

Alligator Hunting: License, Reporting and Tagging

BEFORE THE HUNT: First Steps:

1. License and Harvest Record Requirement: Alligator hunters selected for the current hunting season will need to purchase their alligator hunting permit at GoOutdoorsGeorgia.com. A harvest record prints out as the second page of that alligator hunting permit. If you already possess a valid license, you will still need to print out a free harvest record.
2. CITES Tag Mailed: Beginning with the 2024 alligator hunting season, CITES tags will be mailed to hunters upon purchase of their alligator hunting permit. Alternatively, the hunter can go to a Game Management Region Office and pick up a CITES tag if they so desire, but a visit to the office is no longer required.

AFTER THE HUNT: Harvested an Alligator? Next Steps:

1. Report It: Report the harvest through Game Check within 24 hours and record the confirmation number on your harvest record. Note: While you can log the Game Check info in the Go Outdoors Georgia app, it may also be helpful to keep a printed copy of the form.
2. Tag It: CITES tags are to be locked through the skin of the carcass (within 6 inches of the tip of the tail) and may be used only once. The CITES tag must remain attached to the alligator hide until the hide is tanned, taxidermy mounted or exported from the state. The possession of any alligator hide not tagged or without a Georgia Game Check confirmation number is prohibited.



AFTER THE HUNT: Did NOT Harvest an Alligator? Next Steps:

- If you did not harvest an alligator during the hunting season, please return the CITES tag. You can drop it off at a DNR Wildlife Resources Division Office near you or mail to DNR Wildlife Resources Division, Attn: Kara Nitschke, 2065 Highway 278 SE, Social Circle GA 30025.

Taxidermists

Taxidermists can legally accept alligators using the Game Check confirmation number in lieu of the CITES tag. However, they can also choose to require the CITES tag before they accept the alligator. Check with your taxidermist before delivering.

Meat Processors

Meat processors and/or hide tanneries can legally accept alligators using the Game Check confirmation number in lieu of the CITES tag. However, they can also choose to require the CITES tag before they accept the alligator. Check with your processor before delivering.

Georgia DNR Law Enforcement

If inspecting an alligator hunting party, a Georgia DNR Law Enforcement Game Warden will expect the selected hunter to be in possession of an alligator hunting permit, harvest record, and will verify that everyone in the hunting party that is at least 16 years old possesses a valid hunting license. If an alligator has been harvested, the DNR Game Warden will need to see the Game Check confirmation number.

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