



## 2008 Florida Alligator Hunting Survey Report

The [Alligator Management Program](#) of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission surveyed alligator hunters that were permitted in 2008 to gather information about this program and to help provide better service to our constituents. The survey was intended only for those persons that received an alligator harvest permit in 2008. The survey announcement (attached) was sent via e-mail to all 2008 permit holders for which we had an e-mail address. This included 3,006 addresses from a total of 5,126 permittees. Potential survey respondents were given 20 days to complete the survey. There were 909 responses. Since the persons that were surveyed do not represent a random sample of permit holders, the use of statistics to infer differences in response categories is not appropriate.

We anticipate this post-season survey to be conducted annually, with questions based on current information needs.

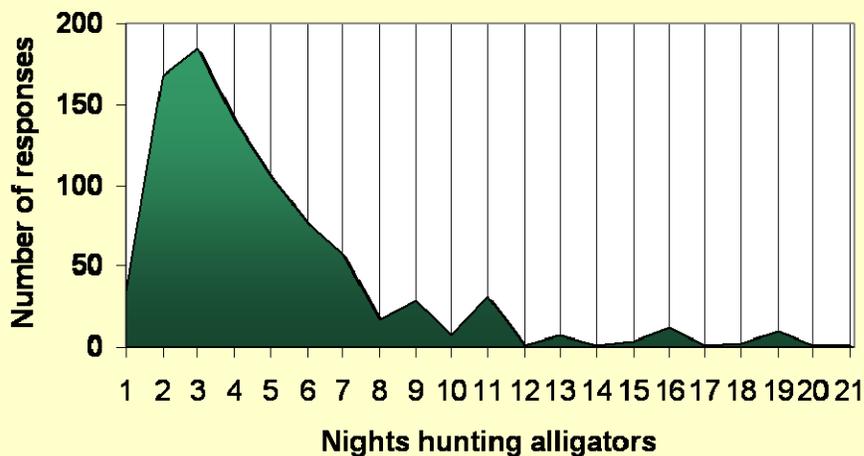
The following data represent relationships between responses that may provide useful information for the management of alligator hunts. A Survey Summary which includes the number of responses and the response rate for each question also follows. The survey instrument is also attached.

### General Statistics:

The following are averages of responses from survey questions 5, 6, and 7, respectively.

- Average number of nights spent hunting alligators: 3.9
- Average number of hours spent hunting alligators: 23.3
- Average number of alligators harvested per person: 1.3

Figure 1. Response count for number of nights hunting alligators.



**Boat use information:**

There has been increased interest by State and local elected officials regarding boating regulations, especially concerning airboat use on populated waterbodies. Survey question number 4 was included to help characterize boat use by alligator hunters. Boat use information for all responses appears on page 7 of the Survey Summary, attached.

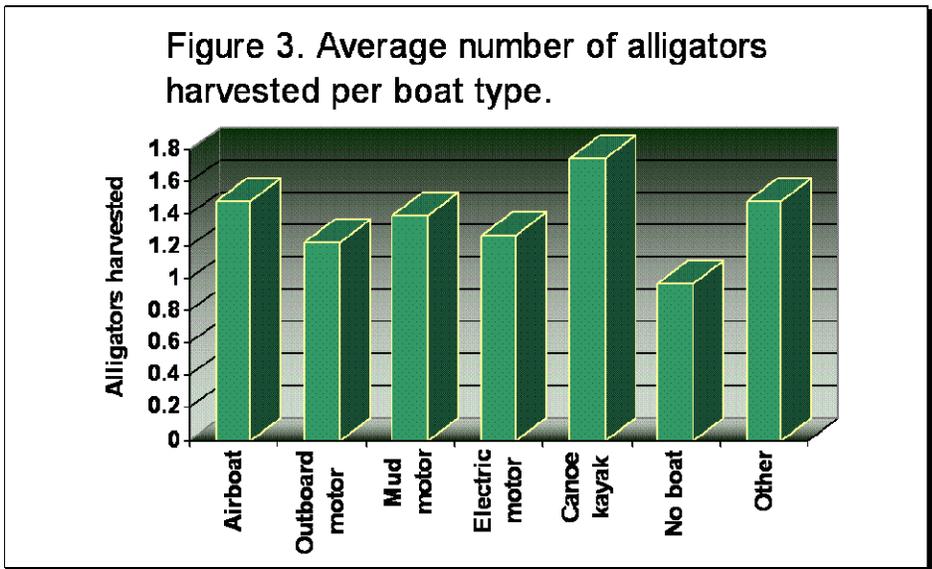
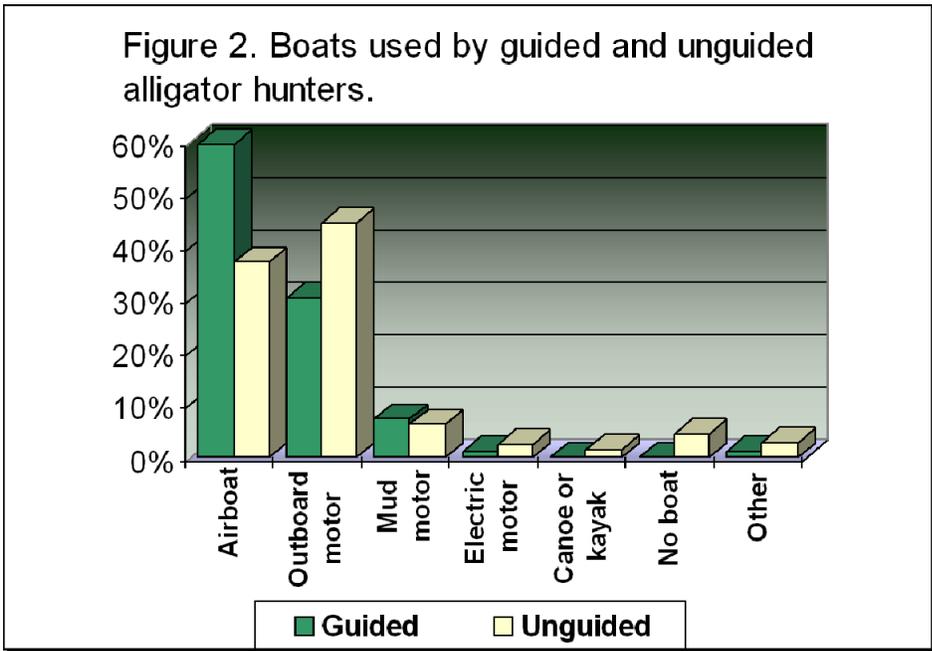
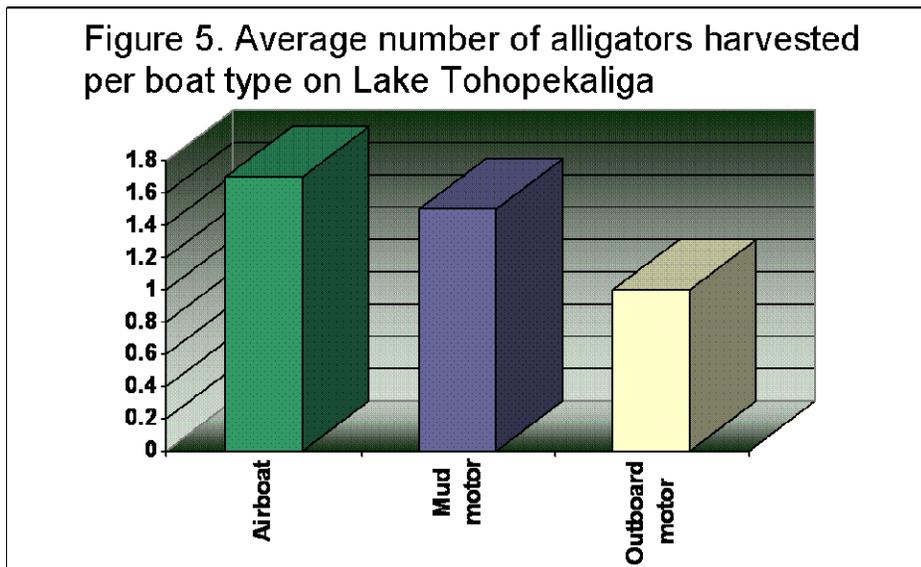
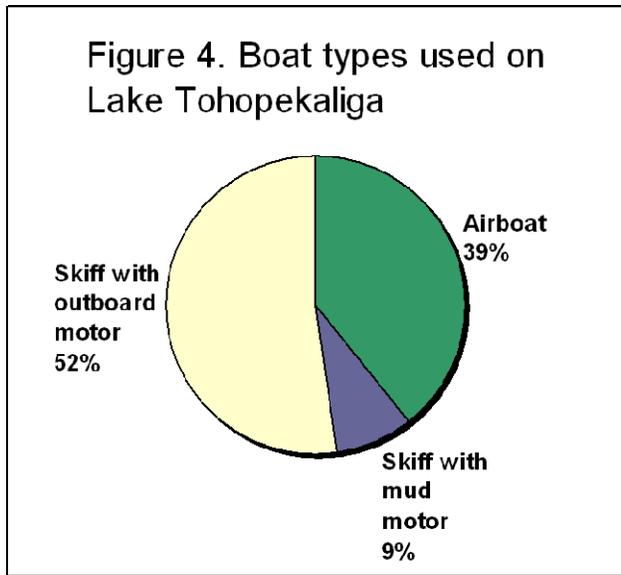


Table 1. Percent airboat use on Alligator Management Units (AMUs) for which we received a minimum of three responses (for all boat types). The overall average for airboat use is 39.3%.

AMU	Airboat use	No. of airboat use responses
545 KENANSVILLE LAKE	100.0%	3
540 ST. JOHNS RIVER UPPER BASIN CANALS	83.3%	5
109 LAKE ISTOKPOGA	80.0%	16
104 LAKE HATCHINEHA	78.6%	11
404 EVERGLADES WMA (WCA 3)	76.9%	10
101 LAKE PIERCE	75.0%	3
601 LAKE OKEECHOBEE (WEST)	73.0%	27
504 ST. JOHNS RIVER (PUZZLE LAKE)	66.7%	22
306 WACISSA RIVER	66.7%	2
543 / 546 T.M. GOODWIN WMA (BOTH UNITS)	66.7%	2
732 LAKE IAMONIA	66.7%	2
501 ST. JOHNS RIVER (LAKE HELL N' BLAZES)	60.6%	20
722 ORANGE LAKE	60.6%	20
110 LAKE KISSIMMEE	60.0%	9
105 KISSIMMEE RIVER (POOL A)	58.3%	7
502 ST. JOHNS RIVER (LAKE POINSETT)	53.8%	35
721 RODMAN RESERVOIR	53.8%	7
509 LAKE GRIFFIN	50.0%	8
409 LAKE HICPOCHEE	50.0%	3
527 LAKE MONROE	50.0%	3
542 BLUE CYPRESS WATER MANAGEMENT AREA	50.0%	2
510 LAKE JESUP	43.5%	10
604 LAKE OKEECHOBEE (SOUTH)	40.6%	13
106 KISSIMMEE RIVER	40.0%	20
518 LAKE ROUSSEAU	40.0%	2
520 LAKE TOHOPEKALIGA	39.1%	9

## Lake Tohopekaliga

Lake Tohopekaliga is an area for which local authorities have imposed a curfew on airboat use. We received responses from 25 people that identified Lake Tohopekaliga as their permitted area.



**Alligator Hunter Satisfaction:**

Question 8 of the survey was used to gather information on the effect of hunter density on the quality of the hunting experience. Total responses for this question are summarized on page 8 of the Survey Summary.

Table 2. AMUs with a high number of respondents indicating that there were too many alligator hunters on their harvest unit. This table only includes areas above the statewide average (15.4%) with more than one response of too many hunters.

AMU	No. of responses of too many hunters	% responses that indicated too many hunters
106 KISSIMMEE RIVER	20	41.7%
722 ORANGE LAKE	15	45.5%
502 ST. JOHNS RIVER (LAKE POINSETT)	14	22.2%
504 ST. JOHNS RIVER (PUZZLE LAKE)	8	25.8%
724 NEWNANS LAKE	6	26.1%
407 STA - 1W	6	21.4%
105 KISSIMMEE RIVER (POOL A)	5	41.7%
102 LAKE MARIAN	5	26.3%
835 LAKE COUNTY	5	23.8%
711 LAKE HANCOCK	4	22.2%
505 LAKE HARNEY	4	19.0%
508 CRESCENT LAKE	3	30.0%
104 LAKE HATCHINEHA	3	21.4%
509 LAKE GRIFFIN	3	18.8%
807 CALHOUN COUNTY	2	66.7%
542 BLUE CYPRESS WATER MANAGEMENT AREA	2	50.0%
810 CLAY COUNTY	2	50.0%
500 BLUE CYPRESS LAKE	2	28.6%
853 POLK COUNTY	2	18.2%

The final question in the survey, Question 9, was a text box in which respondents could comment on the quality of their hunt, or on any other topic. These comments 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 the management of the St. Johns River floods, and overcrowding issues. Neutral comments were primarily suggestions that had neither positive nor negative connotations.

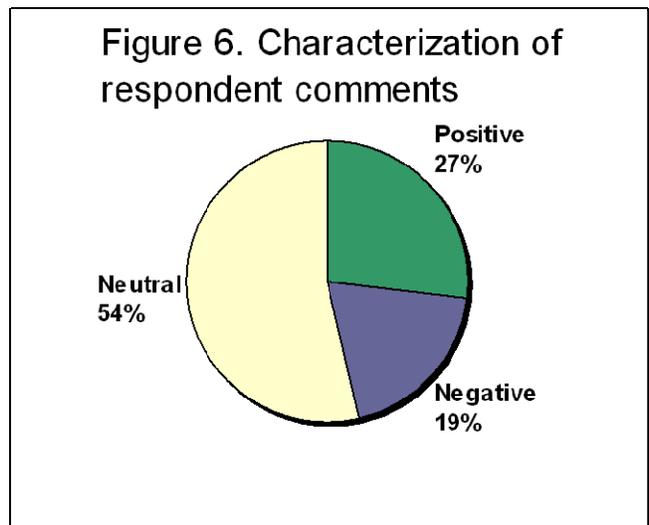


Table 3. Survey responses for specific Alligator Management Units. Percent values and averages are based on the number of respondents.

AMU	# of Permittees	# of Respondants	% Sampled	Question No. 4							Q. No. 5	Q. No. 6	Q. No. 7	Question No. 8		
				% using Airboats	% using Boat with Outboard	% using Boat with Mud motor	% using Boat with Electric motor	% using Canoe or Kayak	% using No Boat	% using Other Boat	Average # of Nights Hunted	Average # of Hours Hunted	Average # of Alligators Taken	% Saying Few Hunters	% Saying No Impact	% Saying Too Many
101 LAKE PIERCE	24	4	16.7%	75.0%	25.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	4.0	22.5	1.5	25.0%	50.0%	25.0%
102 LAKE MARIAN	73	19	26.0%	31.6%	57.9%	10.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.9	19.9	1.6	5.3%	68.4%	26.3%
103 KISSIMMEE RIVER (POOL E)	20	5	25.0%	20.0%	40.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	20.0%	20.0%	3.4	20.4	1.0	60.0%	20.0%	20.0%
104 LAKE HATCHINEHA	124	14	11.3%	78.6%	21.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3.7	23.3	0.7	0.0%	78.6%	21.4%
105 KISSIMMEE RIVER (POOL A)	91	12	13.2%	58.3%	41.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	4.4	30.3	1.0	0.0%	58.3%	41.7%
106 KISSIMMEE RIVER	377	50	13.3%	40.0%	46.0%	6.0%	2.0%	0.0%	2.0%	4.0%	2.9	16.5	1.3	8.3%	50.0%	41.7%
108 LAKE ARBUCKLE	6	0	0.0%													
109 LAKE ISTOKPOGA	84	20	23.8%	80.0%	15.0%	0.0%	5.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3.6	20.6	1.0	25.0%	70.0%	5.0%
110 LAKE KISSIMMEE	93	15	16.1%	60.0%	13.3%	26.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.4	13.1	1.9	20.0%	73.3%	6.7%
112 TENOROC FMA	2	1	50.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.0	8.0	2.0	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
115 LAKE WEOHYAKAPKA	3	1	33.3%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	7.0	84.0	2.0	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
116 CYPRESS LAKE	5	1	20.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.0	7.0	0.0	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%
117 LAKE PARKER	3	3	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3.3	16.0	0.3	66.7%	33.3%	0.0%
118 LAKE MANATEE	4	1	25.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	4.0	20.0	2.0	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%
119 PEACE RIVER NORTH	4	0	0.0%													
120 PEACE RIVER SOUTH	4	1	25.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3.0	10.0		100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
121 CALOOSAHATCHEE RIVER	3	1	33.3%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	10.0	60.0	2.0	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
303 LAKE MICCOSUKEE	14	2	14.3%	50.0%	0.0%	50.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3.5	14.0	2.0	50.0%	50.0%	0.0%
306 WACISSA RIVER	4	3	75.0%	66.7%	33.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	6.3	41.3	1.7	66.7%	0.0%	33.3%
402 EVERGLADES WMA (WCA 2)	12	3	25.0%	33.3%	33.3%	33.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.0	10.0	1.7	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
404 EVERGLADES WMA (WCA 3)	55	13	23.6%	76.9%	15.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	7.7%	0.0%	3.3	18.9	1.6	66.7%	33.3%	0.0%
405 HOLEY LAND WMA	6	2	33.3%	0.0%	50.0%	0.0%	50.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.0	10.0	1.0	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
406 STA - 5	50	10	20.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	20.0%	20.0%	60.0%	2.2	14.7	1.5	30.0%	60.0%	10.0%
407 STA - 1W	100	28	28.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3.6%	17.9%	57.1%	21.4%	2.9	18.1	1.8	3.6%	75.0%	21.4%
409 LAKE HICPOCHEE	54	6	11.1%	50.0%	50.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.3	17.3	1.5	50.0%	33.3%	16.7%
500 BLUE CYPRESS LAKE	88	8	9.1%	12.5%	62.5%	12.5%	0.0%	0.0%	12.5%	0.0%	2.9	22.4	1.1	28.6%	42.9%	28.6%
501 ST. JOHNS R. (L. HELL N' BLAZES)	200	33	16.5%	60.6%	24.2%	12.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3.0%	5.1	26.0	1.5	27.3%	63.6%	9.1%
502 ST. JOHNS RIVER (LAKE POINSETT)	495	65	13.1%	53.8%	35.4%	3.1%	3.1%	1.5%	3.1%	0.0%	4.4	24.7	1.3	20.6%	57.1%	22.2%
504 ST. JOHNS RIVER (PUZZLE LAKE)	171	33	19.3%	66.7%	15.2%	9.1%	9.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.8	17.5	1.2	19.4%	54.8%	25.8%
505 LAKE HARNEY	204	26	12.7%	23.1%	61.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	11.5%	3.8%	2.9	17.9	0.8	23.8%	57.1%	19.0%
506 ST. JOHNS RIVER (WELAKA)	85	7	8.2%	28.6%	71.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.9	15.1	1.1	28.6%	57.1%	14.3%
507 ST. JOHNS R. (PALATKA SOUTH)	6	2	33.3%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	5.0	27.5	2.0	50.0%	50.0%	0.0%
508 CRESCENT LAKE	78	10	12.8%	0.0%	80.0%	20.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3.8	20.0	1.7	20.0%	50.0%	30.0%
509 LAKE GRIFFIN	80	16	20.0%	50.0%	31.3%	6.3%	6.3%	0.0%	0.0%	6.3%	3.2	23.1	1.8	12.5%	68.8%	18.8%
510 LAKE JESUP	110	23	20.9%	43.5%	43.5%	8.7%	0.0%	0.0%	4.3%	0.0%	2.0	12.7	0.8	45.5%	45.5%	9.1%
515 LAKE PANASOFFKEE	6	3	50.0%	33.3%	66.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3.0	21.3	1.7	66.7%	33.3%	0.0%
516 WITHLACOOCHEE RIVER NORTH	3	1	33.3%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	4.0	20.0	1.0	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%
518 LAKE ROUSSEAU	33	5	15.2%	40.0%	60.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	7.0	39.6	1.2	20.0%	60.0%	20.0%
520 LAKE TOHOPEKALIGA	123	23	18.7%	39.1%	52.2%	8.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	4.6	33.4	1.3	34.8%	56.5%	8.7%
527 LAKE MONROE	11	6	54.5%	50.0%	50.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3.3	18.6	1.3	33.3%	66.7%	0.0%
528 LAKE DEXTER	8	2	25.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3.0	25.0	2.0	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%
540 ST. JOHNS R. UPPER BASIN CANALS	22	6	27.3%	83.3%	0.0%	16.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.3	4.5	2.0	16.7%	83.3%	0.0%
542 BLUE CYPRESS WMA	23	4	17.4%	50.0%	50.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	4.3	34.3	1.8	0.0%	50.0%	50.0%
543 T.M. GOODWIN WMA (BROADMOOR)	4	1	25.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3.0	30.0	2.0	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%
544 STICK MARSH	20	4	20.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3.5	21.0	1.5	25.0%	75.0%	0.0%
545 KENANSVILLE LAKE	8	3	37.5%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.3	12.3	2.0	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
546 T.M. GOODWIN WMA (GOODWIN)	6	2	33.3%	50.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	50.0%	0.0%	2.5	14.0	2.0	50.0%	50.0%	0.0%
547 GUANA RIVER WMA	8	5	62.5%	0.0%	80.0%	20.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.2	9.6	1.8	80.0%	20.0%	0.0%
548 OCALA WMA	2	0	0.0%													
549 THREE LAKES WMA	4	0	0.0%													
601 LAKE OKEECHOBEE (WEST)	153	37	24.2%	73.0%	21.6%	0.0%	5.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3.2	18.9	1.5	32.4%	67.6%	0.0%
602 LAKE OKEECHOBEE (NORTH)	62	13	21.0%	23.1%	76.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3.2	18.1	1.3	23.1%	76.9%	0.0%
603 LAKE OKEECHOBEE (EAST)	21	4	19.0%	25.0%	50.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	25.0%	0.0%	1.8	13.3	1.3	33.3%	66.7%	0.0%
604 LAKE OKEECHOBEE (SOUTH)	195	32	16.4%	40.6%	37.5%	9.4%	6.3%	0.0%	6.3%	0.0%	3.0	13.4	1.4	31.3%	68.8%	0.0%

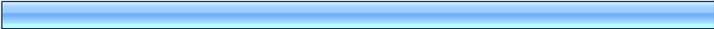
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711 LAKE HANCOCK	61	18	29.5%	27.8%	55.6%	16.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.6	9.8	1.8	22.2%	55.6%	22.2%
721 RODMAN RESERVOIR	92	13	14.1%	53.8%	15.4%	15.4%	15.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	5.2	35.7	1.7	15.4%	69.2%	15.4%
722 ORANGE LAKE	305	33	10.8%	60.6%	21.2%	12.1%	0.0%	3.0%	0.0%	3.0%	4.6	25.0	1.4	12.1%	42.4%	45.5%
723 LOCHLOOSA LAKE	100	13	13.0%	30.8%	53.8%	15.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	5.2	31.3	0.9	23.1%	61.5%	15.4%
724 NEWNANS LAKE	65	23	35.4%	13.0%	82.6%	4.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	4.0	21.5	1.2	4.3%	69.6%	26.1%
732 LAKE IAMONIA	18	3	16.7%	66.7%	33.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3.0	14.7	1.7	33.3%	66.7%	0.0%
733 LAKE TALQUIN	7	1	14.3%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	15.0	70.0	2.0	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
734 LAKE SEMINOLE	17	4	23.5%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3.3	27.0	2.0	50.0%	50.0%	0.0%
741 LAKE TRAFFORD	36	10	27.8%	30.0%	70.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3.7	20.8	1.5	30.0%	70.0%	0.0%
751 LAKE GEORGE	146	31	21.2%	35.5%	58.1%	3.2%	0.0%	0.0%	3.2%	0.0%	4.4	30.5	0.8	17.2%	82.8%	0.0%
801 ALACHUA COUNTY	13	2	15.4%	50.0%	50.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3.5	22.0	2.0	0.0%	50.0%	50.0%
802 BAKER COUNTY	4	0	0.0%													
803 BAY COUNTY	12	6	50.0%	33.3%	33.3%	33.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3.5	16.0	1.3	25.0%	75.0%	0.0%
804 BRADFORD COUNTY	8	1	12.5%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	10.0	100.0	0.0	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
805 BREVARD COUNTY	4	3	75.0%	0.0%	33.3%	33.3%	0.0%	0.0%	33.3%	0.0%	2.3	13.0	1.3	50.0%	50.0%	0.0%
807 CALHOUN COUNTY	11	3	27.3%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	7.0	27.0	1.3	0.0%	33.3%	66.7%
808 CHARLOTTE COUNTY	9	1	11.1%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3.0	20.0	2.0	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
809 CITRUS COUNTY	14	3	21.4%	66.7%	33.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	5.7	38.3	1.3	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
810 CLAY COUNTY	38	4	10.5%	0.0%	75.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	25.0%	7.5	48.5	0.3	25.0%	25.0%	50.0%
811 COLLIER COUNTY	2	1	50.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	8.0	50.0	2.0	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
812 COLUMBIA COUNTY	2	0	0.0%													
814 DESOTO COUNTY	1	0	0.0%													
815 DIXIE COUNTY	9	1	11.1%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.0	4.0	2.0	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
817 ESCAMBIA COUNTY	7	3	42.9%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	4.0	20.7	2.0	33.3%	66.7%	0.0%
818 FLAGLER	5	0	0.0%													
819 FRANKLIN COUNTY	32	5	15.6%	40.0%	40.0%	20.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	4.8	31.8	1.6	80.0%	20.0%	0.0%
820 GADSDEN COUNTY	2	1	50.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	6.0	46.0	2.0	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%
821 GILCHRIST COUNTY	3	0	0.0%													
822 GLADES COUNTY	4	1	25.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	10.0	50.0	1.0	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
823 GULF COUNTY	32	3	9.4%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	9.3	78.0	1.0	33.3%	66.7%	0.0%
824 HAMILTON COUNTY	2	0	0.0%													
825 HARDEE COUNTY	2	2	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.0	20.0	0.0	50.0%	50.0%	0.0%
826 HENDRY COUNTY	3	1	33.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	2.0	16.0	2.0	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
827 HERNANDO COUNTY	2	1	50.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3.0	12.0	1.0	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
828 HIGHLANDS COUNTY	26	2	7.7%	50.0%	50.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.0	9.5	2.0	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
829 HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY	2	1	50.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.0	8.0	0.0	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
830 HOLMES COUNTY	3	1	33.3%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	15.0	75.0	2.0	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%
831 INDIAN RIVER COUNTY	2	0	0.0%													
832 JACKSON COUNTY	9	2	22.2%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	12.0	66.0	1.5	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%
833 JEFFERSON COUNTY	7	1	14.3%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	5.0	40.0	2.0	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
834 LAFAYETTE COUNTY	2	0	0.0%													
835 LAKE COUNTY	88	21	23.9%	33.3%	42.9%	14.3%	4.8%	0.0%	0.0%	4.8%	4.9	34.2	1.3	28.6%	47.6%	23.8%
836 LEE COUNTY	13	3	23.1%	0.0%	66.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	33.3%	4.0	21.3	0.7	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
837 LEON COUNTY	11	3	27.3%	33.3%	33.3%	0.0%	33.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	5.3	28.3	1.7	66.7%	33.3%	0.0%
838 LEVY COUNTY	10	1	10.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	4.0	32.0	1.0	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
839 LIBERTY COUNTY	19	2	10.5%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	7.5	45.0	2.0	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%
840 MADISON COUNTY	2	1	50.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3.0	12.0	2.0	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
841 MANATEE COUNTY	16	3	18.8%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	4.3	24.7	1.3	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
842 MARION COUNTY	24	5	20.8%	20.0%	80.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	8.8	28.8	1.6	20.0%	60.0%	20.0%
843 MARTIN COUNTY	4	1	25.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	10.0	40.0	2.0	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%
845 NASSAU COUNTY	31	7	22.6%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3.6	24.6	1.4	42.9%	57.1%	0.0%
846 OKALOOSA COUNTY	5	1	20.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	4.0	16.0	1.0	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
847 OKEECHOBEE COUNTY	2	2	100.0%	50.0%	50.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.5	11.0	2.0	50.0%	50.0%	0.0%
848 ORANGE COUNTY	19	1	5.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	5.0	20.0	0.0	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%

Table 3. Survey responses for specific Alligator Management Units. Percent values and averages are based on the number of respondents.

AMU	# of Permittees	# of Permitted Respondants	% Sampled	Question No. 4								Q. No. 5	Q. No. 6	Q. No. 7	Question No. 8		
				% using Airboats	% using Boat with Outboard	% using Boat with Mud motor	% using Boat with Electric motor	% using Canoe or Kayak	% using No Boat	% using Other Boat	Average # of Nights Hunted	Average # of Hours Hunted	Average # of Alligators Taken	% Saying Few Hunters	% Saying No Impact	% Saying Too Many	
849 OSCEOLA COUNTY	43	4	9.3%	50.0%	25.0%	25.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	9.5	41.0	1.8	25.0%	75.0%	0.0%
850 PALM BEACH COUNTY	3	5	166.7%	20.0%	20.0%	0.0%	0.0%	20.0%	0.0%	40.0%	6.2	32.2	2.0	40.0%	40.0%	20.0%	
851 PASCO COUNTY	2	1	50.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.0	5.0	2.0	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
852 PINELLAS COUNTY	1	0	0.0%														
853 POLK COUNTY	68	11	16.2%	27.3%	54.5%	9.1%	9.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	6.2	39.5	1.1	63.6%	18.2%	18.2%	
854 PUTNAM COUNTY	39	6	15.4%	16.7%	66.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	16.7%	0.0%	7.5	64.5	1.5	50.0%	50.0%	0.0%	
855 SANTA ROSA COUNTY	19	7	36.8%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	6.9	43.7	0.6	71.4%	28.6%	0.0%	
856 SARASOTA COUNTY	2	1	50.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	8.0	40.0	2.0	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
857 SEMINOLE COUNTY	1	1	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.0	5.0	2.0	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	
858 ST. JOHNS COUNTY	63	9	14.3%	11.1%	77.8%	11.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	4.4	29.3	0.6	37.5%	62.5%	0.0%	
859 ST. LUCIE COUNTY	4	0	0.0%														
860 SUMTER COUNTY	11	1	9.1%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.0	8.0	1.0	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	
861 SUWANNEE COUNTY	3	2	66.7%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.0	10.5	0.5	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
862 TAYLOR COUNTY	2	0	0.0%														
863 UNION COUNTY	5	1	20.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	5.0	30.0	1.0	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
864 VOLUSIA COUNTY	11	4	36.4%	0.0%	75.0%	0.0%	25.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3.3	24.0	2.0	75.0%	25.0%	0.0%	
865 WAKULLA COUNTY	9	2	22.2%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	7.0	35.0	2.0	50.0%	50.0%	0.0%	
866 WALTON COUNTY	19	3	15.8%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	5.3	47.3	0.7	33.3%	66.7%	0.0%	
867 WASHINGTON COUNTY	14	2	14.3%	0.0%	50.0%	0.0%	0.0%	50.0%	0.0%	0.0%	7.0	22.0	2.0	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
<b>Statewide Totals/Averages:</b>	<b>5126</b>	<b>898</b>	<b>17.5%</b>	<b>39.4%</b>	<b>43.5%</b>	<b>6.3%</b>	<b>2.4%</b>	<b>1.3%</b>	<b>4.1%</b>	<b>2.8%</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>23.3</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>28.8%</b>	<b>55.8%</b>	<b>15.4%</b>	

## 2008 Florida Alligator Hunting Survey Summary

1. Did you have an alligator harvest permit in Florida in 2008?				
			Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		99.0%	900	
No		1.0%	9	
			<i>answered question</i>	<b>909</b>
			<i>skipped question</i>	<b>0</b>

2. Did you pay a guide to take you on your hunt?				
			Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		9.1%	83	
No		90.9%	826	
			<i>answered question</i>	<b>909</b>
			<i>skipped question</i>	<b>0</b>

3. What alligator management unit were you permitted to hunt? (Select from drop-down menu)

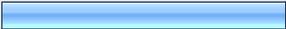
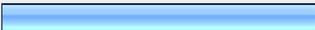
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104 LAKE HATCHINEHA	<input type="checkbox"/>	1.5%	14
105 KISSIMMEE RIVER (POOL A)	<input type="checkbox"/>	1.4%	13
106 KISSIMMEE RIVER	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5.5%	50
108 LAKE ARBUCKLE	<input type="checkbox"/>	0.0%	0
109 LAKE ISTOKPOGA	<input type="checkbox"/>	2.2%	20
110 LAKE KISSIMMEE	<input type="checkbox"/>	1.7%	15
112 TENOROC FMA	<input type="checkbox"/>	0.1%	1
115 LAKE WEOHYAKAPKA	<input type="checkbox"/>	0.1%	1
116 CYPRESS LAKE	<input type="checkbox"/>	0.1%	1
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118 LAKE MANATEE	<input type="checkbox"/>	0.1%	1
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306 WACISSA RIVER	<input type="checkbox"/>	0.3%	3
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404 EVERGLADES WMA (WCA 3)	<input type="checkbox"/>	1.5%	14
405 HOLEY LAND WMA	<input type="checkbox"/>	0.2%	2
406 STA - 5	<input type="checkbox"/>	1.1%	10
407 STA - 1W	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3.1%	28
409 LAKE HICPOCHEE	<input type="checkbox"/>	0.7%	6

500 BLUE CYPRESS LAKE		0.9%	8
501 ST. JOHNS RIVER (LAKE HELL N' BLAZES)		3.6%	33
<b>502 ST. JOHNS RIVER (LAKE POINSETT)</b>		<b>7.3%</b>	66
504 ST. JOHNS RIVER (PUZZLE LAKE)		3.6%	33
505 LAKE HARNEY		2.9%	26
506 ST. JOHNS RIVER (WELAKA)		0.8%	7
507 ST. JOHNS RIVER (PALATKA SOUTH)		0.2%	2
508 CRESCENT LAKE		1.1%	10
509 LAKE GRIFFIN		1.8%	16
510 LAKE JESUP		2.5%	23
515 LAKE PANASOFFKEE		0.3%	3
516 WITHLACOOCHEE RIVER NORTH		0.1%	1
518 LAKE ROUSSEAU		0.6%	5
520 LAKE TOHOPEKALIGA		2.8%	25
527 LAKE MONROE		0.7%	6
528 LAKE DEXTER		0.2%	2
540 ST. JOHNS RIVER UPPER BASIN CANALS		0.7%	6
542 BLUE CYPRESS WATER MANAGEMENT AREA		0.4%	4
543 T.M. GOODWIN WMA (BROADMOOR UNIT)		0.1%	1
544 STICK MARSH		0.4%	4
545 KENANSVILLE LAKE		0.3%	3
546 T.M. GOODWIN WMA (GOODWIN UNIT)		0.2%	2
547 GUANA RIVER WMA		0.6%	5

548 OCALA WMA		0.0%	0
549 THREE LAKES WMA		0.0%	0
601 LAKE OKEECHOBEE (WEST)		4.2%	38
602 LAKE OKEECHOBEE (NORTH)		1.4%	13
603 LAKE OKEECHOBEE (EAST)		0.4%	4
604 LAKE OKEECHOBEE (SOUTH)		3.5%	32
711 LAKE HANCOCK		2.0%	18
721 RODMAN RESERVOIR		1.4%	13
722 ORANGE LAKE		3.9%	35
723 LOCHLOOSA LAKE		1.4%	13
724 NEWNANS LAKE		2.5%	23
732 LAKE IAMONIA		0.3%	3
733 LAKE TALQUIN		0.1%	1
734 LAKE SEMINOLE		0.6%	5
741 LAKE TRAFFORD		1.1%	10
751 LAKE GEORGE		3.4%	31
801 ALACHUA COUNTY		0.2%	2
802 BAKER COUNTY		0.0%	0
803 BAY COUNTY		0.7%	6
804 BRADFORD COUNTY		0.1%	1
805 BREVARD COUNTY		0.3%	3
807 CALHOUN COUNTY		0.3%	3
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809 CITRUS COUNTY		0.3%	3
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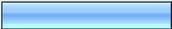
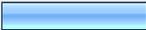
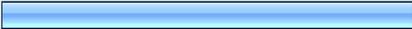
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820 GADSDEN COUNTY		0.1%	1
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822 GLADES COUNTY		0.1%	1
823 GULF COUNTY		0.3%	3
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825 HARDEE COUNTY		0.2%	2
826 HENDRY COUNTY		0.1%	1
827 HERNANDO COUNTY		0.1%	1
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830 HOLMES COUNTY		0.1%	1
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832 JACKSON COUNTY		0.2%	2
833 JEFFERSON COUNTY		0.1%	1
834 LAFAYETTE COUNTY		0.0%	0
835 LAKE COUNTY		2.3%	21
836 LEE COUNTY		0.3%	3
837 LEON COUNTY		0.3%	3
838 LEVY COUNTY		0.1%	1
839 LIBERTY COUNTY		0.2%	2
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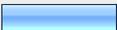
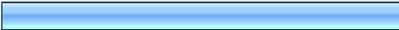
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867 WASHINGTON COUNTY	▯	0.2%	2
		<b>answered question</b>	<b>909</b>
		<b>skipped question</b>	<b>0</b>

4. What type of boat did you use as your primary vessel when pursuing alligators?			Response Percent	Response Count
Airboat			39.3%	357
Fishing boat or skiff with an outboard motor			43.5%	395
Fishing boat or skiff with a mud motor			6.4%	58
Fishing boat or skiff with an electric motor only			2.8%	25
Canoe or kayak			1.3%	12
Other type of boat			2.8%	25
I did not use a boat			4.1%	37
			<b>answered question</b>	<b>909</b>
			<b>skipped question</b>	<b>0</b>

5. 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.)			Response Count
			897
			<b>answered question</b>
			<b>897</b>
			<b>skipped question</b>
			<b>12</b>

6. Please estimate the number of total hours that you spent hunting alligators on your permit. Do not include time spent assisting other alligator hunters. (Please enter a whole number only.)			Response Count
			897
			<b>answered question</b>
			<b>897</b>
			<b>skipped question</b>
			<b>12</b>

7. How many alligators did you harvest on your permit?			Response Percent	Response Count
0			23.2%	210
1			19.8%	179
2			57.1%	517
			<i>answered question</i>	<b>906</b>
			<i>skipped question</i>	<b>3</b>

8. How did the number of alligator hunters that you observed affect your alligator hunting experience?			Response Percent	Response Count
There were too many hunters on my unit, which greatly reduced the quality of the experience.			15.6%	138
<b>I observed other alligator hunters, but it did not affect the quality of the experience.</b>			55.4%	491
I observed few or no alligator hunters.			29.1%	258
			<i>answered question</i>	<b>887</b>
			<i>skipped question</i>	<b>22</b>

9. If you have comments on the quality of your alligator hunting experience, please use the following box to explain.		Response Count
		465
		<i>answered question</i>
		<b>465</b>
		<i>skipped question</i>
		<b>444</b>

## Stiegler, Steve

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**From:** Stiegler, Steve  
**Sent:** Friday, November 21, 2008 1:51 PM  
**To:** 'ALLIGATOR-L@listserv.myfwc.com'  
**Subject:** 2008 Florida Alligator Hunting Survey

Dear Alligator Hunting Enthusiast,

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This survey is intended for only those persons that received an alligator harvest permit in 2008. Please help us ensure the results of this survey are valid by not forwarding this link to non-targeted persons. Thank you in advance for your participation in the survey and your interest in Florida's Alligator Management Program.

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\* 1. Did you have an alligator harvest permit in Florida in 2008?

Yes

No

\* 2. Did you pay a guide to take you on your hunt?

Yes

No

\* 3. What alligator management unit were you permitted to hunt?

(Select from drop-down menu)

\* 4. What type of boat did you use as your primary vessel when pursuing alligators?

Airboat

Fishing boat or skiff with an outboard motor

Fishing boat or skiff with a mud motor

Fishing boat or skiff with an electric motor only

Canoe or kayak

Other type of boat

I did not use a boat

5. 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.)

6. Please estimate the number of total hours that you spent hunting alligators on your permit. Do not include time spent assisting other alligator hunters.

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7. How many alligators did you harvest on your permit?

0

1

2

8. 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.

9. If you have comments on the quality of your alligator hunting experience, please use the following box to explain.