

EXPERIMENTAL WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS 2024 ALLIGATOR HUNTING BID APPLICATION NOTIFICATION

The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) will select eligible hunters to harvest alligators in 2024 on certain Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) based on a bid system. The highest bidders will be selected, provided that the bidder meets the minimum criteria and the bid application form is also acceptable. For clarification these bids will only apply to alligator harvests for the 2024 season, alligator harvests for 2025-2027 seasons will be bid out in 2025.

Bid application forms must be completed and received in Room 1007 of the La. Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries Office at 200 Dulles Drive, Lafayette, LA 70506 by 10:00 a.m. on **July 16, 2024**.

Bid opening will be at 10:30 a.m. on July 16, 2024 at the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Lafayette Office Building, 1st Floor Conference Room #1002, 200 Dulles Drive, Lafayette, LA 70506. Selected hunters will be notified by phone.

Minimum Criteria for Bid Submittal

Applicants must meet the following criteria in order to submit a bid:

- Must be a Louisiana resident at least 18 years of age.
- Must have previous alligator hunting experience in Louisiana.
- Must be able to provide essential equipment for alligator hunting on the WMA they are bidding on.
- Must be able to report to the WMA each morning until alligator tag quota is completed.
- Must follow specific instructions and abide by agreements issued by Department personnel.
- Must maintain and submit required records and reports.
- Must be able to pass a wildlife violation background check. All applicants will be screened for past wildlife violations. Applicants that have pled guilty to, paid a fine for, negotiated/agreed to a pretrial intervention (PTI)/diversion for or been convicted of Class Two or above wildlife or WMA/WCA/Refuge violations within the last five years, as determined by the Enforcement Division, shall be disqualified.
- Must **not** have been a 2023 alligator hunter selected via LDWF's 2022-2024 Alligator Hunting Bids for WMAs/USACOE properties/Refuges.

Restrictions

- **NO guiding/outfitting** activities for sport alligator hunting will be allowed while conducting any activities on WMAs.
- **Selected hunters will not be allowed to participate in any television or reality show production.** Any video activity must be specifically approved by the Alligator Program Manager and Area Manager.

Bid Information

- The minimum acceptable bid is 40.00%.
- Do not split percentage points smaller than quarters (i.e...42.25, 42.50, 42.75, 43.00).
- The bid percentage applies to the total income of **hide and meat** whether alligators are sold whole or hide and meat is sold separately.
- Only one bid percentage for hide and meat income may be submitted per WMA.
- If alligators are sold whole the total income will be determined by the Dealer Sale Transaction forms and must reflect both **feet and inches** of each hide and **price per foot paid**.
- If alligator hide and meat are sold separately,
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- The total meat income will be determined by the Dealer Sale Transaction forms and must reflect the **price per pound paid, total weight (pounds)** of meat sold, whether the meat was **bone-in** carcass or **deboned** and **corresponding tag numbers** associated with the alligator meat sold.
- If alligators are not sold, total value will be determined by LDWF (see specifics under Winning Bidders).
- An individual can bid on more than one WMA/WCA/Refuge but will only be selected for one WMA/WCA/Refuge. Bidders applying for more than one WMA must rank their choices on this bid application form. Successful bidders will be offered alligator hunting authorization for the area of their highest ranked winning bid only. Successful bidders for more than one WMA/WCA/Refuge will have to select one area for alligator hunting.
- Bids will not be accepted unless the bid application (page 4 of this packet) is filled out completely and received at the designated locations by the deadline.
- The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Hunter Education

Persons born on or after September 1, 1969 must have successfully completed an approved hunter education course **OR** be under the direct supervision of a person: 1) who was born before September 1, 1969 and who has a valid hunting license **or** 2) who is at least 18 years old and has successfully completed an approved hunter education course.

Winning Bidders

- Only one winner allowed per household.
- Successful bidders will be notified by phone.
- Selected hunters will be allowed to harvest alligators for the 2024 season only. All available opportunities will be bid out in 2025 for the 2025-2027 seasons.
- If a selected hunter does not fill his/her alligator harvest quota or does not sell alligators, then the selected hunter will be required to pay the Department its expected share of alligator hide/meat values for alligators not harvested/not sold, with payment based on the number of unfilled tags/unsold alligators paid at the average rate of compensation for the year's harvest applied to an average size for the nearest LDWF property allowing alligator harvest. The Department, at its sole discretion and determination, may consider exceptions to the previous payment requirement.
- Selected hunters must abide by agreements issued by LDWF. Failure to abide by LDWF agreements can result in the suspension, revocation or cancellation of alligator harvest privileges.

Do not submit a bid application form unless you have met all the minimum criteria described above.

Additional bid application notifications and forms can be printed from LDWF's website at <https://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/page/alligator-hunting>, be requested by phone at the phone numbers below or from the following address:

Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Attn: Kelly Stanford
2024 WMA Alligator Harvest Bids
200 Dulles Drive
Lafayette, LA 70506

If additional information is needed, please call the appropriate LDWF office (Hammond WMAs 985-543-4777, Lafayette Coastal WMAs 337-735-8720) or email at LAalligatorprogram@wlf.la.gov.

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WMAS AVAILABLE FOR ALLIGATOR HUNTING BIDDING IN 2024

WMA	LDWF Office	Parish(es)	# of Hunters*	# of Tags per Hunter*
MANCHAC WMA	Hammond	St. John	2	66
PEARL RIVER WMA - North of I-10	Hammond	St. Tammany	1	36
JOYCE WMA	Hammond	Tangipahoa/Livingston	1	75
MAUREPAS SWAMP WMA	Hammond	St. John, St. James, Ascension, Livingston	3	83
ATCHAFALAYA DELTA WMA**	Lafayette (Coastal)	St. Mary	2	80
POINTE-AUX-CHENES WMA**	Lafayette (Coastal)	Lafourche/Terrebonne	3	60
SALVADOR WMA**	Lafayette (Coastal)	St. Charles	3 1	75 55
PASS-A-LOUTRE WMA**	Lafayette (Coastal)	Plaquemines	3	80

* Approximate numbers, subject to change without notification

** Successful bidders on these WMAs/Refuges will receive the first right of refusal of nutria harvest rights (contingent on their alligator hunting authorization).

EXPERIMENTAL WMAS 2024 ALLIGATOR HUNTING BID APPLICATION FORM

SSN: _____		Name: _____	
Address: _____		City: _____	State: <u>LA</u>
Zip: _____	Phone: _____	Phone (Cell/Other): _____	
Email: _____	DOB: _____	Driver's License #: _____	
Race: _____	Sex: _____	Color Hair: _____	Color Eyes: _____
Height: _____ ft _____ in	Weight: _____	Hunter Education #: _____	

NOTE: Bid application forms received with incomplete information or an incorrect social security number will not be processed.

You are allowed to bid on more than one area. However, you may be selected for only one area. By preference, indicate your first choice with a "1" and your second choice with a "2" and so on in the selection columns below. Successful bidders will be offered alligator hunting authorization for the area of their highest ranked winning bid only. You must have at least one selection to be considered. Record your bid % in the appropriate columns below using percentages no smaller than quarters (i.e. 42.25, 42.50, 42.75, and 43.00). The minimum acceptable bid is 40.00%.

Selection <small>Mark w/ 1, 2, 3...</small>	Bid (%)	WMA/USACOE Property/Refuge
		Manchac WMA
		Pearl River WMA (North of I-10)
		Joyce WMA
		Maurepas Swamp WMA
		Atchafalaya Delta WMA
		Pointe-Aux-Chenes WMA
		Salvador WMA
		Pass-A-Loutre WMA

I certify that the information I have provided in this bid application is correct and that I have read, understand and agree to stipulations in the corresponding notification. Falsification of this information may cause my application to be rejected, my name removed from the eligible register, and/or subject me to immediate dismissal from this experimental harvest.

Signature of Applicant
Date

Do you possess or have access to the equipment (e.g., flat boats, go-devil type boats, shallow drive boats, etc.) necessary to efficiently harvest alligators on the WMA(s) you are bidding on? _____ Yes _____ No

Previous Alligator Hunting Experience:

Year	License Number	Landowner Name	Tags Issued	Tags Used

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