# SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES



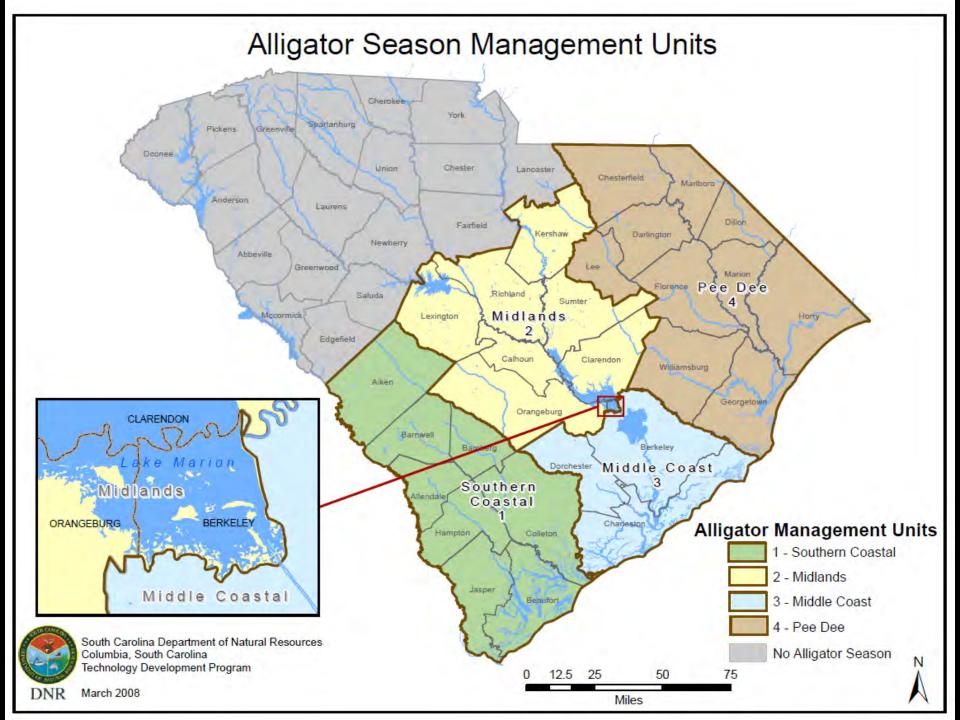
WILDLIFE & FRESHWATER FISHERIES DIVISION
WILDLIFE SECTION
Alligator Project



- Coastal Plain divided into 4 regions
- Season: 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in Oct.
- Season starts 12 noon and ends at 12 noon.
- Hunters launching boats need to remain in the vicinity of the landing or launch site until the start of the season if alligator hunting equipment is on board.
- Must be 16 at time of hunt to apply, no age requirement to help or participate with permitted hunter

## What about tags that are not purchased?

- There are no second drawings for unclaimed tags.
- The Department simply "overdraws" or selects an additional applicants than expected tag sales.
- This method reduces staff time and extra costs associated with additional drawings.
- Also allows unsuccessful applicants to be drawn sooner as all successful applicants' preference points revert to 0 regardless if the tag is purchased or not.





## Alligator Hunting Season - Licensing

- All permittees (selected hunters) must have SC Hunting License
- A big game permit is not required for alligators
- For the most part, if you are in the boat, should should have a SC hunting license.
- You can hunt at any time of the day or night after start of the season (lights can be used)
- The permitted hunter must be present and have *in their possession* an alligator hunting permit and an unused harvest tag issued to him or her.

## Alligator Hunting Season – Licensing

#### All Nonresidents must:

- Meet all normal licensing requirements (SC Hunting Lic.)
- Pay an additional \$200 Nonresident Alligator Hunting
   Fee before going afield
- This Nonresident Alligator Hunting Fee is payable at any normal licensing vendor, online at:

www.gooutdoorssouthcarolina.com

## Alligator Hunting Season - Participants

- Other people can be present with the permitted hunter and can guide, help or otherwise participate, but all must be licensed SC hunters (unless under 16)
- Again, if you are in the boat, should have a SC hunting license (unless under 16)
- All nonresident participants/helpers/assistants, etc. 16 years of age or older, must also pay the \$200 Nonresident Alligator Hunting Fee before going afield

## Alligator Hunting Season - Participants

- Companion boats assisting a permitted hunter must meet all licensing requirement (nonresidents included) and maintain *sight and voice contact* with the primary boat. In other words, the other boat must remain in proximity of the tag holder's vessel.
- No alligator hunting equipment is allowed on the companion boats (harpoons, alligator bowfishing rigs, etc).

- Alligators must be 4' or greater in length
- Cannot shoot unsecured alligators on public or private land
- A line or snare must first be attached, and animal brought to shore or alongside of boat and *then a hand-held snare or rope must be attached* before the alligator is dispatched.

No bait or set hooks are allowed!



#### **Permits**

- At *all times* while afield, a permit must be in possession, and the alligator(s) tagged with the appropriate tag provided from the Department.
- You must follow the conditions of the permit (see back of permit for conditions)

- No shotguns or rifles in possession while hunting
- Requires immediate tagging and reporting within 5 days (must complete report form within 24 hrs)
- Can hunt on public waters & private lands (no WMAs or refuges, parks, etc.) On public waters:
   "if the general public can duck hunt there any day of the week, you can alligator hunt"
- Contact DNR Law Enforcement for inquiries about specific areas.

 Be careful hunting in WMAs or Wildlife Refuge areas that extend into the water such as Hatchery WMA (Lake Moultrie) or Santee National

Wildlife Refuge. (Lake Marion)





#### Areas that are <u>not open</u> to alligator hunting:

- Hatchery WMA within Lake Moultrie.
- Potato Creek Hatchery Waterfowl Area adjacent to Lake Marion.
- Stony Bay in Sandy Beach Waterfowl Area.
- Any North Dike WMA Borrow Pits accessed by canal or ditch via Lake Moultrie.
- Any portion of Yawkey Wildlife Center accessible from a waterway, ditch, or canal. This includes Mosquito, Beach, and Bird Bank Creeks.
- National Wildlife Refuges, many of which that have navigable waters within their boundaries.
- Goose Creek Reservoir is owned by the city of Hanahan and is closed to public alligator hunting.

#### Use caution, stay in the main part of the river:

Great Pee Dee River next to Woodbury WMA.

Adjacent to Yawkey Wildlife Center - stay in the main river (North Santee Bay) and the Intracoastal Waterway. <u>Any</u> creeks, canals or ditches entering the Yawkey Wildlife Center (Cat Island, South Island, and portions of North Island) are closed to hunting.

Areas that are open to alligator hunting

Borrow pit area adjacent to Santee Dam WMA.

Lake areas <u>outside of the signs and markers</u> surrounding Santee Cooper WMA.

Lake areas surrounding Hickory Top WMA.

Lake areas surrounding Moultrie Hunt Unit WMA.

Portions of the Rediversion Canal legally accessible by boat through Canal WMA. Portions of this waterway are blocked for security reasons. Under no circumstances should you enter any prohibited areas.



- Where a river separates two alligator hunting units, you can hunt in the main channel, but cannot go onto the other side's tributaries, feeder creeks, etc. You should "stay on your side".
- Alligators cannot be transported alive

#### **Airboats**

- It is unlawful to operate an airboat from the freshwater/saltwater dividing line seaward. This line's location varies along the coast (see §50-5-80).
- It is also unlawful to operate an airboat on the waters of:
  - The Waccamaw, Great Pee Dee, Little Pee Dee, Black, and Sampit Rivers in Georgetown and Horry Counties from one hour before legal sunset to one hour after legal sunrise *and anytime* during the season for hunting waterfowl\*.
  - The portion of Lake Marion and Santee Swamp west of the I-95 bridge upstream to the confluence of the Congaree and Wateree Rivers during the season for hunting waterfowl\*.

<sup>\*</sup> Please check early season waterfowl dates (early teal and Canada goose seasons) as they traditionally occur in the month of September.

#### Capture techniques include:

- Harpoons
- Jab sticks (long harpoons not thrown)
- Archery equipment (including crossbows)
- Snatch hooks (weighted treble hooks)
- Gigs

No matter the device, a line must be attached to the head of the device and affixed to a floating or stationary object.





Range ~25-30' (with practice)

Can "run and gun" easier with smaller harpoons, longer ones can be jab poles

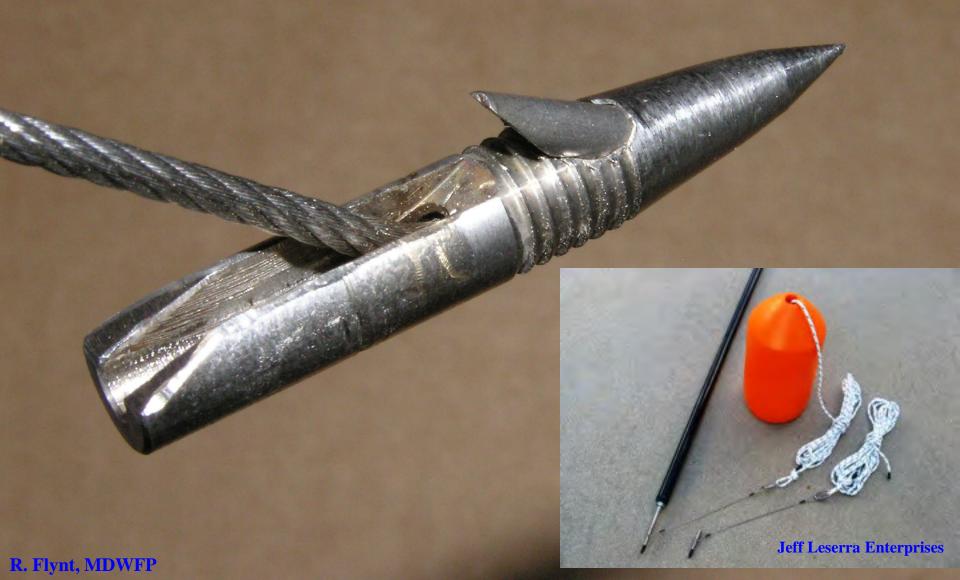
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Harpoon points separate from driver head after penetrating the hide.



Do not attempt to harpoon an alligator in the head.

## Harpoon points penetrate and rotate under hide to hold restraining line & float



## Bows or crossbows rigged with separating heads

Arrows and bolts are heavier than traditional hunting equipment = less effective range (~15-20 yds) than you may be used to.



### Capture Devices - Attachment

Any capture device must either be attached to a fixed object or have a float attached to maintain the line above the water to allow retrieval of the alligator.



Commercially available crab pot floats and line buoys are suitable for this purpose and commonly used.



### Fishing Rods with Snatch Hooks

- A casting rod generally has the most range
- Cast over top and reel in until you feel the hook at the alligator. Don't worry about setting the hook under the hide, chances are you won't, just a quick sharp jerk
- Keep tension on the line
- Ideally get a harpoon or other line attached when possible.



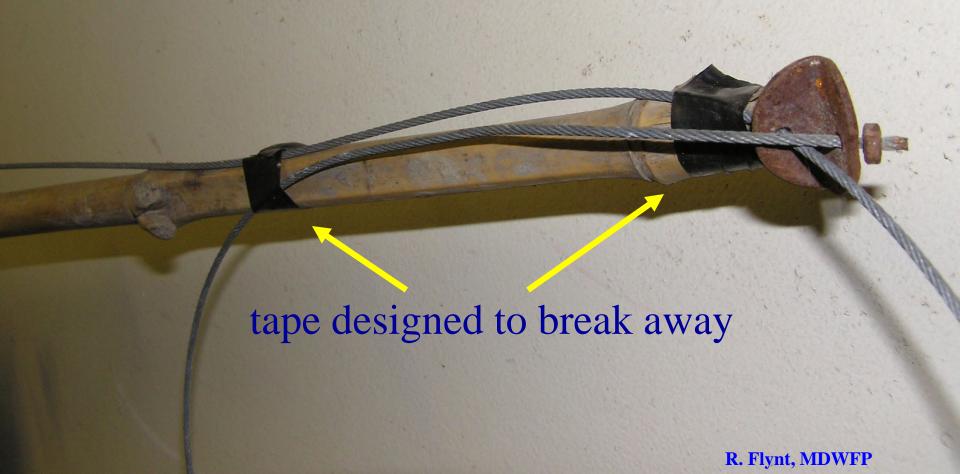
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Know the body positioning of the alligator before casting



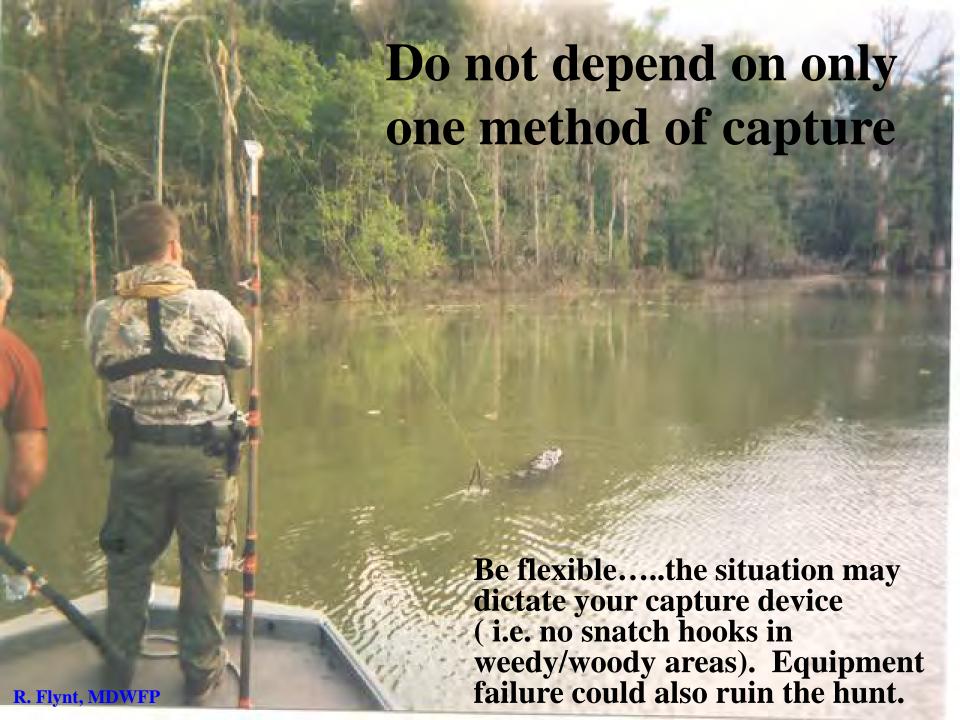
Alligators can be horizontal....or angled sharply downward

### Snares and Snare Poles



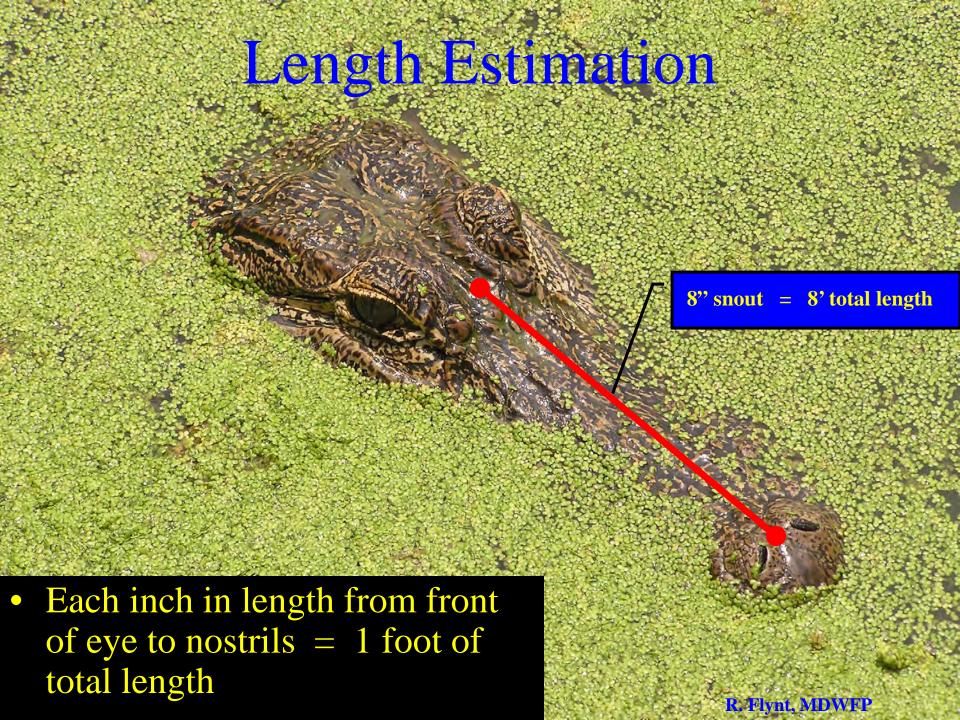
Snare / Noose

Can be used as a capture technique OR as the boatside restraining line.



## Decisions... Decisions...

- Already know what your goal is before you "pull the trigger"
- Be ready
- Be quiet
- Keep lights between the gator and boat (don't shine the inside of the boat, you'll lose your night vision)
- Never harpoon or arrow a gator unless you are sure it is a size that meets your goal.



- Know how your equipment works before going afield.
- Practice with your chosen equipment at the appropriate elevation (est. boat height off water's surface).
- Every member of the crew should have an assigned task.
  - Boat driver
  - primary capture device
  - secondary device
  - spotlighter
  - boatside snare/rope
  - dispatch, etc.

 Everyone should have a roll of electrical tape on hand to secure the alligator's mouth. Duct tape may not grip well when wet.

- Brightly colored electrical tape is easily seen and a good reminder that animal's mouth is taped (or still taped).
- Carry hand sanitizer and/or bleach & water solution.
   Disinfect any cut or scrape immediately after contact

• Make sure you have *at least one* back up capture device and extra capture supplies (additional points, hooks, arrows, rod, etc.) in case of breakage, loss overboard, etc.

• At a minimum you should have a rod and snatch hook for backup in addition to the primary capture device.





### Minimum Equipment Needs

- Lifejacket for everyone on board
- Primary capture device
- Rod and reel with extra snatch hooks
- Spotlights and backup spotlight (headlights beneficial)
- Rope and/or snare to attach boat side
- Bang stick or handgun
- Knife (to sever spine, cut rope, etc.)
- Electrical tape for everyone on board
- Hunting licenses (and nonresident hunting fee as needed)
- At least one permit and unused harvest tag
- Float plan

Float plan – *Let someone know your plans!* 

- Where you are going <u>specifically</u>
- When you plan to return
- Who is with you
- Make & model of vehicle and watercraft and where launching boat (boat ramp name/location)
- DNR officers cannot reasonably hope to look for someone without knowing where to start!
- See floatplancentral.org for more information.

www.floatplancentral.org/download/USCGFloatPlan.pdf

### Alligator Hunting Season -Safety

Insist that everyone on board wear a life jacket at all times!

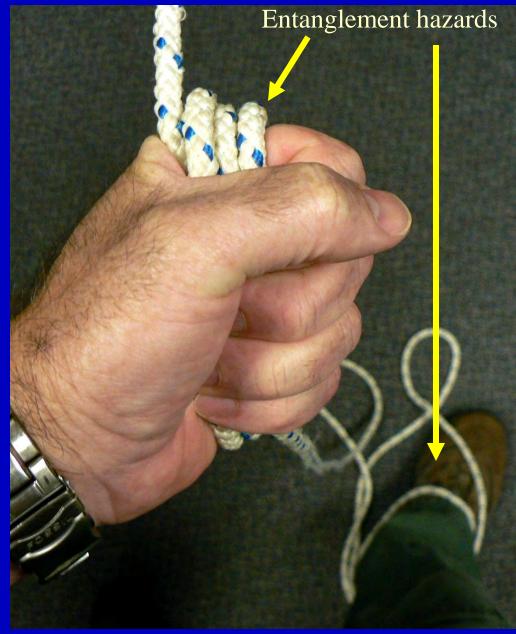
- Attention & commotion will be focused at one end/side of the boat = chaos
- Likely to be boating night (additional unseen hazards)
- Boat could get swamped by improper loading or handling of a large alligator.
- Watch alcohol consumption –
   which can lead unsafe actions





### Safety

- Watch for lines at your feet. You don't want to get tangled in the lines attached to the alligator
- Be careful about
   wrapping hands with
   lines. Pull up excess line
   hand over hand and
   allow line to pile up in
   the water, a bucket, or
   toss well to your side and
   not at your feet.



Note: Most people prefer to stay in the boat when hunting alligators

### Safety

- Do not try to rush an alligator, wear it down!
- When the alligator rolls near the boat allow any lines or ropes to go with it. If you hold a rope too tight, an alligator can potentially roll up the rope and into the boat.



Note: Most people prefer to have to live alligators stay out of their boat

### Dispatching Techniques

- Bangsticks
- Handguns
- Cervical dislocation (sharp knife, hatchet, or other sharp device to sever the spine).

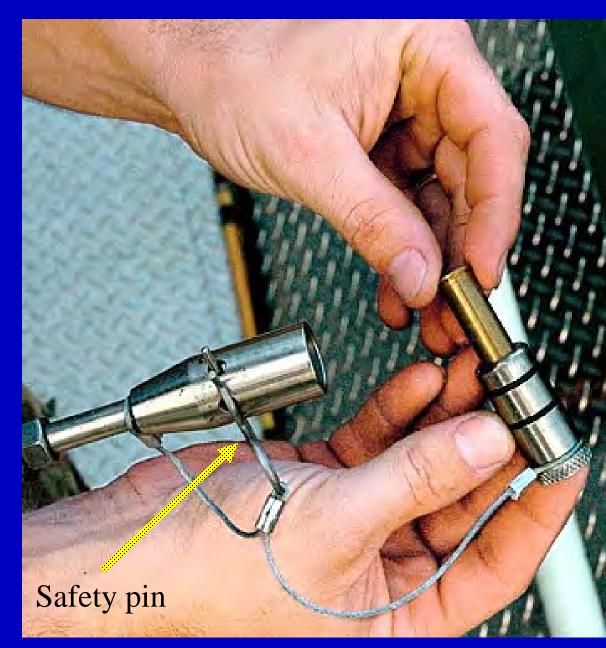
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### Bangsticks

Do not load the bangstick until ready to use and keep safety pin in place until you are *in position* to dispatch the alligator.

Slips or falls could injure or kill someone, or shoot a hole in a boat





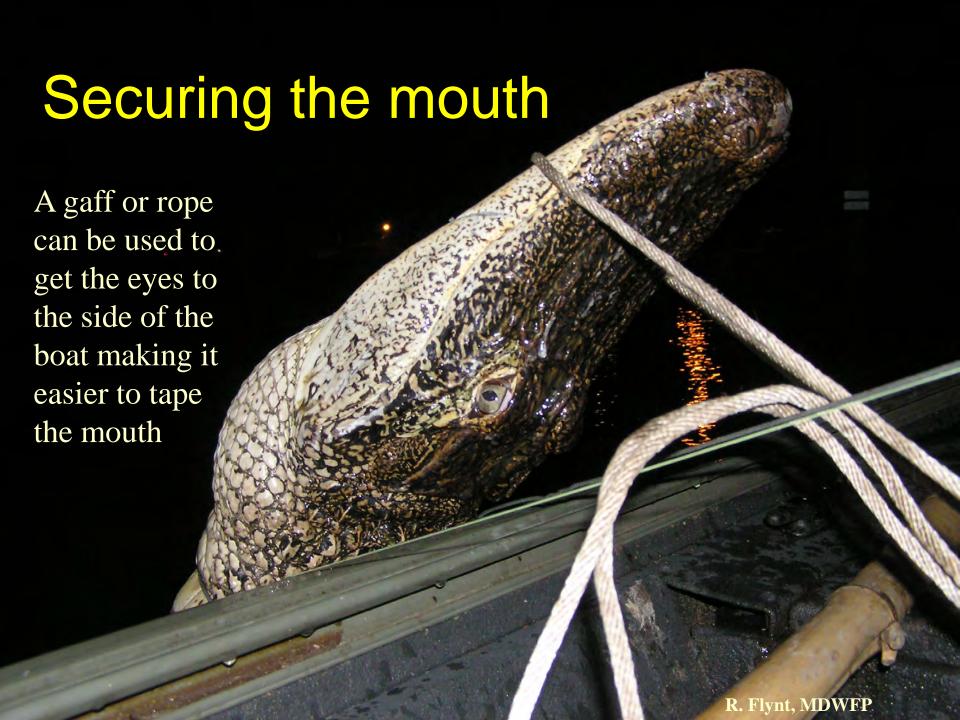


### Bangsticks

Discharge the bangstick <u>under</u>
 <u>the water's</u> surface to prevent flying debris and reduce noise

(10-15" underwater)





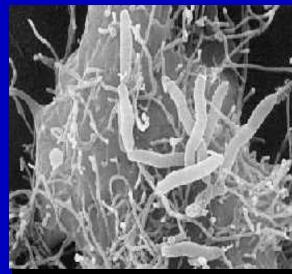


### Aeromonas hydrophila

 Most common of a few very dangerous organisms\* associated with alligators, especially in and around the animal's mouth.

### If injured by contact with an alligator:

- Apply disinfectant immediately
- If injury is from a bite, or otherwise associated with the alligator's mouth, seek medical attention.
- Advise physician of alligator-related injury
- Mention *Aeromonas hydrophila* to your doctor.



Northwest Fisheries Science Center, NOAA



\*Others include Enterobacter agglomerans, Citrobacter diversus, Proteus spp., Pseudomonas spp., Serratia spp., and Clostridium spp

# Securing Legs

A presumably "dead" alligator may magically climb out of the boat or get enough leverage to whip its tail around!

You or someone else could go overboard.



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### **Tagging**

Alligators tags are numbered and color-coded. Each successful applicant is assigned a specific tag number. *Do not allow children - or overly curious adults - to play with the tag*! Invariably they will lock it together rendering it useless. We do not have "extra" tags to replace lost or misused tags.

- Alligator Hunting "SC Alligator 2022"
- CITES "SC MIS"

### **Transportation**

Smaller alligator usually don't pose too many transportation issues.....

However, very large alligators can weigh well over 700 lbs and will require heavy equipment, sufficient manpower, ramps, or backing a trailer or pickup into water....









### Processing

- Processing an alligator is significantly more involved than you may be used to with deer.
- Allocate several hours for processing or take animal to one of the several alligator processors in the state.
- Cool/ice the meat as you remove it. All meat is edible.
- Do not "field dress" or gut an alligator.



### Processing

- Skins must be thoroughly fleshed & salted if to be kept
- Alligator hides can be made into a variety of leather products







### Harvest Reports

- A harvest report must be completed within 24 hours of harvesting an alligator & submitted within 5 days.
- ALL\* permitted alligator hunters must file a harvest report by
   November 1 in order to be eligible for the next year's hunt.

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**NOTE:** This form must be completed within 24 hours of harvesting an alligator and submitted to the address at the bottom of this form within 5 days. This form may be faxed to 803-734-3691

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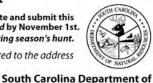
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Sex can be determined by probing the vent for the presence of absence of male genitalia.

If unsure, select "unknown"

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For method of take, list the first method used to get control of the alligator

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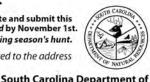
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Number of hunting trips. Just list the number of times you went hunting regardless if it was a full day or ran over to the next morning

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Working on an online submission form. You might be able to email report or file online

Harvest form may be faxed instead of mailed

### Sales or Transfer of Alligator Products

- Alligator meat from animals taken during the Public Alligator Hunt *may not* be sold.
- Alligator meat may be given to others provided labeling provisions are met.
- Alligator hides or parts may be sold
- Keep personal records to whom parts were sold, bartered or transferred.

## Labeling & Identification

Parts other than hides, which require a physical tag, must also be clearly labeled "SC Alligator" along with year and harvest tag number.



- All packages of alligator meat must be clearly labeled "SC Alligator" "not for sale" along with the year and harvest tag number, harvester's name and pounds of meat contained in the package.
- In some cases, a CITES tag will be attached to the hide instead of a harvest tag (when required for processing or sale).

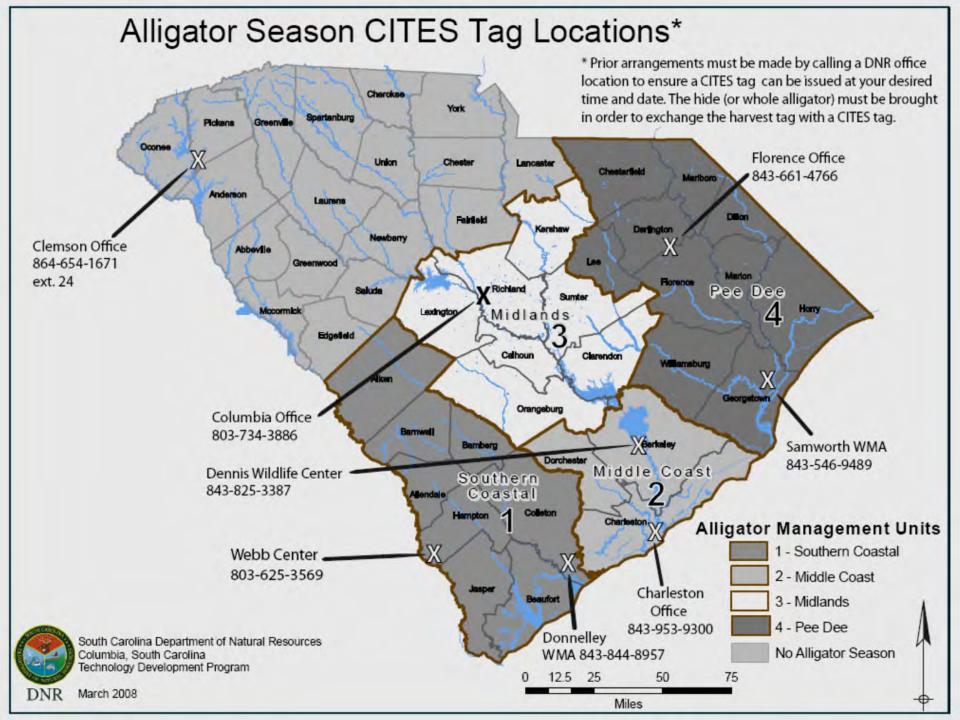
### CITES Tagging

- CITES The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species tags are used to ensure legally taken American alligator hides will not be confused with endangered Crocodillian species when entered into international trade (alligators are simply a "look-alike" species whose hide could be confused with other similar species such as the endangered American Crocodile)
- CITES tags are issued by the US Fish and Wildlife Service to the states to distribute to demonstrate legal acquisition of a CITES listed species.

### CITES Tagging

- CITES tags will only be issued when requested for those alligators destined for sale, export, or if needed for hide processing\*.
- The CITES tag will replace the SC harvest tag
  - Must make prior arrangements at designated
     DNR offices

\*Amtan in Griffin, GA requires a CITES tag to contract tan an alligator hide



### Questions?

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