

2023 Alligator Season CITES Hide Tags Notice

Dear Landowners/Agents:

September 2023 Alligator Season CITES hide tags for “Core Counties” and special properties will be issued on the designated dates and times below by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department staff. Alligator CITES hide tags cost \$21.00 each. If not picked up as scheduled, tags will be issued by appointment only as time permits. Hide tags cannot be issued after September 1st, 2023. Only check or money order can be accepted as payment for hide tags. Alligator hide tags will not be issued to anyone that does not present a valid driver’s license or TPWD hunting license number.

Landowners/agents must have GPS coordinates for their property entrance, aerial map of the property and deed or property tax showing ownership. The GPS coordinates should be in degree, minute and decimal seconds (e.g. 29°58’08.13”N, 93°54’51.96”W). Landowner’s agents must have a notarized affidavit for each landowner represented (see form below).

In areas where hide tag issuance rates are not straightforward (such as easements, property transfers, multiple owners of the same property, undivided interests, disputable habitat, etc.) TPWD reserves the right to not issue tags for a given property until all parties reach a suitable agreement. Issuance rates will be determined by the Department. If a private or public entity controls the waterbody then all hide tags may be issued to the public or private entity for distribution as they see fit.

Tag issuance is generally based on the landowner holding at least 300 acres of alligator habitat. Applicants issued a tag every three years (“opportunity issuance”) receive tags from TPWD to grant hunting opportunity to those with a component of land adjacent to a waterbody and is not a recognition of alligator habitat per se. Landowners eligible for the one-in-three year issuance rate must pick up tags for their own property (agent status cannot be assigned).

If an issuance location is not listed below for your county, or if you intend to pick up tags at a location other than that assigned for your county, prior notice should be given.

Please bring your 2023 (or most recent) Application and Receipt for Alligator Hide Tags form (PWD 369) if you have it.

Bay City TPWD Office (979-323-9553) located at 2200 7th Street, 4th Floor, Bay City, TX 77414.
Thursday, August 24th, 2023 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Brazoria and Matagorda Counties).

Guadalupe Delta WMA (361-552-6637) located at 13815 S. Hwy. 35, Port Lavaca, TX 77979.
Thursday, August 24th, 2023 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Calhoun, Jackson, Refugio and Victoria Counties).

J. D. Murphree WMA (409-736-3625) located at 10 Parks and Wildlife Drive, Port Arthur, TX 77640. **Wednesday, August 23rd, 2023 from 9:00 am to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Chambers, Jefferson, Galveston, Liberty and Orange Counties).**

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Lufkin Field Office (936-639-1879) located at 1805 E. Lufkin Avenue, Lufkin, TX 75901. **Friday, August 25th, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (Angelina, Trinity and Nacogdoches Counties).**

462 Castlewood Road (936-327-8487), Livingston, TX 77351. **Friday, August 25th, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (Liberty, Polk, San Jacinto and Tyler Counties).**

E.O Siecke State Forest (409-383-8010) 1452 FM 82 East, Kirbyville, TX 75956. **Friday, August 25th, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (Jasper, Hardin, Newton, Sabine and San Augustine Counties).**

Alligator hunting information can be found online at: tpwd.texas.gov/regulations/outdoor-annual/regs/animals/alligator

Sincerely,
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