

Background Report
Alligator Trapping and Farming Agents
Final Rule, 68A-25.032, F.A.C., Regulations Governing the Establishment of
Alligator Management Programs
Final Rule 68A-25.042, F.A.C., Regulations Governing Statewide Alligator
Trapping, Permitting, Taking and Sale
Consent Agenda Item 3
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The proposed changes would eliminate the requirement that all alligator farming and alligator trapping agent license holders who assist in permitted activities can only do so while in the presence of specific alligator farming or alligator trapping license holders, respectively, under which the agent licenses were issued. This would remove the need for a person to purchase multiple farming or trapping agent licenses when assisting more than one farmer or trapper, respectively, giving farmers and trappers greater flexibility in collecting alligator eggs and hatchlings and harvesting alligators. These rule changes are proposed for consistency with anticipated changes to s. 379.3751, Florida Statutes: Taking and possession of alligators; trapping licenses; fees. Changes to this section of the statute are included in the FWC bill (CS/CS/HB 1423) that was passed by the legislature on April 24 and sent to the Governor for his action.