

MEMORANDUM

To: All Alligator Hunters, Landowners, and Alligator Processors

From: Ruth M. Elsey

Re: Request for Wild Season Alligator Harvest Information

Several thousand alligators have been released back into the wild since the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries started the alligator ranching program. These releases represent the return rate for prior egg collections from these properties. Each alligator released was measured, sexed, tail notched and tagged with serially numbered toe tags. These toe tags were placed in the web of the rear toes on the released alligators. Wild alligators have been marked in a similar fashion.

The Department, landowners and farmers have invested a considerable amount of time and money into this release program. Many of these alligators are recaptured in the annual harvest and your assistance is needed to provide us with information on any tagged or marked alligators you may catch. The information needed for each alligator is listed on the form printed on the back of this memo. Please record the exact length in feet and inches by toe tag number. **Please let us know even if the foot tag is missing**, the tail notch will help us identify the alligator's origin.

Your cooperation and assistance are appreciated. The success of this program depends upon the information you supply to the Department. Thank you for your assistance.

Alligator Recapture Information For The Wild Harvest Season

Hunter/Reporter's Name _____ License No. _____

Address: _____ Phone: (____) _____

Did you skin your own alligators or take them to a processing shed/dealer? _____ (If yes; list where processed)

Date Trapped	Tail Scute Mark	Toe (Web) Tag Numbers*	Total Length	Sex	General Body Condition	CITES Tail Tag Number (Example 2019012496)	Remarks	For LDWF Use Only

Picture Showing Marking of Tail Scutes

Double Scutes Single Scutes
 A B C D E F G



The toe tag usually has six or seven numbers. If possible, please return the toe tag with this form before mailing.

Picture Showing Web Tag Placement in Foot



WHEN YOU FINISH TRAPPING, PLEASE RETURN TO RUTH ELSEY:
 ROCKEFELLER REFUGE 5476 GRAND CHENIER HWY, GRAND CHENIER, LA 70643 OR CALL 337-538-2276