

15A NCAC 10B .0224 AMERICAN ALLIGATOR

- (a) The season for taking American alligators shall be September 1 to October 1.
- (b) Take shall be by permit only.
- (c) The bag limit shall be one per permit and the season limit is one.
- (d) American alligators shall only be restrained using one of the following methods in accordance with the provisions of the permit:
 - (1) a hand-held restraining line or catch pole;
 - (2) a snatch hook attached to a hand-held restraining line or rod and reel;
 - (3) a harpoon or gig attached to a hand-held restraining line;
 - (4) a baited wooden peg less than two inches in length attached to a hand-held restraining line; or
 - (5) archery equipment with an arrow-attached restraining line.
- (e) If a minimum size limit is applicable to the county or municipality for which the permit is issued, the authorized size limit and method(s) of restraint shall be specified on the permit.
- (f) American alligators restrained by any method specified in Paragraph (d) of this Rule shall be killed without delay upon capture except when a minimum size limit is specified on the permit. When a minimum size limit is specified on the permit, animals not meeting the minimum size limit shall be released immediately at the site of capture.
- (g) American alligators may be taken day or night and with the use of artificial lights.
- (h) The use of baited hooks is prohibited.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-291.1; 113-291.2;
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