

FWC-Approved Observer Requirements

Starting with the 2020 alligator egg collection season and beyond, the FWC will be accepting alligator nest surveys conducted by FWC-approved observers under Rule 68A-25.032. People seeking FWC-approved observer status must meet the following criteria:

1. Documentation of at least 5 years of nest surveys totaling 125 nests per year, where the applicant is listed as the nest observer on submitted nest surveys.
2. Two letters of reference from individuals that attest to the applicant's experience conducting alligator nest surveys.
 - a. No more than one reference may be a relative of the applicant.
3. At the time of application, applicant must not be convicted of any Commission rule, statute, or permit violation within the last three years.

The above information can be e-mailed to Macky Thurman, Assistant Alligator Management Program Coordinator, at mclin.thurman@myfwc.com or mailed to:

FWC AMP
1239 S.W. 10th St.
Ocala, FL 34471

FWC-approved observer status must be achieved prior to conducting and submitting nest survey data.

If you have any questions regarding how to achieve the FWC-approved observer status, please don't hesitate to contact Macky Thurman at the email address above or at (352) 732-1225.