

STATE OF LOUISIANA
PLAQUEMINES PARISH GOVERNMENT
RIGHT OF ENTRY AND
HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT WITH INDEMNIFICATION

(Alligator Harvest)
NOT A PERMIT

This HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT, with Indemnification provisions is made this ____ day of _____, 20__ by and between _____ (hereinafter, "USER") and Plaquemines Parish Government (hereinafter, "PPG"). USER and PPG are sometimes individually referred to as "Party" and collectively referred to as the "Parties."

WHEREAS, USER desires to use property that is reputed to be publicly owned or controlled; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana State Constitution of 1974, Article 1, Section 27 acknowledges the right to hunt, fish, trap, and use public lands for recreational activities; and

WHEREAS, in exchange for allowing USER to use PPG property, the USER desires to hold PPG harmless and defend PPG from any claims and/or litigation arising out of the USER's activities;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and conditions contained herein, USER and PPG hereby agree as follows:

TERMS

No Objection. PPG has no objection to USER entering reputed public lands for Alligator Harvesting activities provided that USER undertakes said activities at his or her own risk, and with the intent to be a good Steward of PPG lands and property. In no way is this agreement to be construed as a waiver of any immunity or other limitation of liability. **IN NO WAY IS THIS AGREEMENT TO BE CONSTRUED AS A PUBLIC LAW PERMIT.**

Conditions. No survey has been undertaken, and the title to reputed public lands has not been researched or verified by formal title opinion; therefore PPG makes no warranty as to any boundary, or other restrictions or servitudes which may or may not exist, on any particular piece of "public" property. Moreover, PPG remains silent as to the rights of third parties not privy to this agreement, and USER agrees that any disputes regarding boundary lines shall be handled by USER via Civil Court Action and that PPG, the Parish Council or any PPG Employee is not tasked with mediating any disputes which may arise while using PPG land and property. USER specifically agrees not to name PPG, or any parish entity, in any Civil Actions which may arise related to use of PPG lands and property. User agrees to defend PPG in any 3rd party or concursus actions which may arise related to this agreement. USER understands, accepts, and agrees that he or she is solely responsible for full compliance with all federal, state, and local laws/regulations regarding hunting, fishing, trapping, or other recreational activities; including the acquisition of all applicable licenses or permits for Alligator Harvesting activities. USER understands his or her obligation to avoid trespassing upon private property and to research prior to using PPG lands is incumbent upon USER. At all times the USER hereby commits to act as a reasonable and prudent steward of PPG property and further agrees to ensure that the lives and property of others is not endangered or damaged by his or her activities.

Duty. It shall always be the duty of the USER to keep a fully executed copy of this document (along with Parish Seal) on his or her person while on reputed public property. It shall be the duty of the USER to ensure the full compliance with this agreement by any other person joining him or her on an expedition involving PPG property. User hereby acknowledges that this Hold Harmless/Indemnification form is available on the PPG website and that any person joining USER for Alligator Harvest Purposes should access and review this document prior to entering PPG land and property. Any maps made available to the USER to help ascertain what property PPG may own are not legally binding instruments and USER agrees to research any areas he or she intends to use prior to entry. USER agrees to do an independent assessment of ownership of those lands he or she intends to enter and use. USER also agrees NOT to build any permanent structures on any reputed parish property.

Agreement to Abide by LDWF Alligator Harvest Guidelines:

USER hereby agrees to review the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Guidelines as they pertain to Alligator Harvesting in the State of Louisiana, and specifically, Plaquemines Parish. By signature herein, USER affirms that he or she has reviewed these guidelines which may be found on the LDWF website at this web address: <https://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/page/alligator-hunting>

USER also agrees that the LDWF, and not PPG dictate the method of harvesting Alligators and that this agreement is simply an understanding that PPG will allow USER access to parish land, with Hold Harmless and Indemnification understanding, in conjunction with the rules and regulations set forth by LDWF. This agreement does not supplant those rules and regulations, and USER understands this and agrees to abide by those rules and regulations.

Hold Harmless. USER shall defend, indemnify, and hold PPG harmless from any and all actual or alleged claims, demands, causes of action, liability, loss, damage and/or injury (to property or persons, including without limitation wrongful death), whether brought by USER or any individual/entity, or imposed by a court of law or by administrative action of any federal, state, or local governmental body or agency, arising out of or incident to any acts, omissions, negligence, or misconduct of USER, its invitees, guests, personnel, employees, agents, contractors, or volunteers in connection with or arising out of USER's activities on reputed PPG land. This indemnification applies to and includes, without limitation, the payment of all penalties, fines, judgments, awards, decrees, attorneys' fees, and related costs or expenses, and any reimbursements to PPG for all legal expenses and costs incurred by it as related to this agreement.

Processing Fee. USER agrees to pay PPG a One Hundred dollar (\$100.00) fee processing (\$20 per tag/5 tag maximum) for Established Alligator Harvesters, to defray the costs associated with processing this agreement. If you are not an established Alligator Harvester, you may enter the lottery without charge, and if selected may obtain 2 tags at a cost of Forty Dollars \$40 (\$20 per tag/2 tag maximum) that PPG will collect to help defray the costs associated with processing this agreement. (Check or money order only; NO CASH).

Term. This agreement shall expire one year after the effective date of this agreement, which occurs when signed by PPG and USER.

Criminal Matters: USER agrees that any disputes with individuals who may be in violation of State or Federal Laws, or any Parish Ordinances, which may occur on PPG Property/Lands, shall be reported to the proper State or Federal Agency. Contact numbers for several agencies which handle these issues are listed below. USER agrees that any disputes or issues which arise shall NOT be reported to PPG or any other parish entity. This shall include, but is not limited to, any individuals that are violating any of the regulations set forth by LDWF regarding Harvesting Alligators.

Authority to Enter Agreement. Each party warrants that the individuals who have signed this Agreement have the legal power, right, and authority to make this Agreement, enforce the contents, and bind each respective Party.

Amendment/Modification. No supplement, modification, or amendment of this Agreement shall be binding unless executed in writing and signed by both Parties.

Waiver. No waiver of any particular default shall constitute a waiver of any other default or breach, whether of the same or other covenant or condition. No waiver, benefit, privilege, or service voluntarily given or performed by a Party shall give the other Party any contractual right by custom, estoppel, or otherwise.

Attorneys' Fees and Costs. If any legal action or other proceeding is brought in connection with this Agreement, PPG is entitled to recover reasonable attorneys' fees, costs and other relief to which PPG may be entitled for having to defend any Court actions.

Entire Agreement. This Agreement contains the entire agreement between the Parties related to the matters specified herein, and supersedes any prior oral or written statements or agreements between the Parties related to such matters. This document may be signed and/or transmitted electronically, and an electronic or photocopy of this agreement shall be binding upon the parties.

Unilateral Cancellation Clause: USER understands and agrees that this agreement is fully revocable and that PPG may revoke this agreement at any time and for any reason, including but not limited to, trespass upon private property, violation of State and/or Federal Law, violation of Parish Ordinances, Violation of any LDWF regulations, or for USER (or USER guest) failure to be good Stewards of PPG land and property.

USER ACKNOWLEDGES THAT HE OR SHE HAS READ THIS ENTIRE AGREEMENT, AND FULLY UNDERSTANDS THE CONTENTS, AND HIS OR HER RESPONSIBILITIES AS LISTED HEREIN.

_____ **USER Initials**

Signed on this _____ day of _____, 20____.

USER:

PLAQUEMINES PARISH GOVERNMENT:

Signed by: _____

Signed by: _____

PRINTED NAME (USER) _____

PPG designated representative Name or Stamp:

Plaquemines Parish Sheriff Office: 504-564-2525 (24 hours)

Plaquemines Parish District Attorney: 504-934-6630

Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries: Enforcement Division: Region 8: 504-284-2023

U.S. Federal Wildlife Agents: Wildlife Crime Hotline: 1-844-FWS-TIPS (1-844-397-8477)