



2018 Florida Alligator Hunting Survey Summary

The FWC's [Alligator Management Program](#) surveyed people who received an alligator harvest permit in 2018. The survey was conducted to gather information about the program and how to improve it.

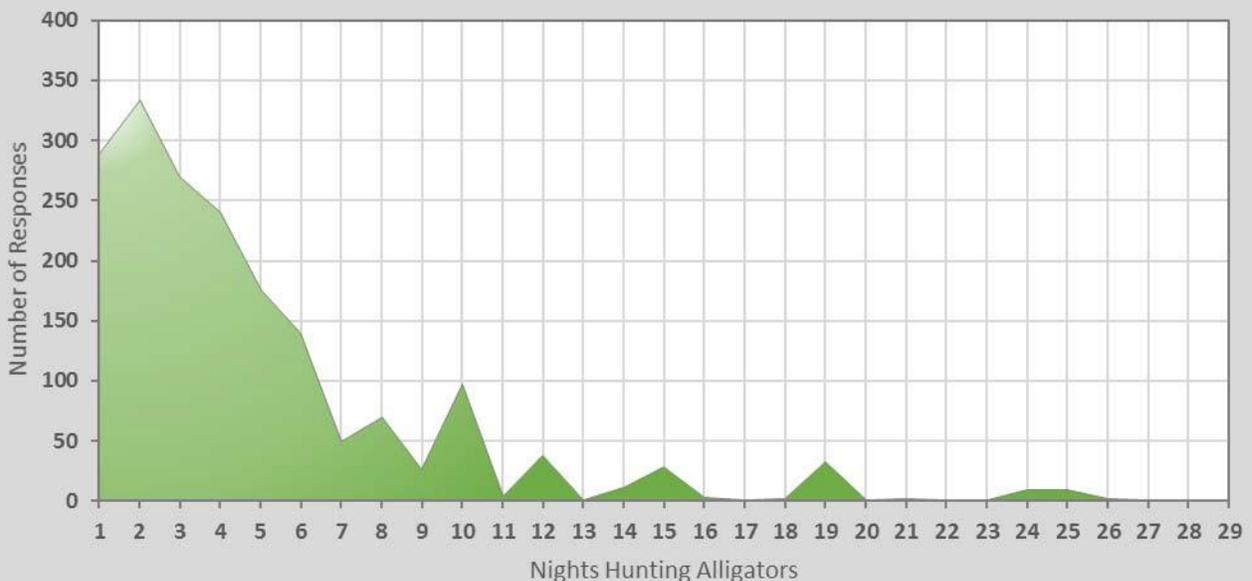
A link to the survey was emailed to all people with an alligator harvest permit in 2018 who provided the FWC with an email address (6,228 of 7,508 total permittees). Permit holders had 47 days to complete the survey. The FWC received 2,142 responses.

General statistics:

- Average number of nights spent hunting alligators: 4.7
- Average number of alligators harvested per permitted trapper: 1.5
- Average number of agents helping the permitted trapper take alligators: 2.0
- Average number of applications submitted by a hunting group: 2.1

Alligator hunter effort:

Figure 1. Response count for number of nights hunting alligators, 2018 season.



Methods of alligator hunting:

Figure 2. Primary alligator hunting methods for guided and unguided hunts, 2018 season.

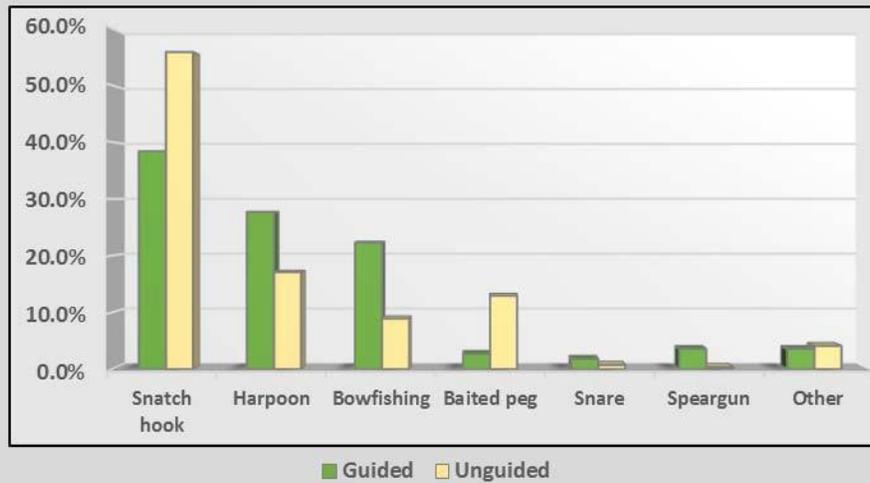
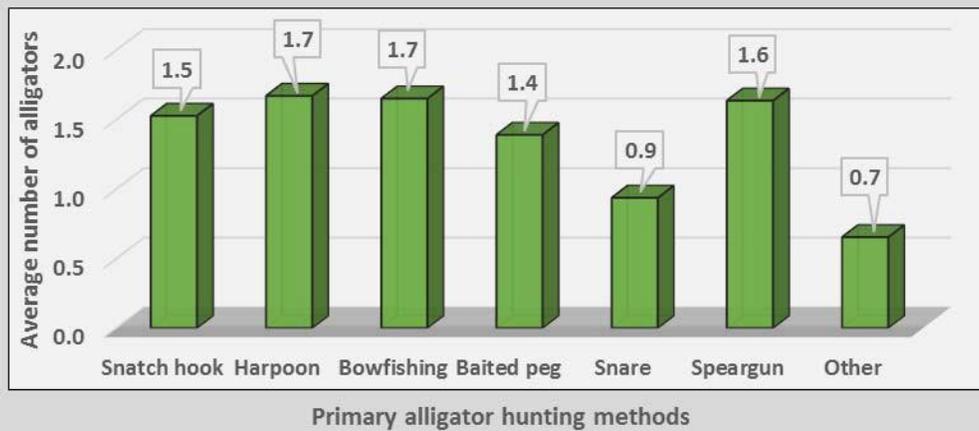


Figure 3. Average number of alligators harvested by respondents who primarily use the listed methods, 2018 season.



Alligator hunter density:

AMUs with a high number of respondents indicating there were too many alligator hunters on their harvest unit.

Alligator management unit (AMU)	No. of responses of too many hunters	% responses that indicated too many hunters
407 STA - 1W NORTH	19	63.33%
545 KENANSVILLE LAKE	14	30.43%
110 LAKE KISSIMMEE	13	18.06%
858 ST. JOHNS COUNTY	10	20.83%
104 LAKE HATCHINEHA	10	41.67%
724 NEWNANS LAKE	8	25.00%
508 CRESCENT LAKE	8	26.67%
854 PUTNAM COUNTY	7	17.95%
414 STA - 3/4 WEST	6	31.58%
549 THREE LAKES WMA	6	37.50%
809 CITRUS COUNTY	5	25.00%
408 STA - 1W SOUTH	5	38.46%
501 ST. JOHNS RIVER (LAKE HELL N' BLAZES)	4	15.38%
543 T.M. GOODWIN WMA (BROADMOOR UNIT)	4	18.18%
413 STA - 3/4 EAST	4	25.00%
723 LOCHLOOSA LAKE	3	15.79%
865 WAKULLA COUNTY	2	18.18%
303 LAKE MICCOSUKEE	2	20.00%
807 CALHOUN COUNTY	2	25.00%
833 JEFFERSON COUNTY	2	25.00%
547 GUANA RIVER WMA	2	33.33%

Alligator hunter satisfaction:

