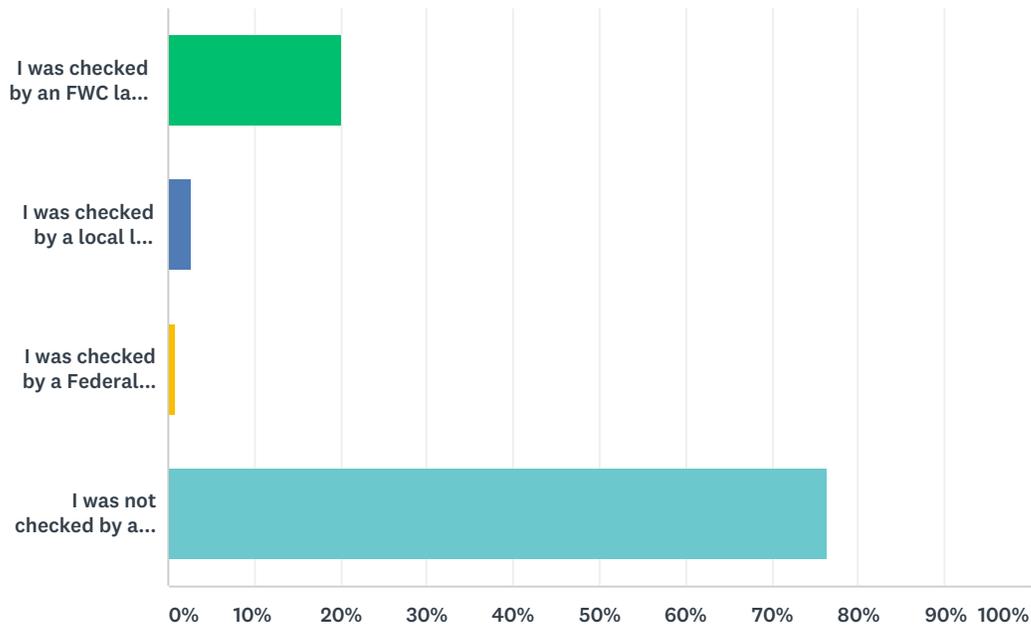
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
A tape measure stretched over the alligator's back	68.62%	1,089

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A tape measure stretched over the alligator's belly	9.20%	146
Mark the ground at the tip of the tail and snout, and measure between the marks.	7.81%	124
Estimated by stepping off the alligator's length	0.57%	9
Visual estimation	7.25%	115
Other (please specify)	6.55%	104
TOTAL		1,587

Q22 Were you checked by a law enforcement officer while alligator hunting in 2017?

Answered: 1,920 Skipped: 94

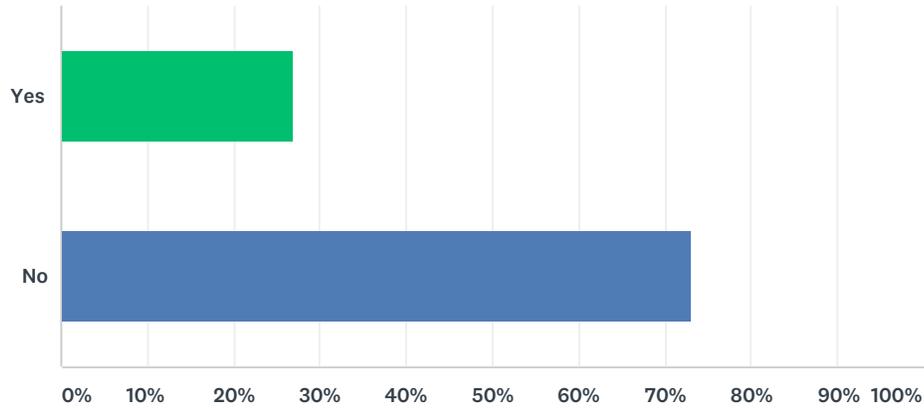


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I was checked by an FWC law enforcement officer	20.05%	385
I was checked by a local law enforcement officer	2.66%	51
I was checked by a Federal law enforcement officer	0.89%	17
I was not checked by a law enforcement officer	76.41%	1,467
TOTAL		1,920

Q23 Did you sell your alligator carcass(es) or hide(s) to a licensed alligator processor or hide dealer?

Answered: 1,617 Skipped: 397

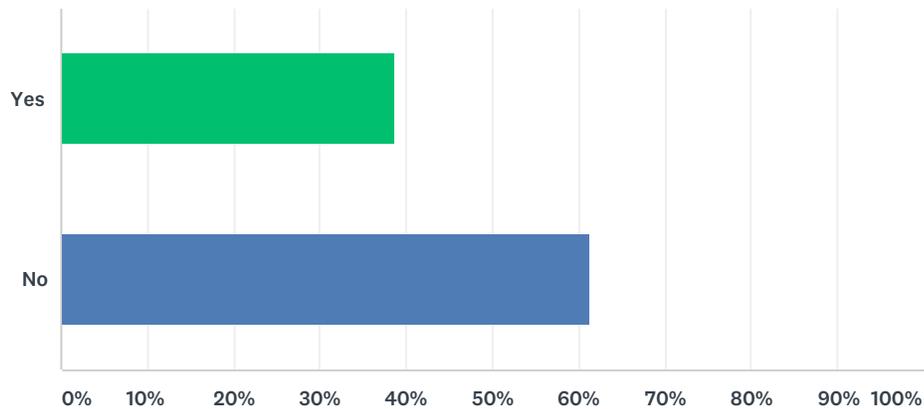
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	26.96%	436
No	73.04%	1,181
TOTAL		1,617

Q24 Did you process any of your alligator carcass(es) yourself?

Answered: 1,602 Skipped: 412

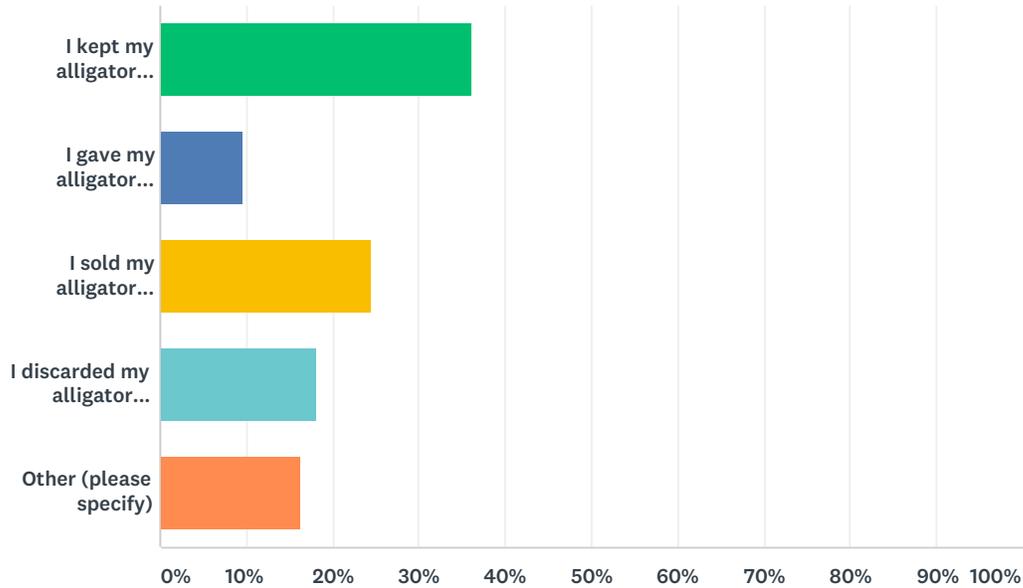


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	38.64%	619
No	61.36%	983
TOTAL		1,602

Q25 What did you do with your alligator hides? (Select all that apply.)

Answered: 1,451 Skipped: 563

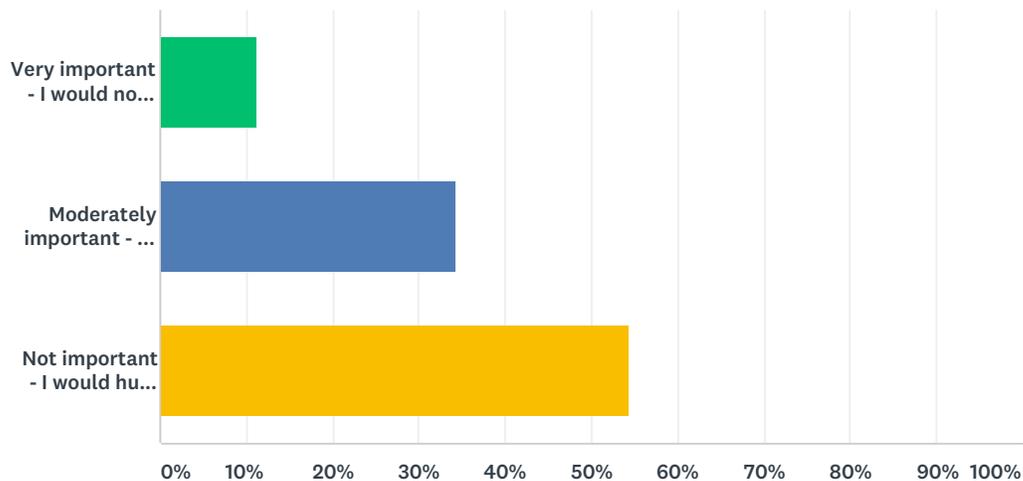
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I kept my alligator hide(s) as a trophy (to be tanned or taxidermy mounted)	36.11%	524
I gave my alligator hide(s) to someone else	9.72%	141
I sold my alligator hide(s) to a processor or hide dealer	24.47%	355
I discarded my alligator hide(s)	18.19%	264
Other (please specify)	16.26%	236
Total Respondents: 1,451		

Q26 How important is it to you to be able to sell the hides and/or carcasses of alligators that you take?

Answered: 1,670 Skipped: 344



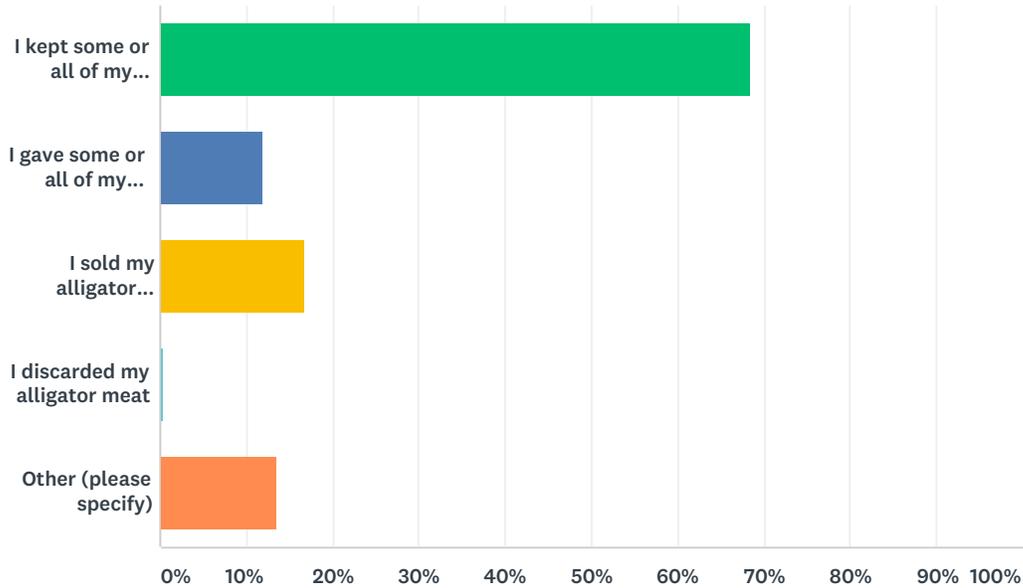
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very important - I would not hunt alligators if I couldn't sell the hides or carcasses.	11.20%	187

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Moderately important - I would like to sell my alligator hides and/or carcasses to help pay for the hunt.	34.31%	573
Not important - I would hunt alligators even if I could not sell them.	54.49%	910
TOTAL		1,670

Q27 What did you do with your alligator meat? (Select all that apply.)

Answered: 1,463 Skipped: 551

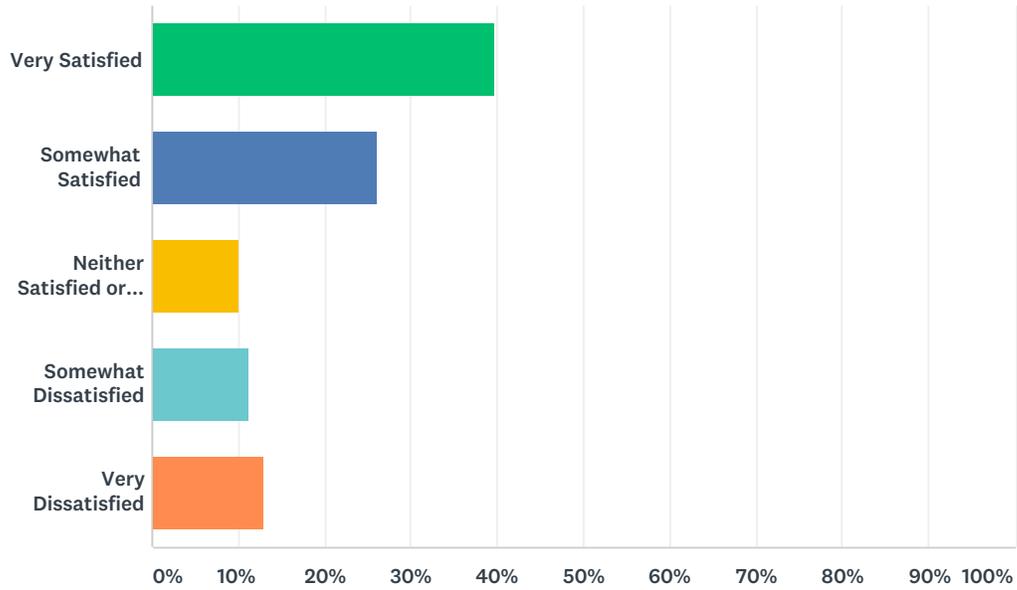


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I kept some or all of my alligator meat for personal consumption	68.42%	1,001
I gave some or all of my alligator meat to someone else	11.96%	175
I sold my alligator carcass to a processor	16.81%	246
I discarded my alligator meat	0.41%	6
Other (please specify)	13.60%	199
Total Respondents: 1,463		

Q28 Overall, how satisfied were you with the 2017 alligator hunt?

Answered: 1,848 Skipped: 166

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very Satisfied	39.66%	733
Somewhat Satisfied	26.08%	482
Neither Satisfied or Dissatisfied	10.01%	185
Somewhat Dissatisfied	11.31%	209
Very Dissatisfied	12.93%	239
TOTAL		1,848

Q29 If you would like to give us any comments on the Statewide Alligator Harvest Program, please use the text box below.

Answered: 569 Skipped: 1,445

Stiegler, Steve

From: survey-noreply@lr.surveymonkeyuser.com on behalf of steve.stiegler@myfwc.com via surveymonkey.com
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Dear Alligator Harvest Permit Holder,

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Thank you in advance for your participation in the survey and your interest in Florida's Alligator Management Program.

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Thank you in advance for your participation in the survey and your interest in Florida's Alligator Management Program.

* 1. Did you have an alligator harvest permit in Florida in 2017?

Yes

No

2. Did you purchase more than one permit in your name?

Yes

No

If "yes," then how many permits did you buy?

* 3. What most influenced your decision to apply for an alligator harvest permit?

FWC Alligator Management Program website

News or social media (Facebook, Twitter)

Friend or family member

Reality TV shows

Previous alligator hunting experience

Received an email from FWC about the hunt

Other (please specify)

* 4. What is the primary reason why you hunt alligators?

- Thrill of the hunt
- Obtain meat for personal consumption
- Use the hide for personal products
- Make money by selling meat/hides
- Make money by taking clients hunting or guiding other hunters
- Spend quality time with family and friends
- Other (please specify)

* 5. What alligator management unit or county were you permitted to hunt? (If you had multiple permits, select the area for the first permit that you received.)

(Select from drop-down menu)

* 6. Prior to applying for this permit, what best describes your familiarity with the harvest unit that you listed above.

- I had previously hunted alligators on this harvest unit.
- I had previously been hunting, fishing, and/or boating on this harvest unit.
- My hunting partners were familiar with this harvest unit.
- I had never been to this harvest unit prior to my alligator hunt.
- Other (please specify)

* 7. Where did you find answers to questions that you had about hunting alligators or about your harvest unit? (Check all that apply.)

- FWC Internet site
- Internet site not associated with FWC
- HuntFlorida TV YouTube video
- The 2017 Guide to Alligator Hunting in Florida
- I attended a training and orientation class
- I placed a phone call to FWC
- I emailed my question to FWC
- Personal contact with an FWC Officer or biologist
- Other (please specify)

* 8. How do you prefer to receive information on alligator hunting?

- MyFWC.com Internet site
- Websites not associated with FWC
- Social media (Facebook, Twitter, etc.)
- Online videos (YouTube)
- Printed and online materials (alligator harvest training manual, alligator hunting guide, hunting handbook)
- Attend an FWC alligator harvest training class
- Email questions to FWC
- Receive emails from FWC
- Other (please specify)

* 9. What harvest period were you permitted for? (Check more than one if you received multiple permits.)

- First Period (August 15th through August 22nd)
- Second Period (August 22nd through August 29th)
- Third Period (August 29th through September 5th)
- Fourth Period (September 5th through September 12th)



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10. How many nights did you hunt for alligators on your permit? Do not include nights when you helped other alligator hunters. (Please enter a whole number only.)

11. Please estimate the average number of hours that you hunted alligators each night. Do not include time spent assisting other alligator hunters.

- less than 4 hours per night
- 4 to 8 hours per night
- 8 to 12 hours per night
- more than 12 hours per night

* 12. How many alligators did you harvest on your permit(s)? (Only count alligators harvested on permits in your name.)

13. What was the primary method of take that you used to hunt alligators?

- Baited peg
- Bowfishing equipment
- Harpoon
- Snare
- Snatch hook (tied to a rod and reel or hand line)
- Speargun
- Other (please specify)

* 14. Did you release any alligators captured in the 2017 Statewide Alligator Harvest?

- I did not capture any alligators.
- I did not release any captured alligators.
- I released one or more alligators captured with a snatch hook.
- I released one or more alligators captured with a snare.

How many alligators did you release?

15. If you released any alligators that were captured on your permit in 2017, what was the size of the alligator(s)?

- Less than 4 feet in total length
- 4 to 6 feet in total length
- 6 to 8 feet in total length
- 8 to 10 feet in total length
- More than 10 feet in total length

16. During which harvest periods did you take alligators using your permit (not as an agent)?

- I harvested alligator(s) during my quota period (periods 1 - 4, August 15 - September 12).
- I harvested alligator(s) during the open period (September 12 - November 1).
- I harvested alligators during both the quota period and the open period.
- I did not harvest any alligators.

* 17. Did you pay a guide to take you on your hunt?

- Yes
- No

* 18. How did the number of alligator hunters that you observed affect your alligator hunting experience?

- There were too many hunters on my unit, which greatly reduced the quality of the experience.
- I observed other alligator hunters, but it did not affect the quality of the experience.
- I observed few or no alligator hunters.

* 19. What is the smallest size alligator that you would want to harvest on your hunt? (The choices are total length in feet.)

- 5 or smaller 6 7 8 9 10 or larger

* 20. Were you able to harvest the size alligator(s) you were interested in?

- Yes
 No
 I did not harvest any alligators

21. What method did you use to measure your alligator's length?

- A tape measure stretched over the alligator's back
 A tape measure stretched over the alligator's belly
 Mark the ground at the tip of the tail and snout, and measure between the marks.
 Estimated by stepping off the alligator's length
 Visual estimation
 Other (please specify)

* 22. Were you checked by a law enforcement officer while alligator hunting in 2017?

- I was checked by an FWC law enforcement officer
 I was checked by a local law enforcement officer
 I was checked by a Federal law enforcement officer
 I was not checked by a law enforcement officer



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The FWC would like to know how alligators taken in the Statewide Alligator Harvest Program are being used, so please answer the following questions. If you did not harvest any alligators, please proceed to Page 4.

23. Did you sell your alligator carcass(es) or hide(s) to a licensed alligator processor or hide dealer?

Yes

No

If yes, then how many did you sell?

24. Did you process any of your alligator carcass(es) yourself?

Yes

No

If yes, how many did you process?

25. What did you do with your alligator hides? (Select all that apply.)

I kept my alligator hide(s) as a trophy (to be tanned or taxidermy mounted)

I gave my alligator hide(s) to someone else

I sold my alligator hide(s) to a processor or hide dealer

I discarded my alligator hide(s)

Other (please specify)

26. How important is it to you to be able to sell the hides and/or carcasses of alligators that you take?

Very important - I would not hunt alligators if I couldn't sell the hides or carcasses.

Moderately important - I would like to sell my alligator hides and/or carcasses to help pay for the hunt.

Not important - I would hunt alligators even if I could not sell them.

27. What did you do with your alligator meat? (Select all that apply.)

I kept some or all of my alligator meat for personal consumption

I gave some or all of my alligator meat to someone else

I sold my alligator carcass to a processor

I discarded my alligator meat

Other (please specify)



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After completing the questions below, please click the "Submit Survey" button to enter your survey. Thank you for participating in the Statewide Alligator Harvest Program. For more information on Florida's Alligator Management Program, go to <http://MyFWC.com/alligator>.

28. Overall, how satisfied were you with the 2017 alligator hunt?

- Very Satisfied
- Somewhat Satisfied
- Neither Satisfied or Dissatisfied
- Somewhat Dissatisfied
- Very Dissatisfied

What is the primary reason for your satisfaction or dissatisfaction?

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