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DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND PARKS**

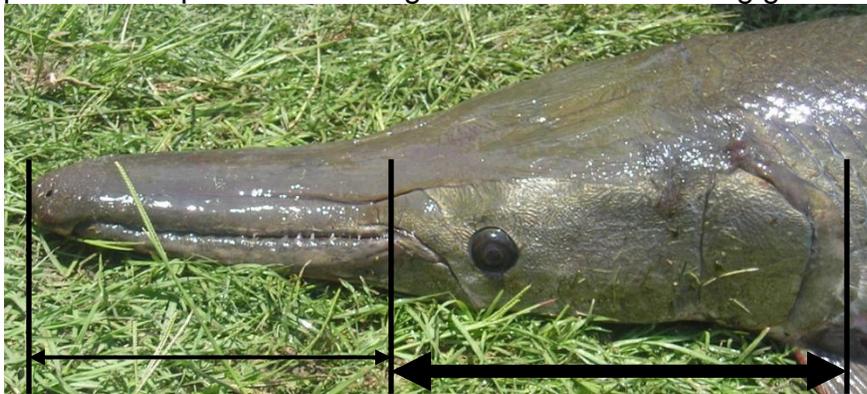
**SAM POLLES, Ph.D
Executive Director**

Thank you for your interest in Mississippi's fishery for Alligator gar

Alligator gar are an uncommon find in many waters where they were once abundant. To protect this species from further decline a quota of 200 conservation size alligator gar has been established for commercial harvest. A tagging system was established to monitor harvest and collect information on biology of the gar. Any person with a commercial license can get 5 tags per month until sufficient tags are issued to meet the quota. Tags will be issued on a first- come first-served basis. Those issued tags are required January 15 of each year to submit a report on their harvest of alligator gar. If you wish to receive more tags after you received your initial 5 tags, a completed data sheet must be submitted to MDWFP, before the issuance of more tags.

Any conservation size alligator gar caught in commercial fishing gear must have an alligator gar tag, issued by MDWFP, attached to the gar for that fisher to keep the gar.

A conservation size alligator gar is longer than 16 inches and has a broad snout, where the distance from the tip of the snout to the corner of the mouth is less than the distance from the corner of the mouth to the posterior edge of the operculum flap. Alligator gar tags are needed to possess/keep these fish caught in commercial fishing gear.



Alligator gar tags are not needed for the harvest of any other type of gar, or, for alligator gar that are less than 16 inches in length. Waters that are not open to any alligator gar harvest are Bee Lake (Holmes County) and the Catherine Creek watershed.

Tags for alligator gar harvest can be ordered from the MDWFP Jackson office. A form for ordering tags can be downloaded from the MDWFP Commercial Fishery webpage, <http://www.mdwfp.com/fishing-boating/freshwater-commercial.aspx>, or one can call 601-432-2200 to have an order form mailed. Tags are free.



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FORM TO ORDER ALLIGATOR GAR TAGS

Name (please print): _____

Address (please print):

Phone Number: _____

Customer ID Number (from license): _____

Alligator gar tags are issued for free. A person may be issued up to 5 per month until enough tags have been issued to meet the annual alligator gar quota.

How Many Alligator Gar Tags Do You Desire	
For 2016	
For 2017	

Tags will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis. Multiple requests are not necessary. You will be sent 5 tags per month until your request is filled, or the number to meet the quota has been met. If you still have a balance on your request when the quota allocation has been met, you will receive notice that no more tags are available. Note that tags expire at the end of December of the year they were issued. **Please Report no later than January 15 of each year. In order to receive more tags, a completed data sheet must be returned to MDWFP before receiving more tags.**

Send the order form to:

MDWFP

Fisheries Bureau, Alligator Gar Tags

1505 Eastover Drive

Jackson, MS 39211 – 6374