

Section I
Notice of Development of Proposed Rules
and Negotiated Rulemaking

NONE

Section II
Proposed Rules

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Division of Elections

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

1S-2.013 Absentee Ballots to Overseas Electors

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose of this repeal is to remove provisions that have been superseded or are now obsolete due to statutory changes. This rule was last amended in 1984.

SUMMARY: A repeal is needed to remove obsolete or superseded language.

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE RATIFICATION:

The Agency has determined that this will not have an adverse impact on small business or likely increase directly or indirectly regulatory costs in excess of \$200,000 in the aggregate within one year after the implementation of the rule. A SERC has not been prepared by the Agency.

The Agency has determined that the proposed rule is not expected to require legislative ratification based on the statement of estimated regulatory costs or if no SERC is required, the information expressly relied upon and described herein: Legislative ratification will not be required pursuant to Section 120.541(3), F.S. Based on a SERC checklist prepared by the agency, this rule will not have an adverse effect on businesses or private-sector economic growth, job-creation, employment or investment; nor will it increase regulatory costs in excess of the threshold mandating legislative ratification. No other statute requires legislative ratification for this rule.

Any person who wishes to provide information regarding a statement of estimated regulatory costs, or provide a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative must do so in writing within 21 days of this notice.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 97.012(1), FS.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 101.62, 101.6952, FS.

IF REQUESTED WITHIN 21 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE, A HEARING WILL BE HELD AT THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE SHOWN BELOW:

DATE AND TIME: January 22, 2016 at 1 p.m.

PLACE: Room 307, R.A. Gray Building, 500 S. Bronough St., Tallahassee, FL 32399

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THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Lydia Strom, Assistant General Counsel, at Lydia.Strom@dos.myflorida.com or (850)245-6536.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

1S-2.013 Absentee Ballots to Overseas Electors.

Rulemaking Authority 97.012(1) FS. Law Implemented 101.62, 101.141, 97.012 FS. History—New 3-8-84, Amended 10-9-84, Formerly 1C-7.13, Formerly 1C-7.013, Repealed

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE: Lydia Strom, Assistant General Counsel.

NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: Kenneth W. Detzner

DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: December 30, 2015

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

Board of Accountancy

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

61H1-39.001 Definitions

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The Board proposes the rule amendment to include the definitions taken from the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, rather than incorporate them by reference.

SUMMARY: The rule amendment will include the definitions taken from the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, rather than incorporate them by reference.

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE RATIFICATION:

The Agency has determined that this will not have an adverse impact on small business or likely increase directly or indirectly regulatory costs in excess of \$200,000 in the

aggregate within one year after the implementation of the rule. A SERC has not been prepared by the Agency.

The Agency has determined that the proposed rule is not expected to require legislative ratification based on the statement of estimated regulatory costs or if no SERC is required, the information expressly relied upon and described herein: During discussion of the economic impact of this rule at its Board meeting, the Board, based upon the expertise and experience of its members, determined that a Statement of Estimated Regulatory Costs (SERC) was not necessary and that the rule will not require ratification by the Legislature. No person or interested party submitted additional information regarding the economic impact at that time.

Any person who wishes to provide information regarding a statement of estimated regulatory costs, or provide a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative must do so in writing within 21 days of this notice.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 473.3125, 473.304 FS.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 473.3125(4) FS.

IF REQUESTED WITHIN 21 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE, A HEARING WILL BE SCHEDULED AND ANNOUNCED IN THE FAR.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Veloria A. Kelly, Division Director, Board of Accountancy, 240 NW 76th Drive, Suite A, Gainesville, Florida 32607.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

61H1-39.001 Definitions.

(1) No change.

(2) "Compilation" means an engagement that applies limited procedures to assist management in the presentation of financial statements and report on those statements without providing any assurance that there are no material modifications that should be made to the financial statements in order for them to be in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework ~~a service performed in accordance with American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, Incorporated's Standards for Accounting and Review Services incorporated into Rule 61H1-20.009, F.A.C.~~

(3) through (5) No change.

(6) "Review" means an engagement that obtains limited assurance as a basis for reporting whether the certified public accountant firm (CPA firm) is aware of any material modifications that should be made to the financial statements in order for the statements to be in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework. A review includes primarily analytical procedures to financial data and inquiries of management. A review engagement does not contemplate obtaining an understanding of the entity's internal control, assessing fraud risk, testing accounting records by inspection, observation confirmation or examination of source documents or other procedures ordinarily performed in an audit engagement and accordingly does not include an expression of an opinion on the financial statements ~~a service performed in accordance with American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, Incorporated's Standards for Accounting and Review Services incorporated into Rule 61H1-20.009, F.A.C.~~ .
 Rulemaking Authority 473.3125, 473.304 FS. Law Implemented 473.3125(4) FS. History—New 5-4-14, Amended _____.

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE:

Board of Accountancy

NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: Board of Accountancy

DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: November 6, 2015

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: December 11, 2015

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

Board of Accountancy

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

61H1-39.002 Peer Review Program Standards

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The Board proposes the rule amendment to incorporate the revised standards.

SUMMARY: Revised standards will be incorporated into the rule.

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE RATIFICATION:

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The Agency has determined that the proposed rule is not expected to require legislative ratification based on the statement of estimated regulatory costs or if no SERC is required, the information expressly relied upon and described herein: During discussion of the economic impact of this rule at its Board meeting, the Board, based upon the expertise and experience of its members, determined that a Statement of Estimated Regulatory Costs (SERC) was not necessary and that the rule will not require ratification by the Legislature. No person or interested party submitted additional information regarding the economic impact at that time.

Any person who wishes to provide information regarding a statement of estimated regulatory costs, or provide a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative must do so in writing within 21 days of this notice.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 473.3125, 473.304 FS.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 473.3125(2) FS.

IF REQUESTED WITHIN 21 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE, A HEARING WILL BE SCHEDULED AND ANNOUNCED IN THE FAR.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Veloria A. Kelly, Division Director, Board of Accountancy, 240 NW 76th Drive, Suite A, Gainesville, Florida 32607.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

61H1-39.002 Peer Review Program Standards.

The board hereby adopts and incorporates by reference, as its minimum standards for administering, performing and reporting on peer reviews, the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, Incorporated's "Standards for Performing and Reporting on Peer Review" and "Peer Review Standards Interpretations," (AICPA Standards), effective May, 2015 ~~March 7, 2013~~, and available at <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-04012> or www.aicpa.org/Research/Standards/PeerReview/DownloadableDocuments/PeerReviewStandards.pdf and <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-04013> or <http://www.aicpa.org/>

Research/Standards/PeerReview/DownloadableDocuments/PeerReviewStandardsInterpretations.pdf, respectively.

Rulemaking Authority 473.3125, 473.304 FS. Law Implemented 473.3125(2) FS. History—New 4-21-14, Amended _____.

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE: Board of Accountancy

NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: Board of Accountancy

DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: November 6, 2015

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: December 11, 2015

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

Board of Accountancy

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

61H1-39.004 Peer Review Oversight Committee and Responsibilities

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The Board proposes the rule amendment to clarify the responsibilities of the Peer Review Oversight Committee.

SUMMARY: The responsibilities of the Peer Review Oversight Committee will be clarified.

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE RATIFICATION:

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RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 473.3125, 473.304 FS.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 473.3125(3) FS.

IF REQUESTED WITHIN 21 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE, A HEARING WILL BE SCHEDULED AND ANNOUNCED IN THE FAR.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Veloria A. Kelly, Division Director, Board of Accountancy, 240 NW 76th Drive, Suite A, Gainesville, Florida 32607.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

61H1-39.004 Peer Review Oversight Committee Composition and Responsibilities.

(1) through (3) No change.

(4) Responsibilities of the PROC shall include:

(a) Recommending to the Board the approval or termination of peer review administering entities, peer review programs and peer review standards; ~~and~~

(b) Monitoring and assessing the effectiveness of the peer review programs and peer review standards, and

(c) Providing a written report to the Board no later than December 1, 2016, and annually thereafter, which includes:

(i) A message from the PROC Chair;

(ii) A summary of the background and PROC responsibilities;

(iii) A list of PROC members;

(iv) A list of Board-approved AEs;

(v) A summary of PROC activities and accomplishments during the prior year;

(vi) A chart of the number of Firms that were enrolled at the beginning of the year and at the end of the year with accompanying notes regarding newly enrolled or terminated Firms; and

(vii) Findings and concluding recommendations regarding the adequacy of Florida's Peer Review Program and any suggested changes to Florida Statutes and the Florida Administrative Code.

Rulemaking Authority 483.3125, 473.304 FS. Law Implemented 473.3125(3) FS. History—New 5-4-14, Amended

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE: Board of Accountancy

NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: Board of Accountancy

DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: November 6, 2015

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: December 11, 2015

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Board of Respiratory Care

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

64B32-2.001 License by Endorsement

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The proposed amendment updates the application

SUMMARY: Update application

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE RATIFICATION:

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The Agency has determined that the proposed rule is not expected to require legislative ratification based on the statement of estimated regulatory costs or if no SERC is required, the information expressly relied upon and described herein: During discussion of the economic impact of this rule at its Board meeting, the Board, based upon the expertise and experience of its members, determined that a Statement of Estimated Regulatory Costs (SERC) was not necessary and that the rule will not require ratification by the Legislature. No person or interested party submitted additional information regarding the economic impact at that time.

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RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 468.353(1) FS.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 468.358, 468.365 FS.

IF REQUESTED WITHIN 21 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE, A HEARING WILL BE SCHEDULED AND ANNOUNCED IN THE FAR.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Allen Hall, Executive Director, Department of Health, 4052 Bald Cypress Way Bin #C05, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0797

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

64B32-2.001 License by Endorsement.

(1) Applicants for licensure as a Registered Respiratory Therapist or Certified Respiratory Therapist in the state of Florida shall apply on Form DH-MQA 1145, Application by Endorsement, Revised 10/2015 07/12, incorporated herein as this Board's application form and available on the web at [http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref- 2174](http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-2174) or at <http://www.doh.state.fl.us/mqa/respiratory/index.html>.

(2) through (3) No change.

Rulemaking Authority 468.353(1) FS. Law Implemented 468.358, 468.365 FS. History—New 4-29-85, Formerly 21M-34.02, 21M-34.002, 61F6-34.002, 59R-71.002, 64B8-71.002, Amended 7-22-02, 8-28-05, 6-12-07, 5-15-08, 5-25-09, 5-10-10, 10-6-10, 3-28-12, 1-16-13, 12-4-14, _____.

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE:
Board of Respiratory Care

NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: Board of Respiratory Care

DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: October 9, 2015

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: December 10, 2015

FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Freshwater Fish and Wildlife

RULE NO.: 68A-9.004
RULE TITLE: Permits for Hunting or Other Recreational Use on Wildlife Management Areas

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose and effect of the proposed rule amendment is to provide for establishment of fees for Tier II public recreational opportunities consistent with the management plan and the recreation master plan on the Babcock Ranch Preserve pursuant to s. 259.1053(5), F.S.

SUMMARY: The proposed rule amendment would provide for establishment of fees for Tier II public recreational opportunities consistent with the management plan and the recreation master plan on the Babcock Ranch Preserve pursuant to s. 259.1053(5), F.S.

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE RATIFICATION:

The Agency has determined that this will not have an adverse impact on small business or likely increase directly or indirectly regulatory costs in excess of \$200,000 in the aggregate within one year after the implementation of the rule. A SERC has not been prepared by the Agency.

The Agency has determined that the proposed rule is not expected to require legislative ratification based on the statement of estimated regulatory costs or if no SERC is required, the information expressly relied upon and described herein: The nature of the rule and the preliminary analysis conducted to determine whether a SERC was required.

Any person who wishes to provide information regarding a statement of estimated regulatory costs, or provide a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative must do so in writing within 21 days of this notice.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution n; Section 375.313, Florida Statutes.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution n; Sections 379.2223, 375.313, Florida Statutes
A HEARING WILL BE HELD AT THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE SHOWN BELOW:

DATE AND TIME: During the Commission’s regular meeting February 10 - 11, 2016, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., each day.

PLACE: Florida Public Safety Institute – 75 College Drive, Havana, FL 32333

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Diane R. Eggeman, Director, Division of Hunting and Game Management, Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, 620 South Meridian Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1600.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:
68A-9.004 Permits for Hunting or Other Recreational Use on Wildlife Management Areas.

(1) In addition to other licenses, permits and stamps required by law, stamp requirements for hunting, camping, fishing, or other recreational uses on lands owned, leased or managed by the Commission or the State of Florida for the use and benefit of the Commission shall be as provided by Sections 379.354(8)(g) and (h), F.S.

(a) The cost of permits as required for hunting on wildlife management areas as provided by Section 379.354(8)(g)1., F.S., shall be \$25.

(b) The cost of permits for Tier II public recreational opportunities on the Babcock Ranch Preserve shall be established by order of the Executive Director, to capitalize on the value of hunting on portions of the preserve and to help ensure the preserve is financially self-sufficient, as required by Section 259.1053(5), F.S.

(b) through (f) relettered (c) through (g) No change.

(2) through (3) No change.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2016

Rulemaking Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const., 379.354 FS. Law Implemented Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const., 379.1025, 379.2223, 375.313, 379.354, 375.591 FS. History—New 8-1-79, Amended 6-4-81, 6-21-82, Formerly 39-9.04, Amended 6-2-86, 11-1-89, 7-16-98, 5-13-99, Formerly 39-9.004, Amended 7-1-00, 5-29-01, 7-22-01, 6-2-02, 7-28-02, 5-1-03, 7-7-03, 10-12-03, 5-12-04, 7-15-04, 6-1-05, 4-3-08, 4-1-09, 7-20-09, 7-1-10, 5-5-11, 8-11-11, 5-2-12, 7-1-13, 9-9-13, 8-26-14, 7-1-16.

BE ADVISED THAT THESE PROPOSED RULES MAY BE FILED FOR ADOPTION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FOLLOWING THE COMMISSION MEETING AT WHICH THEY ARE CONSIDERED IF THE RULES ARE NOT CHANGED. IF CHANGED, THE RULES MAY BE FILED

AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER PUBLICATION OF A NOTICE OF CHANGE IN THE F.A.R.

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE: Diane R. Eggeman, Director, Division of Hunting and Game Management, Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, 620 South Meridian Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1600.

NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: November 19, 2015

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: January 8, 2015

FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Freshwater Fish and Wildlife

RULE NO.: 68A-13.004
 RULE TITLE: Hunting Regulations for Non-Migratory Game; Issuance of Antlerless Deer Permits and Private Lands Deer Management Permits

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose of the proposed rule amendment is to shift the antlerless deer season in DMU A3 to align it with the antlered deer season in DMU A3. The effect of the proposed rule amendment will be to enable the agency to better manage white-tailed deer.

SUMMARY: The proposed rule amendment would shift the antlerless deer season in DMU A3 to align it with the antlered deer season in DMU A3 (no change in season length, the season would begin on the Saturday before Thanksgiving rather than Friday). Additionally, the proposed rule amendment would provide non-substantive technical changes, such as grammatical corrections, language standardization, or clarification of an existing rule.

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE RATIFICATION:

The Agency has determined that this will not have an adverse impact on small business or likely increase directly or indirectly regulatory costs in excess of \$200,000 in the aggregate within one year after the implementation of the rule. A SERC has not been prepared by the Agency.

The Agency has determined that the proposed rule is not expected to require legislative ratification based on the statement of estimated regulatory costs or if no SERC is required, the information expressly relied upon and described herein: The nature of the rule and the preliminary analysis conducted to determine whether a SERC was required

Any person who wishes to provide information regarding a statement of estimated regulatory costs, or provide a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative must do so in writing within 21 days of this notice.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution

LAW IMPLEMENTED: Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution

A HEARING WILL BE HELD AT THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE SHOWN BELOW:

DATE AND TIME: During the Commission’s regular meeting February 10 - 11, 2016, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., each day

PLACE: Florida Public Safety Institute – 75 College Drive, Havana, FL 32333

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THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Diane R. Eggeman, Director, Division of Hunting and Game Management, Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, 620 South Meridian Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1600.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

68A-13.004 Hunting Regulations for Non-Migratory Game and Issuance of Antlerless Deer Permits and Private Lands Deer Management Permits.

The hunting regulations for non-migratory game shall be as follows unless otherwise amended by the Commission, provided that regulations for hunting on wildlife management areas shall be as established by specific rule.

(1) Bag and possession limits:

(a) Deer: Possession limit, four; daily bag as follows provided no person shall take more than 2 deer per day except as provided by subparagraph 5. or as authorized by the executive director:

1. through 5. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(2) No change.

(3) Open seasons:

(a) No change.

(b) Antlerless deer:

1. Zone A:

a. through b. No change.

c. DMU A3: Open during the first 16 days of the archery and crossbow seasons in Zone A, and opening the Saturday

~~Friday~~ before the fourth Thursday in November and closing 3 days thereafter.

- 2. through 4. No change.
- (c) through (i) No change.
- (4) through (5) No change.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2016

Rulemaking Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. Law Implemented Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. History—New 8-1-79, Amended 5-19-80, 6-4-81, 6-21-82, 7-1-83, 7-1-84, 7-1-85, Formerly 39-13.04, Amended 6-1-86, 5-10-87, 6-8-87, 5-1-88, 7-1-89, 7-1-90, 7-1-91, 7-1-92, 7-1-93, 3-1-94, 7-1-94, 7-1-96, 10-28-97, 4-27-98, 12-28-98, Formerly 39-13.004, Amended 7-1-01, 5-13-02, 10-16-02, 7-1-05, 7-1-06, 7-1-08, 7-1-10, 1-1-11, 7-26-12, 7-1-13, 6-1-13, 7-1-14, 7-2-14, 7-1-15, 7-29-15, 7-1-16.

BE ADVISED THAT THESE PROPOSED RULES MAY BE FILED FOR ADOPTION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FOLLOWING THE COMMISSION MEETING AT WHICH THEY ARE CONSIDERED IF THE RULES ARE NOT CHANGED. IF CHANGED, THE RULES MAY BE FILED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER PUBLICATION OF A NOTICE OF CHANGE IN THE F.A.R.

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE: Diane R. Eggeman, Director, Division of Hunting and Game Management, Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, 620 South Meridian Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1600.
NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: November 19, 2015

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: January 8, 2015

- (4) Rotenberger Wildlife Management Area.
 - (a) Open season:
 - 1. General gun – Walk, October 1-16 ~~3-18~~.
 - 2. General gun – Vehicle (tracked vehicles only), October 22-24 through November 6-8 (tracked vehicles).
 - 3. Archery – August 6-28 ~~8-30~~.
 - 4. Muzzleloading gun – September 3-11 ~~5-13~~.
 - 5. Small game – November 7-9 through March 5-6.
 - 6. through 7. No change.
 - (b) through (e) No change.
- (5) Big Cypress Wildlife Management Area.
 - (a) Open season:
 - 1. through 3. No change.
 - 4. Muzzleloading gun – October 8-23 ~~10-25~~, except in the Deep Lake Unit.
 - 5. Spring turkey – March 4-5 through April 9-10.

- 6. through 7. No change.
- (b) through (d) No change.
- (6) Okaloacoochee Slough Wildlife Management Area.
 - (a) Open season:
 - 1. Archery – August 6-12 ~~8-14~~ and 13-21 ~~15-23~~.
 - 2. Muzzleloading gun – September 3-5 ~~5-7~~ and 10-12 ~~12-14~~.
 - 3. Family Hunt – September 17-18 ~~19-20~~.
 - 4. General gun – September 24-27 ~~26-29~~ and September 28-30 through October 2-4.
 - 5. Small game – November 12-14 through December 25-27.
 - 6. Spring turkey – March 4-7 ~~5-8~~ and 8-12 ~~9-13~~.
 - 7. through 9. No change.
 - (b) through (d) No change.
- (7) Fisheating Creek Wildlife Management Area.
 - (a) Open season:
 - 1. Archery – August 19-21 ~~21-23~~ and 26-28 ~~28-30~~ west of US Highway 27 only.
 - 2. Muzzleloading gun – September 9-11 ~~11-13~~ and 16-18 ~~18-20~~ west of US Highway 27 only.
 - 3. General gun – September 30 through October 2-4 and October 14-16 ~~16-18~~ west of US Highway 27 only.
 - 4. Youth Turkey Hunt – February 25-26 ~~27-28~~ west of US Highway 27 only.
 - 5. Spring turkey – March 4-7 ~~5-8~~, 10-13 ~~11-14~~, 17-20 ~~18-21~~, 24-27 ~~25-28~~ and March 31 through April 3-4 west of US Highway 27 only.
 - 6. Special-opportunity spring turkey – March 4-10 ~~5-11~~ and 18-24 ~~19-25~~ east of US Highway 27 only.
 - 7. Wild hog-still– November 19-20 ~~21-22~~ west of US Highway 27 only.
 - 8. through 10. No change.
 - (b) through (d) No change.
- (8) Picayune Strand Wildlife Management Area.
 - (a) Open season:
 - 1. Archery – August 6-21 ~~8-23~~.
 - 2. Muzzleloading gun – September 3-5 ~~5-7~~ and 10-12 ~~12-14~~.
 - 3. General gun – October 8-11 ~~10-13~~, 12-16 ~~14-18~~ and 17-23 ~~19-25~~.
 - 4. Small game – November 5-7 through December 25-27.
 - 5. Spring turkey – March 4-7 ~~5-8~~ and 8-12 ~~9-13~~.
 - 6. through 7. No change.
 - (b) through (d) No change.
- (9) Dinner Island Ranch Wildlife Management Area.
 - (a) Open season:
 - 1. Archery – August 5-8 ~~7-10~~, 12-15 ~~14-17~~, 19-22 ~~21-24~~ and 26-29 ~~28-31~~.
 - 2. Muzzleloading gun – September 9-11 ~~11-13~~.

- 3. General gun – September ~~17-19~~ ~~19-21~~, ~~23-25~~ ~~25-27~~ and September 30 through October ~~2~~ ~~4~~.
- 4. Small game – October ~~29~~ ~~31~~ through the Sunday prior to the youth turkey hunt.
- 5. Family hunt – October ~~8-9~~ ~~10-11~~ and ~~15-16~~ ~~17-18~~.
- 6. Youth Turkey Hunt – February ~~25-26~~ ~~27-28~~.
- 7. Spring turkey – March ~~4-6~~ ~~5-7~~, ~~11-13~~ ~~12-14~~ and April ~~1-3~~ ~~2-4~~.
- 8. through 10. No change.
- (b) No change.
- (c) Camping: Prohibited, except in designated campgrounds by permit as provided by paragraph 68A-15.004, F.A.C. Camping is allowed only at designated campsites. Only tents, trailers, or self-propelled camping vehicles may be used for camping.
- (d) No change.
- (10) Spirit-of-the-Wild Wildlife Management Area.
- (a) Open season:
 - 1. Archery – August ~~5-8~~ ~~7-10~~, ~~12-15~~ ~~14-17~~, ~~19-22~~ ~~21-24~~ and August ~~26-29~~ ~~28-31~~.
 - 2. Muzzleloading gun – September ~~9-11~~ ~~11-13~~.
 - 3. General gun – September ~~17-19~~ ~~19-21~~, ~~23-25~~ ~~25-27~~, and September 30 through October ~~2~~ ~~4~~.
 - 4. Small game – October ~~29~~ ~~31~~ through the Sunday prior to the youth turkey hunt.
 - 5. Youth Turkey Hunt – February ~~25-26~~ ~~27-28~~.
 - 6. Spring turkey – March ~~4-6~~ ~~5-7~~, ~~11-13~~ ~~12-14~~ and April ~~1-3~~ ~~2-4~~.
 - 7. through 9. No change.
 - (b) through (d) No change.
 - (11) Allapattah Flats Wildlife Management Area.
 - (a) Open season:
 - 1. Archery – September ~~10-13~~ ~~12-15~~, ~~17-20~~ ~~19-22~~, September ~~25-27~~ ~~27-29~~ and October ~~1-4~~ ~~3-6~~.
 - 2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~15-17~~ ~~17-19~~.
 - 3. Family hunt – October ~~29~~ ~~31~~ through November ~~1~~ ~~3~~.
 - 4. General gun – November ~~5-9~~ ~~7-11~~.
 - 5. Small game – November ~~12~~ ~~14~~ through the second Sunday in January.
 - 6. Spring turkey – March ~~4-7~~ ~~5-8~~ and ~~8-12~~ ~~9-13~~.
 - 7. through 8. No change.
 - (b) through (d) No change.

15.064, Amended 11-17-99, 7-1-00, 7-1-01, 6-2-02, 2-27-03, 5-1-03, 7-1-04, 7-1-05, 7-1-06, 7-1-07, 7-1-08, 7-1-09, 7-20-09, 1-19-10, 7-1-10, 8-26-10, 7-1-11, 7-1-12, 7-1-13, 7-1-14, 9-18-14, 7-1-15, 7-29-15, ~~7-1-16~~.

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NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE: Diane R. Eggeman, Director, Division of Hunting and Game Management, Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, 620 South Meridian Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1600.
 NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.
 DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: November 19, 2015
 DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: January 8, 2015

FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Freshwater Fish and Wildlife

RULE NO.: 68A-15.004
 RULE TITLE: General Regulations Relating to Wildlife Management Areas

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose of the proposed rule amendment is to clarify general wildlife management area (WMA) regulations. The effect of the proposed rule amendment would correct references in the general WMA regulations.

SUMMARY: The proposed rule amendment would provide non-substantive technical changes, such as grammatical corrections, language standardization, or clarification of an existing rule.

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE RATIFICATION:

The Agency has determined that this will not have an adverse impact on small business or likely increase directly or indirectly regulatory costs in excess of \$200,000 in the aggregate within one year after the implementation of the rule. A SERC has not been prepared by the Agency. Any person who wishes to provide information regarding a statement of estimated regulatory costs, or provide a proposal

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2016
Rulemaking Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const., 379.2223, 375.313 FS. Law Implemented Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const., 379.2223, 375.313 FS. History—New 6-21-82, Amended 7-1-83, 7-27-83, 9-27-83, 7-5-84, 7-1-85, 5-7-86, 8-5-86, 5-10-87, 8-24-87, 5-1-88, 6-7-88, 7-1-89, 7-1-90, 9-1-90, 7-1-91, 7-1-92, 7-1-93, 7-1-94, 7-1-95, 8-15-95, 7-1-96, 9-15-96, 10-20-96, 6-1-97, 8-7-97, 7-1-98, 7-2-98, 7-1-99, Formerly 39-

for a lower cost regulatory alternative must do so in writing within 21 days of this notice.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution n; Sections 379.2223, 379.354, Florida Statutes.

A HEARING WILL BE HELD AT THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE SHOWN BELOW:

DATE AND TIME: During the Commission’s regular meeting February 10 - 11, 2016, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., each day.

PLACE: Florida Public Safety Institute – 75 College Drive, Havana, FL 32333

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THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Diane R. Eggeman, Director, Division of Hunting and Game Management, Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, 620 South Meridian Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1600.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

68A-15.004 General Regulations Relating to Wildlife Management Areas.

- (1) No change.
- (2) Permits required:
 - (a) A ~~wildlife~~ management area permit as provided by Section ~~379.354~~ ~~379.353~~, F.S., in addition to all regular license requirements, is required for persons, except those exempted in subsection (3) hereof, to take wildlife on a wildlife management area.
 - (b) through (d) No change.
 - (3) No change.
 - (4) Legal to hunt:
 - (a) through (i) No change.
 - (j) Non-protected mammals, ~~as defined in paragraph 68A-12.002(9)(a), F.A.C.~~, may be taken during any season open for the taking of game mammals, with no size or bag limit unless otherwise provided by area specific rule.
 - (5) through (6) No change.
 - (7) Dogs:
 - (a) Dogs may be used for hunting during open seasons, ~~except bear season or if~~ ~~unless~~ prohibited by regulations for the particular management area. The Executive Director or designee may issue permits to raccoon or fox hunting organizations that are sanctioned by the United Kennel Club,

American Kennel Club, Professional Kennel Club, or similar sanctioning entity to allow raccoon or fox hunting during otherwise closed seasons and at times and places designated in the permit. Permits may be issued only in areas where this activity will not negatively impact wildlife, where adjoining landowner conflicts will be minimal, where cooperating landowners are in agreement with the permit conditions, and when not in conflict with other user groups.

- (b) through (d) No change.
- (8) through (16) No change.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2016

Rulemaking Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. Law Implemented Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const., 379.2223, 379.354 FS. History—New 8-1-79, Amended 6-4-81, 6-21-82, 6-9-83, 9-27-83, 7-5-84, 7-1-85, Formerly 39-15.04, Amended 5-7-86, 5-10-87, 4-13-88, 8-18-88, 4-19-90, 4-4-91, 4-14-92, 10-22-92, 7-26-94, 11-6-94, 3-30-95, 10-23-95, 9-15-96, 6-1-97, 7-1-98, 12-28-98, 4-15-99, Formerly 39-15.004, Amended 7-1-00, 6-2-02, 5-1-03, 7-1-04, 7-1-05, 7-1-06, 7-29-07, 7-1-08, 7-1-09, 7-1-10, 1-1-11, 5-2-12, 4-9-13, 7-1-14, 7-1-15, 7-1-16.

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NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: November 19, 2015

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FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Freshwater Fish and Wildlife

RULE NO.: 68A-15.006 **RULE TITLE:** Regulations Relating to Miscellaneous Areas

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose of the proposed rule amendment is to revise specific area regulations on miscellaneous areas and conform to calendar year date changes. The effect of the proposed rule amendment will be to

enable the agency to better manage fish and wildlife resources and public use on miscellaneous areas.

SUMMARY: The proposed rule amendment would adjust season dates to conform to calendar year changes and revise specific area regulations on miscellaneous areas as follows:

Babcock Ranch Preserve – revise area rules to facilitate the Florida Forest Service becoming the lead managing agency for the property and will assume responsibility for managing the area with the Commission as cooperator; allow wild hogs to be dismembered prior to being checked at the check station in the Tier I hunt area; establish rules for the Tier II hunt area consistent with the previous land manager’s hunting program; and authorize the Florida Forest Service to conduct Operation Outdoor Freedom programs that may include hunting and fishing on the lands outside of the Tier I and Tier II areas.

Additionally, the proposed rule amendment would provide non-substantive technical changes, such as grammatical corrections, language standardization, or clarification of an existing rule.

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE RATIFICATION:

The Agency has determined that this will not have an adverse impact on small business or likely increase directly or indirectly regulatory costs in excess of \$200,000 in the aggregate within one year after the implementation of the rule. A SERC has not been prepared by the Agency.

The Agency has determined that the proposed rule is not expected to require legislative ratification based on the statement of estimated regulatory costs or if no SERC is required, the information expressly relied upon and described herein: The nature of the rule and the preliminary analysis conducted to determine whether a SERC was required

Any person who wishes to provide information regarding a statement of estimated regulatory costs, or provide a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative must do so in writing within 21 days of this notice.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution

LAW IMPLEMENTED: Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution

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THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Diane R. Eggeman, Director, Division of Hunting and Game Management, Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, 620 South Meridian Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1600.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

68A-15.006 Regulations Relating to Miscellaneous Areas.

- (1) No change.
- (2) Kissimmee River Public Use Area.
 - (a) through (b) No change.
 - (c) General regulations:
 - 1. through 7. No change.

8. Non-protected mammals, ~~as defined in paragraph 68A-12.002(9)(a), F.A.C.~~, may be taken during any season open for the taking of game mammals, with no size or bag limit.

- 9. No change.
- (3) Babcock Ranch Preserve.
 - (a) Open season (in the Tier I hunt ~~FWC designated hunting~~ area):

- 1. Archery – July 30 through August ~~2~~ 4 and August 6-9 ~~8-11~~.
- 2. Muzzleloading gun – September ~~3-5~~ 5-7.
- 3. Family – September ~~17-18~~ 19-20 and December ~~17-18~~ 19-20.
- 4. General gun for mobility-impaired – December ~~2-4~~ 4-6.
- 5. General gun – September ~~23-25~~ 25-27, September 30 through October ~~2~~ 2-4 and December ~~9-11~~ 11-13.
- 6. Small game – January ~~7-22~~ 9-24 and February ~~4-5~~ 6-7 (Saturdays and Sundays only).
- 7. Spring turkey – March ~~4-6~~ 5-7 and ~~11-13~~ 12-14.
- 8. through 9. No change.

(b) The following are the only species of wildlife legal to take within the Tier I hunt ~~FWC designated hunting~~ area: All legal game (except quail), furbearers and wild hog. Taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with three or more points or one antler with a main beam of ten inches or more in length is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. During the archery season, family and general gun for mobility-impaired hunts the bag limit for deer shall be two deer per quota permit. Only mobility-impaired hunters may take antlerless deer during the general gun for mobility-impaired hunt. One antlered deer may be taken per person, but no more than two per quota permit during the muzzleloading gun and general gun hunts. One gobbler (or bearded turkey)

per person, but no more than two per quota permit may be taken during spring turkey season. Turkey may only be taken during the spring turkey season.

(c) Regulations controlling activities within the Tier I hunt FWC designated hunting area:

1. through 5. No change.

6. No deer, wild hog or turkey shall be dismembered until checked at the check station.

7. through 11. No change.

12. Public access during the open seasons described in paragraph (a) is limited to those persons participating in the hunt, except as provided by the Florida Forest Service.

13. ~~Except during periods described in paragraph (a) and subparagraph (c)9. Public access and use not relating to the take of fish and wildlife is regulated~~ allowed only by the Florida Forest Service Babcock Ranch Management, LLC, or any successor authorized by Section 259.1053, F.S., collectively herein referred to as "Preserve Manager".

14. The Tier I hunt area is that portion of the property located east of Brown's Farm Grade; south of Tram Road; east of Cut-off Road; and north of Oil Well Grade.

~~14. The Preserve Manager shall authorize the take of fish and wildlife within the FWC designated hunting area pursuant to subparagraph (d)2. except during periods described in paragraph (a) and subparagraph (c)9.~~

(d) Regulations controlling activities in the Tier II hunt areas outside the FWC designated hunting area:

1. Public access and use, except for the take of fish and wildlife, shall be regulated by the Florida Forest Service, except the Commission may authorize activities within designated Tier II hunt areas. Outside the FWC designated hunting area, public access and use is allowed only by the Preserve Manager.

2. ~~The Preserve Manager shall authorize the take of fish and wildlife provided all such authorizations shall be consistent with the currently approved management plan, adopted pursuant to Section 253.034, F.S., and the following conditions shall apply:~~

~~2.a.~~ A written authorization or permit issued by the Commission Preserve Manager, in addition to all regular permitting and licensing requirements, as required by Section 379.354, F.S., shall be required to take fish or wildlife within the designated Tier II hunting areas. These authorizations and permits shall be displayed for inspection upon the request of any law enforcement officer.

~~b. Open season for non migratory game shall be consistent with Rule 68A 13.004, F.A.C., in areas and during days specified by the Preserve Manager.~~

~~c. Open season for migratory game shall be consistent with Rules 68A 13.003 and 68A 13.008, F.A.C., in areas and during days specified by the Preserve Manager.~~

~~d. Open season for non native species shall be year round in areas and during days specified by the Preserve Manager.~~

~~e. Fishing shall be allowed in areas and during days specified by the Preserve Manager.~~

~~f. Legal to take, size limits, bag limits, season dates, locations, method of take and any additional restrictions shall be specified on each authorization or permit issued by the Preserve Manager, provided these authorizations shall not be more liberal than those found in Titles 68 and 68A, F.A.C.~~

3. Taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with four or more points is prohibited, except as provided by authorization from the Commission.

4. The take of wild turkey is prohibited except during the archery season and spring turkey season.

5. The take of antlerless deer during the zonal antlerless deer season is prohibited except by antlerless deer tag.

6. The use of tracked vehicles, airboats, off-highway vehicles (OHVs), and swamp buggies is prohibited, except as authorized by the Florida Forest Service or the Commission.

7. Vehicles shall be operated only on designated roads, parking areas, or other areas established and specifically identified by the Florida Forest Service, except as authorized by the Florida Forest Service or Commission.

8. The take of wildlife with dogs is prohibited, except bird dogs and retrievers may be used to take small game.

9. Dogs may be possessed, under physical restraint only, during any period in which the taking of wildlife by the use of dogs is prohibited.

10. Taking wild turkey with firearms other than shotguns using number 2 or smaller diameter shot during the spring turkey season is prohibited.

11. The use of a light in a manner capable of disclosing the presence of wildlife from one hour after sunset until one hour before sunrise is prohibited, except as authorized by the Commission.

(e) Regulations controlling activities outside the Tier I and Tier II hunt areas.

1. Public access and use, except for the take of fish and wildlife, shall be regulated by the Florida Forest Service.

2. A written authorization or permit issued by the Commission, except as provided by subparagraph 3., in addition to all regular permitting and licensing requirements, shall be required to take fish or wildlife. These authorizations and permits shall be displayed for inspection upon the request of any law enforcement officer.

3. The Florida Forest Service may authorize the take of fish or wildlife consistent with 589.19 (4), F.S., provided these authorizations shall not be more liberal than those found in Titles 68 and 68A, F.A.C.

(f) The Commission may authorize or permit public access and use for the purpose of taking fish and wildlife throughout the area.

(4) Kissimmee Chain of Lakes Area.

(a) through (b) No change.

(c) General regulations:

1. through 8. No change.

9. Non-protected mammals, ~~as defined in paragraph 68A-12.002(9)(a), F.A.C.~~, may be taken during any season open for the taking of game mammals, with no size or bag limit.

10. through 13. No change.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2016

Rulemaking Authority Art. IV, Sec 9, Fla. Const. Law Implemented Art IV, Sec 9, Fla. Const. History—New 12-9-99, Amended 5-13-02, 5-1-03, 5-23-04, 7-1-06, 7-1-08, 7-1-09, 7-1-10, 11-9-10, 7-1-11, 7-1-12, 8-1-13, 7-1-14, 7-1-15, 7-1-16.

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FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Freshwater Fish and Wildlife

RULE NO.: 68A-15.061
 RULE TITLE: Specific Regulations for Wildlife Management Areas - Southwest Region

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose of the proposed rule amendment is to revise specific area regulations on Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) in the Southwest Region and conform to calendar year date changes. The effect of the proposed rule amendment will be to enable the agency to better manage fish and wildlife resources and public use on WMAs.

SUMMARY: The proposed rule amendment would adjust season dates to conform to calendar year changes and revise specific area regulations on Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) in the Southwest Region as follows:

Arbuckle WMA – change the issuance method of spring turkey quota permits from 10 permits issued through the Commission’s Recreational License Issuance Services (RLIS) and 5 permits issued daily at the check station to 15 permits issued through RLIS.

Croom WMA – during small game season, allow any dog for hunting small game (quail, rabbit, squirrel and migratory birds) throughout the area, except within the Croom Motorcycle Area.

Fred C. Babcock/Cecil M. Webb WMA – during the raccoon and opossum season, allow vehicles to be driven on all named or numbered roads.

Fred C. Babcock/Cecil M. Webb WMA, Yucca Pens Unit – during small game season, allow any dog for hunting small game (quail, rabbit, squirrel and migratory birds); and shift general gun season 1 week earlier to reduce overlap with general gun season on Fred C. Babcock/Cecil M. Webb WMA.

Green Swamp WMA – during small game season, allow any dog for hunting small game (quail, rabbit, squirrel and migratory birds).

Green Swamp WMA, West Unit – during small game season, allow any dog for hunting small game (quail, rabbit, squirrel and migratory birds); and increase the number of quota permits issued at the check station during small game season from 100 to 120.

Hilochee WMA – during small game season, allow any dog for hunting small game (quail, rabbit, squirrel and migratory birds).

Upper Hillsborough WMA – during small game season, allow any dog for hunting small game (quail, rabbit, squirrel and migratory birds); and establish an additional designated entrance for walk-in access.

Additionally, the proposed rule amendment would provide non-substantive technical changes, such as grammatical corrections, language standardization, or clarification of an existing rule.

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE RATIFICATION:

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statement of estimated regulatory costs or if no SERC is required, the information expressly relied upon and described herein: The nature of the rule and the preliminary analysis conducted to determine whether a SERC was required

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RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution n; Section 375.313, Florida Statutes

LAW IMPLEMENTED: Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution n; Sections 379.2223, 375.313, Florida Statutes

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THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

68A-15.061 Specific Regulations for Wildlife Management Areas – Southwest Region.

(1) Green Swamp Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – December ~~3~~ 5 through January ~~29~~ 31.

2. Archery – October ~~28~~ 30 through November ~~27~~ 29, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only and Thanksgiving Day.

3. No change.

4. Wild hog-dog – September 29 through October 2 ~~4~~ and October 6-9 ~~8-11~~.

5. Spring turkey – March ~~18~~ 19 through April ~~23~~ 24.

6. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 3. No change.

4. Hunting with dogs (other than bird dogs) is prohibited, except any dog ~~dogs~~ may be used during the small game season to take small game and during the wild hog-dog season

to take wild hogs. The take of wild hog with dogs is prohibited except during the wild hog-dog season. During the wild hog-dog season, no more than 3 free-running dogs per wild hog-dog daily quota permit shall be allowed. During non-hunting periods the possession of dogs shall only be as authorized by the Southwest Florida Water Management District.

5. through 9. No change.

(2) Green Swamp Wildlife Management Area – West Unit.

(a) Open season:

1. Wild hog-still – October ~~7-9~~ 9-11.

2. Wild hog-dog – October ~~19-21~~ 21-23.

3. Special-opportunity archery – December ~~3-6~~ 5-8 and ~~15-18~~ 17-20.

4. Special-opportunity general gun – January ~~19-22~~ 24-24, January 30 through February ~~2~~ 4 and February 8-11 ~~10-13~~.

5. Special-opportunity turkey – March ~~18-21~~ 19-22, 27-30 ~~28-31~~, April ~~1-4~~ 2-5, ~~10-13~~ 11-14 and ~~15-18~~ 16-19.

6. Small game – February ~~24-26~~ 26-28 and March ~~3-5~~ 4-6.

7. through 8. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 6. No change.

7. The use of dogs, ~~other than bird dogs and dogs with a shoulder height of 15 inches or less during the small game season~~, is prohibited except that dogs may be used during the small game season to take small game and during the wild hog-dog season to take wild hogs. The take of wild hog with dogs is prohibited except during the wild hog-dog season. During the wild hog-dog season, no more than three free-running dogs per quota permit shall be allowed. During non-hunting periods the possession of dogs shall only be as authorized by the Southwest Florida Water Management District.

8. through 9. No change.

10. During the small game season the take of wild hog is prohibited except by persons in possession of a daily wild hog permit. ~~Eighty Sixty~~ wild hog permits shall be issued daily at the check station.

(3) Fred C. Babcock/Cecil M. Webb Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~10-14~~ 12-16.

2. Bird dog training – Bird dogs may be trained in the bird dog training area September ~~17~~ 19 through February ~~12~~ 14 and bird dogs may be trained in the remainder of the area during the small game season except the field trial and Boy Scout areas.

3. General gun – November ~~5-13~~ 7-15.

4. Small game – November ~~14-27~~ ~~16-29~~ and on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays only ~~November 30~~ ~~December 2~~ through January ~~15~~ ~~17~~.

5. Field trial quail – January ~~21-22~~ ~~23-24~~.

6. through 7. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 5. No change.

6. During periods closed to hunting ~~and the raccoon and opossum season~~, vehicles may be operated only on named or numbered roads in the bird dog training area lying south of the northern boundaries of Sections 19, 20 and 21, Township 41S, Range 24E and west of the first north-south fence line east of the Seaboard Grade and on Tram Grade, Tucker Grade and Road 6 in the remainder of the area. The operation of vehicles is prohibited in Sections 13, 14, 23 and 24, Township 42S, Range 24E and the west 1/2 of Section 19, Township 42S, Range 25E.

7. through 18. No change.

(4) Fred C. Babcock/Cecil M. Webb Wildlife Management Area – Yucca Pens Unit.

(a) Open season:

1. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~14-16~~ ~~16-18~~.

2. General gun – October ~~29~~ through November ~~6~~ ~~7-15~~.

3. Small game – November ~~16~~ ~~18~~ through January ~~15~~ ~~17~~ on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays only and the Friday after Thanksgiving Day.

4. through 5. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 4. No change.

5. Hunting with dogs during the muzzleloading gun and general gun season is prohibited. The take of wildlife with use of dogs, other than retrievers, bird dogs and dogs with a shoulder height of 15 inches or less is prohibited, except when taking small game during the small game season or raccoon and opossum during the raccoon and opossum season when any dog may be used. The take of wild hogs with dogs is prohibited.

6. through 10. No change.

(5) Upper Hillsborough Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Wild hog-dog – November ~~8-10~~ ~~10-12~~.

2. Archery – December ~~3-4~~ ~~5-6~~, ~~10-11~~ ~~12-13~~, ~~December 31~~ through January ~~1~~ ~~2-3~~ and January ~~7-8~~ ~~9-10~~.

3. Muzzleloading gun – January ~~14-15~~ ~~16-17~~, ~~21-22~~ ~~23-24~~, ~~28-29~~ ~~January 30-31~~ and February ~~4-5~~ ~~6-7~~.

4. Small game – February ~~18-19~~ ~~20-21~~, ~~25-26~~ ~~27-28~~ and March ~~4-5~~ ~~5-6~~.

5. Spring turkey – March ~~22-23~~ ~~23-24~~, ~~29-30~~ ~~30-31~~, April ~~5-6~~ ~~6-7~~, ~~12-13~~ ~~13-14~~ and ~~19-20~~ ~~20-21~~.

6. No change.

(b) No change.

(c) Camping: Prohibited except at the designated campsite from 8 a.m. one day prior to each archery and muzzleloading gun hunt until 8 p.m. on the last day of each hunt; from 3 p.m. one day prior to each wild hog-dog ~~hot dog~~ and small game hunt until 8 p.m. on the last day of each hunt; from 8 a.m. one day prior to each spring turkey hunt until 5 p.m. on the last day of each hunt; or by written permission from the Southwest Florida Water Management District. Only tents, trailers or self-propelled camping vehicles may be used for camping. Camping equipment is prohibited on the area except during periods when camping is allowed.

(d) General regulations:

1. No change.

2. Each day hHunters shall check in prior to hunting and out when finished hunting at a check station when entering and exiting the area and shall check all game taken.

3. All hunters shall enter and exit the area at a designated entrance on County Road 54.

3. through 8. renumbered 4. through 9. No change.

~~10-9.~~ Hunting with dogs other than bird dogs is prohibited except that dogs may be used during the wild hog-dog season and any dog may be used to take small game during the small game season. The take of wild hog with dogs is prohibited except during the wild hog-dog season. During the wild hog-dog season, no more than three free-running dogs per quota permit shall be allowed. During non-hunting periods the possession of dogs shall only be as authorized by the Southwest Florida Water Management District.

10. through 12. renumbered 11. through 13. No change.

(6) Arbuckle Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – October ~~15~~ ~~17~~ through November ~~4~~ ~~6~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~10-18~~ ~~12-20~~.

3. Small game – January ~~7-8~~ ~~9-10~~ and ~~28-29~~ ~~30-31~~.

4. Spring turkey – March ~~21-23~~ ~~22-24~~ and April ~~4-6~~ ~~5-7~~.

5. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(7) KICCO Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~17~~ ~~19~~ through October ~~16~~ ~~18~~, Saturdays and Sundays only.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~22-23~~ ~~24-25~~ and ~~29-30~~ ~~October 31~~ through November ~~1~~.

3. Wild hog-still – November ~~12~~ ~~14~~ through December ~~11~~ ~~13~~, Saturdays and Sundays only.

4. Small game – December ~~17~~ ~~19~~ through January ~~22~~ ~~24~~.

5. Spring turkey – March ~~18~~ ~~19~~ through April ~~16~~ ~~17~~, Saturdays and Sundays only.

6. No change.

- (b) through (d) No change.
- (8) Hickory Hammock Wildlife Management Area.
- (a) Open season:
1. Wild hog-still – September ~~16-18 18-20, 23-25 25-27~~ and January ~~13-15 15-17~~.
 2. Archery – October ~~14-16 16-18~~.
 3. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~22-24 24-26~~ and ~~26-28 28-30~~.
 4. General gun – November ~~5-7 7-9~~.
 5. Small game – November ~~14-27 16-29~~ and January ~~23 25~~ through March ~~5 6~~.
 6. General gun for mobility-impaired – December ~~10-11 12-13~~.
 7. No change.
 8. Spring turkey – March ~~23-25 24-26~~ and April ~~13-15 14-16~~.
 9. No change.
- (b) through (d) No change.
- (9) Walk-in-the-Water Wildlife Management Area.
- (a) Open season:
1. Archery – October ~~1-2 3-4, 3-6 5-8, 7-9 9-11, 10-13 12-15~~ and ~~14-16 16-18~~.
 2. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~3-4 5-6, 5-8 7-10~~ and ~~9-11 11-13~~.
 3. Wild hog-still – January ~~14-17 16-19~~ and ~~18-22 20-24~~.
 4. Small game – February ~~4-12 6-14~~ and February ~~25 27~~ through March ~~5 6~~.
 5. Spring turkey – March ~~28-30 29-31~~.
 6. No change.
- (b) through (d) No change.
- (10) Hilochee Wildlife Management Area.
- (a) Open season:
1. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~11-12 12-13~~.
 2. Spring turkey – March ~~24-26 25-27~~ and April ~~7-9 8-10~~.
 3. Muzzleloading gun – February ~~17-19 19-21~~.
 4. Wild hog-still – November ~~18-20 20-22~~, December ~~2-4 4-6~~, and ~~16-18 18-20~~.
 5. Small game – January ~~6-22 8-24~~.
 6. Archery – February ~~10-12 12-14~~.
 7. No change.
 8. Raccoon – August ~~4 6~~ through September ~~25 27~~ (from 1.5 hours before sunset on Thursday until 1.5 hours after sunrise on Sunday).
- (b) through (c) No change.
- (d) General regulations:
1. No change.
 2. Hunting with dogs other than bird dogs and retrievers is prohibited, except any dog may be used when taking small game during small game season or dogs with a shoulder height of 15 inches or less may be used and during the raccoon

season ~~dogs of any size may be used~~. The take of wild hog with dogs is prohibited.

3. through 9. No change.
- (11) Lake Marion Creek Wildlife Management Area.
- (a) Open season:
1. Archery – October ~~15-17 17-19~~ and ~~21-23 23-25~~.
 2. Muzzleloading gun – November ~~25-27 27-29~~.
 3. General gun – January ~~20-22 22-24~~ and February ~~3-5 5-7~~.
 4. Small game – January ~~6-8 8-10~~ and ~~13-15 15-17~~.
 5. Wild hog-still – December ~~9-11 11-13~~ and ~~23-25 25-27~~.
 6. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~11-12 12-13~~.
 7. Spring turkey – March ~~18-20 19-21, March 31~~ through April ~~2 4-3~~ and April ~~14-16 15-17~~.
 8. No change.
- (b) through (d) No change.
- (12) Avon Park Air Force Range Wildlife Management Area.
- (a) Open season:
1. Archery – September ~~17 19~~ through October ~~16 18~~ in areas and during days specified by the Installation Commander or a designee.
 2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~22 24~~ through November ~~4 6~~ in areas and during days specified by the Installation Commander or a designee.
 3. General gun – November ~~5 7~~ through January ~~22 24~~ in areas and during days specified by the Installation Commander or a designee.
 4. Small game – November ~~12 14~~ through March ~~5 6~~ in areas and during days specified by the Installation Commander or a designee.
 5. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~11-12 12-13~~ in areas and during days specified by the Installation Commander or a designee.
 6. Spring turkey – March ~~18 19~~ through April ~~23 24~~ in areas and during days specified by the Installation Commander or a designee.
 7. Antlerless deer – November ~~19-25 21-27~~ in areas and during days specified by the Installation Commander or a designee.
 8. through 10. No change.
- (b) through (d) No change.
- (13) Croom Wildlife Management Area.
- (a) Open season:
1. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~22-24 24-26~~.
 2. General gun – November ~~5-27 7-29~~.
 3. Small game – December ~~5 7~~ through March ~~5 6~~.
 4. Spring turkey – March ~~21-23 22-24~~, April ~~4-6 5-7~~ and ~~18-20 19-21~~.
 5. Fox, raccoon and bobcat – December ~~15 17~~ through March ~~12 13~~. Hunting is allowed from 5 p.m. Thursday to

sunrise Sunday with dogs only. Taking wildlife with guns is prohibited during this season.

6. through 7. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. Hunting with dogs is prohibited during the muzzleloading gun and general gun seasons. ~~Hunting with dogs is prohibited during the small game season, except bird dogs and dogs with a shoulder height of 15 inches or less may be used to take small game. Dogs may be used for hunting fox, raccoon or bobcat during the fox, raccoon and bobcat season. Any dog may be used for taking small game during the small game season.~~ Dogs used during the fox, raccoon and bobcat season, ~~and dogs with a shoulder height of 15 inches or less used during the small game season~~ are only allowed in the portion of the area south of Croom road, bounded on the east by Croom-Rital Road to its juncture with the boundary fence of the Croom Motorcycle Area located in Sections 17, 18, 19, 30, 31 and those parts of Sections 7 and 8 lying south of the old railroad right-of-way, Township 22 South, Range 21 East, and thence bounded by said boundary fence. Taking wildlife with dogs is prohibited in the Croom Motorcycle Area.

2. The take of wild hogs with dogs is prohibited.

2. through 3. renumbered 3. through 4. No change.

5.4. Taking wildlife with firearms or dogs is prohibited at all times in Sections 17, 18, 19, 30, 31 and those parts of Sections 7 and 8 lying south of the old railroad right-of-way, Township 22 South, Range 21 East.

5. through 6. renumbered 6. through 7. No change.

(14) Chassahowitzka Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~17 19~~ through October ~~16 18~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~22-24 24-26~~.

3. General gun – November ~~5 7~~ through January ~~1 3~~.

4. Wild hog-dog – January ~~13-15 15-17~~ and ~~20-22 22-24~~.

5. through 6. No change.

7. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~11-12 12-13~~.

8. Spring turkey – March ~~24-26 25-27~~, April ~~7-9 8-10~~ and ~~21-23 22-24~~.

9. Raccoon –February ~~2-26 4-28~~ and May ~~4-28 5-29~~ (from 1.5 hours before sunset on Thursday until 1.5 hours after sunrise on Sunday).

(b) through (d) No change.

(15) Hilochee Wildlife Management Area – Osprey Unit.

(a) Open season:

1. Family hunt – November ~~11-13 13-15~~.

2. Wild hog-still – November ~~25-27 27-29~~.

3. Wild hog-dog – December ~~9-11 11-13~~ and January ~~6-8 8-10~~.

4. Small game – January ~~26 28~~ through February ~~6 8~~.

5. Archery – February ~~10-12 12-14~~.

6. Muzzleloading gun – February ~~17-19 19-21~~.

7. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~11-12 12-13~~.

8. Spring turkey – April ~~14-16 15-17~~ and ~~21-23 22-24~~.

9. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(16) Weekiwachee Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – October ~~15-20 17-22~~, November ~~12-17 14-19~~, December ~~10-15 12-17~~, January ~~14-19 16-21~~ and February ~~11-16 13-18~~.

2. No change.

(b) through (d) No change

(17) Lower Hillsborough Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Family hunt – December ~~9-11 11-13~~, January ~~13-15 15-17~~, January ~~27-29 29-31~~ and February ~~10-12 12-14~~.

2. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~24-26 25-27~~ and April ~~7-9 8-10~~.

3. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2016

Rulemaking Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const., 375.313 FS. Law Implemented Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const., 379.2223, 375.313 FS. History–New 6-21-82, Amended 7-1-83, 11-17-83, 7-5-84, 10-1-84, 7-1-85, 9-19-85, 5-7-86, 5-10-87, 6-8-87, 10-8-87, 5-1-88, 7-1-89, 7-1-90, 7-1-91, 7-2-91, 7-1-92, 8-23-92, 7-1-93, 7-1-94, 7-1-95, 7-1-96, 9-15-96, 6-1-97, 8-7-97, 7-1-98, 10-20-98, 12-28-98, 7-1-99, Formerly 39-15.061, Amended 12-9-99, 3-30-00, 7-1-00, 7-1-01, 5-13-02, 5-25-03, 7-1-04, 7-1-05, 7-1-06, 7-1-07, 7-1-08, 7-1-09, 7-1-10, 7-1-11, 7-1-12, 7-1-13, 7-1-14, 7-1-15, 7-1-16.

BE ADVISED THAT THESE PROPOSED RULES MAY BE FILED FOR ADOPTION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FOLLOWING THE COMMISSION MEETING AT WHICH THEY ARE CONSIDERED IF THE RULES ARE NOT CHANGED. IF CHANGED, THE RULES MAY BE FILED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER PUBLICATION OF A NOTICE OF CHANGE IN THE F.A.R.

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE: Diane R. Eggeman, Director, Division of Hunting and Game Management, Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, 620 South Meridian Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1600.

NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: November 19, 2015

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT
PUBLISHED IN FAR: January 8, 2015

FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Freshwater Fish and Wildlife

RULE NO.: 68A-15.062
RULE TITLE: Specific Regulations for Wildlife
Management Areas - North Central Region

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose of the proposed rule amendment is to revise specific area regulations on wildlife management areas (WMAs) in the North Central Region and conform to calendar year date changes. The effect of the proposed rule amendment will be to enable the agency to better manage fish and wildlife resources and public use on WMAs.

SUMMARY: The proposed rule amendments would adjust season dates to conform to calendar year changes and revise specific area regulations on wildlife management areas (WMAs) in the North Central Region as follows:

Andrews WMA – shift family hunts 7 weeks later (in January); and establish two 3-day wild hog-still hunts in May (25 quota permits issued daily at the check station, no exemptions).

Big Bend WMA, Hickory Mound Unit – change the quota permit requirement during general gun season from the first 16 to the first 9 days of the season.

Big Bend WMA, Snipe Island Unit – remove the quota permit requirement during the youth spring turkey hunt; and during small game season, allow any dog for hunting small game (quail, rabbit, squirrel and migratory birds).

Cary WMA – expand archery, general gun and wild hog-still seasons from 2 to 3 quota hunts each; and change the quota for archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun and wild hog-still seasons from 100 to 70 permits per hunt (no exemptions, except during archery season).

Cedar Key Scrub WMA – allow fishing.

Citrus WMA – change the archery season from 1 quota hunt (first 4 days, 1000 quota permits, exemptions allowed) and 19 days (no quota permit required) to 3 quota hunts (9, 7 and 7-days each, 500 quota permits per hunt, exemptions allowed); change the quota for muzzleloading gun and general gun seasons from 850 to 500 quota permits per hunt (exemptions allowed); and during small game season, allow any dog for hunting small game (quail, rabbit, squirrel and migratory birds).

Flying Eagle WMA – allow hunting with rimfire rifles during general gun and small game seasons.

Lochloosa WMA – during the 3rd general gun season quota hunt, allow the use of dogs to hunt wild hog.

Log Landing WMA – establish a 9-day wild hog-still season in May (Saturday through Sunday, no quota permit required).
Osceola WMA – to resolve dog hunting related conflicts, revise the dog hunt area to remove the area created by traversing from County Road 250 west along Forest Service Road 200, north and east on Forest Road 4 to Forest Road 26, north on Forest Road 26 to Forest Road 3, then east on Forest Road 3 to Eddy Grade (move 5,065 acres from the 96,616-acre dog hunt area into the still hunt area); and to avoid overlap with muzzleloading gun season, shift dog training season 1 day later.

Additionally, the proposed rule amendments would provide non-substantive technical changes, such as grammatical corrections, language standardization, or clarification of an existing rule.

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE RATIFICATION:

The Agency has determined that this will not have an adverse impact on small business or likely increase directly or indirectly regulatory costs in excess of \$200,000 in the aggregate within one year after the implementation of the rule. A SERC has not been prepared by the Agency.

The Agency has determined that the proposed rule is not expected to require legislative ratification based on the statement of estimated regulatory costs or if no SERC is required, the information expressly relied upon and described herein: The nature of the rule and the preliminary analysis conducted to determine whether a SERC was required

Any person who wishes to provide information regarding a statement of estimated regulatory costs, or provide a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative must do so in writing within 21 days of this notice.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution

LAW IMPLEMENTED: Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution n; Sections 379.2223, 375.313 Florida Statutes

A HEARING WILL BE HELD AT THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE SHOWN BELOW:

DATE AND TIME: During the Commission's regular meeting February 10 - 11, 2016, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., each day.

PLACE: Florida Public Safety Institute – 75 College Drive, Havana, FL 32333

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THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Diane R. Eggeman, Director, Division of Hunting and Game Management, Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, 620 South Meridian Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1600.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

68A-15.062 Specific Regulations for Wildlife Management Areas – North Central Region.

(1) Camp Blanding Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. through 4. No change.

5. Archery – September ~~27-29~~ ~~29~~ through ~~October 1~~ and October ~~4-6~~ ~~6-8~~, only in the still hunt areas; and the Monday before Thanksgiving and continuing for 55 days thereafter in the archery-only area, which is within the area described by a line beginning at the intersection of County Road 225 and Woodbury Road, then southeast on County Road 225 to State Road 16, then south on State Road 16 and County Road 230 to the Camp Blanding boundary on the east side of County Road 230, then east along the Camp Blanding boundary to Duval Road, then south on Duval Road to Yerkes Road, then west on Yerkes Road to Treat Road, then north on Treat Road to Lightning Strike Road, then west and north on Lightning Strike Road to State Road 230, then west on State Road 230 to the Camp Blanding boundary, then north along the Camp Blanding boundary to State Road 16, then east on the south side of State Road 16 to Lightning Strike Road, then north on Lightning Strike Road to Bessent Road, then north on Bessent Road to the starting point. A disjunct portion of the archery-only area is south of County Road 215, east of Rifle Range Road, north of State Road 16 and west of the Camp Blanding boundary.

6. No change.

7. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~11-13~~ ~~13-15~~ and ~~18-20~~ ~~20-22~~, only in the still hunt areas.

8. No change.

9. Trapping – December 1 through January ~~8~~ ~~10~~, only in the still hunt areas.

(b) through (d) No change.

(2) Cypress Creek Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~11-12~~ ~~12-13~~.

2. Spring turkey – March ~~18-26~~ ~~19-27~~.

3. Archery – September ~~24~~ ~~26~~ through October ~~9~~ ~~11~~.

4. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~22-24~~ ~~24-26~~.

5. through 6. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(3) Gulf Hammock Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~5~~ ~~7~~ through January ~~22~~ ~~24~~.

2. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~11-12~~ ~~12-13~~.

3. Spring turkey – March ~~18~~ ~~19~~ through April ~~23~~ ~~24~~.

4. Archery – September ~~17~~ ~~19~~ through October ~~16~~ ~~18~~.

5. Archery and muzzleloading gun – October ~~22~~ ~~24~~ through November ~~4~~ ~~6~~.

6. Small game – January ~~28~~ ~~30~~ through February ~~26~~ ~~28~~.

7. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(4) Lochloosa Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~5-18~~ ~~7-20~~, November ~~19~~ ~~21~~ through December ~~4~~ ~~6~~ and December ~~5~~ ~~7~~ through January ~~1~~ ~~3~~.

2. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~11-12~~ ~~12-13~~.

3. Spring turkey – March ~~18~~ ~~19~~ through April ~~23~~ ~~24~~.

4. Archery – September ~~24~~ ~~26~~ through October ~~23~~ ~~25~~.

5. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~28~~ ~~30~~ through October 30 ~~November 1~~.

6. No change.

7. Small game – January ~~2~~ ~~4~~ through March ~~5~~ ~~6~~.

8. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. Taking wild hog by the use of dogs is prohibited, except during the last 28 days of general gun season.

2. through 6. No change.

(5) Osceola Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~12~~ ~~14~~ through January ~~8~~ ~~10~~.

2. Small game – January ~~9~~ ~~11~~ through March ~~5~~ ~~6~~.

3. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~11-12~~ ~~12-13~~.

4. Spring turkey – March ~~18~~ ~~19~~ through April ~~23~~ ~~24~~.

5. Archery – September ~~24~~ ~~26~~ through October ~~16~~ ~~18~~.

6. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~22-29~~ ~~24-31~~ in the still hunt area and Big Gum Swamp Wilderness only.

7. Fox, raccoon, opossum and bobcat – November ~~12~~ ~~14~~ through March ~~5~~ ~~6~~ in the dog hunt portion of the area.

8. through 9. No change.

10. Trapping – January ~~9~~ ~~11~~ through March 1.

11. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. The dog hunt area is within the area created by traversing south on Forest Service Road 237 from its intersection with the north boundary of the Osceola National Forest; southeast on Forest Service Road 263; south on Forest Service Road 234; east and north on County Road 250; west on Forest Service Road 200, north and east on Forest Road 4 to Forest Road 26; north on Forest Road 26 to Forest Road 3; east on Forest Road 3 to Eddy Grade to the boundary of the Osceola National Forest; north along the east boundary of the West 1/2 of Section 3, Township 1 South, Range 20 East; west along

the Base Line until it intersects Forest Road 24; north on Forest Road 24; north on Forest Road 4; east on Forest Road 3 to Eddy Grade; northwesterly on Eddy Grade to State Road 2; northwest on State Road 2; southwest on Forest Service Road 295; west on Forest Service Road 296F; south on Forest Service Road 296C; east and south on Forest Service Road 296E; south on Forest Service Road 295; south on Forest Service Road 297 to the boundary of the Osceola National Forest; then due west to the northwest corner of Section 23, Township 1 South, Range 19 East; then south along the east side of Section 27, Township 1 South, Range 19 East to the southeast corner of Section 27, Township 1 South, Range 19 East; then west to the SW corner of the SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 Section 29, Township 1 North, Range 19 East; then north along the west boundary of the East 1/2 of the West 1/2 Section 29, Township 1 North, Range 19 East to the south boundary of Section 20, Township 1 North, Range 19 East; then west along the north boundary of Section 30, Township 1 North, Range 19 East to the Baker County/Columbia County line; then south along the County Line to Forest Road 36; south to Forest Road 46; south on Forest Road 39; west on Forest Road 42 until it becomes Forest Service Road 212; south on Forest Service Road 212; west on Forest Service Road 272; north on Forest Service Road 270 to the Forest Boundary; then west back to the beginning point of Forest Service Road 237. Except within the dog hunt areas, the possession or use of dogs, other than bird dogs or retrievers, is prohibited except as provided by paragraph 68A-15.004(7)(c) or (d), F.A.C.

2. Deer dogs may be trained from October 30 ~~31~~ through November 8 ~~9~~, except in the still hunt area.

3. through 7. No change.

(6) Big Bend Wildlife Management Area – Tide Swamp Unit.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November 5 ~~7~~ through January 1 ~~3~~.

2. Archery – September 24 ~~26~~ through October 23 ~~25~~.

3. Muzzleloading gun – October 28 ~~30~~ through October 30 ~~November 1~~.

4. Small game – January 2 ~~4~~ through February 26 ~~28~~.

5. through 6. No change.

7. Youth turkey hunt – March 11-12 ~~12-13~~.

8. Spring turkey – March 18 ~~19~~ through April 23 ~~24~~.

9. Trapping – January 9 ~~11~~ through March 1.

10. Bear – - During the open season established for the East Panhandle BMU in Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C.

(b) through (d) No change.

(7) Big Bend Wildlife Management Area – Spring Creek Unit.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November 5-13 ~~7-15~~ and November 14 ~~16~~ through January 1 ~~3~~.

2. Archery – September 24 ~~26~~ through October 23 ~~25~~.

3. Muzzleloading gun – October 28-30 ~~30 through November 1~~.

4. Small game – January 2 ~~4~~ through March 5 ~~6~~.

5. Youth turkey hunt – March 11-12 ~~12-13~~.

6. Spring turkey – March 18 ~~19~~ through April 23 ~~24~~.

7. Trapping – January 9 ~~11~~ through March 1.

8. through 10. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(8) Big Bend Wildlife Management Area – Hickory Mound Unit.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November 5-13 ~~7-15~~, 14-20 ~~16-22~~ and November 21 ~~23~~ through January 1 ~~3~~.

2. Small game – January 2 ~~4~~ through February 26 ~~28~~.

3. Spring turkey – March 18 ~~19~~ through April 23 ~~24~~.

4. Archery – October 1-30 ~~3 through November 1~~.

5. through 7. No change.

8. Trapping – January 9 ~~11~~ through March 1.

9. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 7. No change.

8. Motorized vehicles may be operated only on named or numbered roads from September 1 through April 30 ~~except that Ward Tram will be open to vehicles only during the general gun season~~. From May 1 through August 31, motorized vehicles may be operated only on Cow Creek Grade, Coker Road, Swartz Tram west of J.C. Franklin Grade and J.C. Franklin Grade.

9. through 13. No change.

(9) Big Bend Wildlife Management Area – Jena Unit.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September 24 ~~26~~ through October 23 ~~25~~.

2. General gun – November 5-13 ~~7-15~~ and November 14 ~~16~~ through January 1 ~~3~~.

3. Spring turkey – March 18 ~~19~~ through April 23 ~~24~~.

4. Small game – January 2 ~~4~~ through February 26 ~~28~~.

5. through 6. No change.

7. Trapping – January 9 ~~11~~ through March 1.

(b) through (d) No change.

(10) Big Bend Wildlife Management Area – Snipe Island Unit.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September 24 ~~26~~ through October 23 ~~25~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October 28-30 ~~30 through November 1~~.

3. General gun – November 5-13 ~~7-15~~ and 14-27 ~~16-29~~.

4. Small game – December 17 ~~19~~ through February 12 ~~14~~.

5. Youth turkey hunt – March 11-12 ~~12-13~~.

6. Spring turkey – March 18-26 ~~19-27~~, March 27 ~~28~~ through April 2 ~~3~~ and April 3-9 ~~4-10~~.

7. Trapping – January ~~7~~ 9 through March 1.

8. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 4. No change.

5. Hunting with dogs other than waterfowl retrievers or bird dogs is prohibited, except ~~any dog dogs with a shoulder height of 15 inches or less~~ may be used to take small game during the small game season. The take of wild hog with dogs is prohibited.

6. through 7. No change.

(11) No change.

(12) Raiford Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~24~~ 26 through October ~~9~~ 11.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~22-24~~ 24-26.

3. Archery and muzzleloading gun – November ~~5-13~~ 7-15, Thanksgiving Day through the Sunday following Thanksgiving Day and December ~~24-27~~ 26-29.

4. Wild hog-still – ~~December 31 through~~ January ~~3~~ 2-5.

5. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~11-12~~ 12-13.

6. Spring turkey – March ~~18-26~~ 19-27 and April ~~6-9~~ 7-10.

7. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(13) Cedar Key Scrub Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~5-13~~ 7-15.

2. Archery – September ~~24~~ 26 through October ~~9~~ 11.

3. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~22-24~~ 24-26.

(b) Legal to take: Antlered deer, antlerless deer (during archery season only), wild hog, ~~and~~ gray squirrel ~~and~~ fish. Taking any other animal is prohibited. Taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with two or more points is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age.

(c) through (d) No change.

(14) Andrews Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~23-25~~ 25-27 and ~~September 30 through~~ October ~~2~~ 4.

2. Muzzleloading gun – November ~~4-6~~ 6-8 and ~~11-13~~ 13-15.

3. General gun – November ~~18-20~~ 20-22.

4. Small game – ~~December 30 through~~ January ~~1~~ 1-3, January ~~6-8~~ 8-10, and ~~13-15~~ 15-17.

5. Family hunt – ~~January 21-22 and 28-29~~ ~~December 5-6 and~~ ~~December 12-13~~.

6. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~11-12~~ 12-13.

7. Spring turkey – March ~~24-26~~ 25-27 and April ~~14-16~~ 15-17.

8. Supervised deer/hog youth hunt – October ~~22-23~~ 24-25 and October ~~29-30~~ 31 through November 1.

9. Wild hog-still – ~~May 5-7 and 12-14~~.

9. renumbered 10. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers. The bag limit for deer shall be one per quota permit. Taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with two or more points is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. During the family hunt, only wild hog and furbearers may be taken. During the supervised deer-hog youth hunt, only antlered deer, antlerless deer by antlerless deer permit only, and wild hog may be taken. Wild hog may not be taken during the small game season. During the wild hog-still season, only wild hog may be taken. Gobblers or bearded turkeys may be taken during spring turkey season from one-half hour before sunrise until sunset.

(c) through (d) No change.

(15) Big Shoals Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~26~~ 28 through October ~~1~~ 3, October ~~3-8~~ 5-10 and October ~~10-15~~ 12-17.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~28-30~~ 30 through November 4 and November ~~4-6~~ 6-8.

3. No change.

4. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~11-12~~ 12-13.

5. Spring turkey – March ~~23-25~~ 24-26 and April ~~13-15~~ 14-16.

6. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(16) Twin Rivers Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~24-30~~ 26 through ~~October 2~~ and October ~~1-9~~ 3-11.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~22-24~~ 24-26.

3. Family hunt – November ~~5-6~~ 7-8.

4. General gun – November ~~7-13~~ 9-15 and ~~14-20~~ 16-22.

5. No change.

6. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~11-12~~ 12-13.

7. Spring turkey – March ~~24-26~~ 25-27 and April ~~14-16~~ 15-17.

8. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(17) No change.

(18) Jennings Forest Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~24-27~~ 26-29 September ~~28~~ 30 through October ~~1~~ 3, October ~~2-5~~ 4-7 and ~~6-9~~ 8-11.

2. Supervised small game – October ~~15-23~~ 17-25, east of Yellow Water Creek, and east of the North Fork Black Creek but only south of its convergence with Yellow Water Creek.

3. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~28-30~~ 30 through November 4.

4. Bird dog training – November ~~21~~ 23 through December ~~18~~ 20 in the quail enhancement area and in the Normandy Unit only on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays from October through January; except that bird dog training is prohibited during the archery season.

5. General gun – November ~~5-8 7-10, 9-12 11-14, 13-16 15-18~~ and ~~17-20 19-22~~.
6. Family hunt – December ~~24-25 26-27~~.
7. Small game – January ~~6 8~~ through February ~~5 7~~, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only.
8. Wild hog-still – February ~~10-12 12-14, 17-19 19-21~~, May ~~5-7 6-8, 19-21 20-22~~ and June ~~2-4 3-5~~.
9. No change.
10. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~11-12 12-13~~.
11. Spring turkey – March ~~18-20 19-21, 21-23 22-24~~ and ~~24-26 25-27~~.
12. through 13. No change.
- (b) through (d) No change.
- (19) Holton Creek Wildlife Management Area.
 - (a) Open season:
 1. Mobility-impaired general gun – October ~~14-16 16-18~~, October ~~28-30 30~~ through ~~November 1~~, November ~~4-6 6-8~~ and December ~~16-18 18-20~~.
 2. Mobility-impaired spring turkey – March ~~24-26 25-27~~ and April ~~14-16 15-17~~.
 3. No change.
 - (b) through (d) No change.
- (20) Goethe Wildlife Management Area.
 - (a) Open season:
 1. Archery – September ~~24 26~~ through October ~~16 18~~.
 2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~28-30 30~~ through ~~November 4~~.
 3. General gun (still hunt) – November ~~5-7 7-9, 8-10 10-12~~ and ~~11-14 13-16~~.
 4. General gun (dog hunt) – November ~~18-20 20-22, 21-24 23-26~~ and ~~25-28 27-30~~.
 5. Family hunt – ~~December 31~~ through January ~~1 2-3~~.
 6. Small game – January ~~7 9~~ through February ~~5 7~~.
 7. Spring turkey – March ~~18-24 19-25~~, March ~~25 26~~ through April ~~2 3~~ and April ~~3-9 4-10~~.
 8. No change.
 - (b) through (d) No change.
- (21) Citrus Wildlife Management Area.
 - (a) Open season:
 1. General gun – December ~~9-11 11-13~~ and ~~December 30~~ through January ~~1 1-3~~.
 2. Small game – January ~~2 4~~ through February ~~26 28~~.
 3. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~2-4 4-6~~ and December ~~16-18 18-20~~.
 4. Archery – November ~~5-13, 14-20~~ and ~~21-27 7-29~~.
 5. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~11-12 12-13~~.
 6. Spring turkey – March ~~21-24 22-25~~, April ~~4-7 5-8~~ and ~~18-21 19-22~~.
 7. through 8. No change.
 - (b) through (c) No change.
 - (d) General regulations:

1. ~~Any dog~~ ~~Only bird dogs~~ may be used to take small game ~~for hunting~~ during the small game season. ~~The take of wild hog with dogs is prohibited~~. Except during the small game season, authorized training and field trials, the possession or use of dogs is prohibited except as provided by paragraph 68A-15.004(7)(c) or (d), F.A.C.
2. through 11. No change.
- (22) Flying Eagle Wildlife Management Area.
 - (a) Open season:
 1. Archery – October ~~1-4 3-6~~ and ~~7-11 9-13~~.
 2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~22-24 24-26~~.
 3. General gun – November ~~5-8 7-10~~ and ~~11-15 13-17~~.
 4. Small game – November ~~25-27 27-29~~ and December ~~16-18 18-20~~.
 5. Spring turkey – March ~~18-21 19-22~~ and ~~24-28 25-29~~.
 6. through 7. No change.
 - (b) through (c) No change.
 - (d) General regulations:
 1. through 2. No change.
 3. Taking wildlife with centerfire ~~or rimfire~~ rifles is prohibited.
 4. through 9. No change.
- (23) Potts Wildlife Management Area.
 - (a) Open season:
 1. Spring turkey – March ~~18-21 19-22~~ and ~~24-28 25-29~~.
 2. Archery – October ~~6-9 8-11~~ and ~~12-16 14-18~~.
 3. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~28-30 30~~ through ~~November 4~~.
 4. Wild hog-dog – November ~~18-20 20-22~~.
 5. Small game – February ~~3-5 5-7, 17-19 19-21~~ and March ~~3-5 4-6~~.
 6. through 7. No change.
 - (b) through (d) No change.
- (24) Homosassa Wildlife Management Area.
 - (a) Open season:
 1. Archery – October ~~13-16 15-18~~, October ~~27-30 29~~ through ~~November 1~~ and November ~~3-6 5-8~~.
 2. Small game – November ~~11 13~~ through December ~~4 6~~ and December ~~24 26~~ through January ~~15 17~~.
 3. Special-opportunity spring turkey – March ~~18-24 19-25~~ and April ~~1-7 2-8~~.
 4. No change.
 - (b) through (d) No change.
- (25) Devil's Hammock Wildlife Management Area.
 - (a) Open season:
 1. Archery – September ~~17-20 19-22, 21-25 23-27~~ and September ~~26-30 28~~ through ~~October 2~~.
 2. Family hunt – October ~~8-9 10-11~~ and ~~15-16 17-18~~.
 3. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~22-24 24-26~~.
 4. General gun – November ~~5-8 7-10~~ and ~~9-13 11-15~~.
 5. Small game – November ~~19 21~~ through December ~~18 20~~.

6. Wild hog-still – January ~~16 18~~ through February ~~12 14~~.
7. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~11-12 12 13~~.
8. Spring turkey – March ~~18-21 19 22~~ and ~~22-26 23 27~~.
9. through 10. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(26) Mallory Swamp Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~17 19~~ through October ~~16 18~~.
2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~22-30 24 through November 4~~ (still hunt area only).
3. General gun – November ~~12 14~~ through January ~~8 10~~.
4. Small game – January ~~9 11~~ through February ~~19 21~~.
5. Wild hog-dog – February ~~25 27~~ through March ~~12 13~~.
6. Spring turkey – March ~~18 19~~ through April ~~2 3~~.
7. No change.
8. Trapping – January ~~9 11~~ through March 1.
9. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(27) Middle Aucilla Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~5 7~~ through December ~~1 3~~ and December ~~2 4~~ through January ~~1 3~~.
2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~22-30 24 through November 4~~.
3. Small game – January ~~2 4~~ through March ~~5 6~~.
4. Archery – September ~~17 19~~ through October ~~16 18~~.
5. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~11-12 12 13~~.
6. Spring turkey – March ~~18 19~~ through April ~~23 24~~.
7. through 8. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(28) Little River Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~24-26 26-28~~, October ~~1-3 3-5~~ and ~~8-10 10-12~~.
2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~22-24 24-26~~.
3. Family hunt – November ~~5-6 7-8~~.
4. Small game – November ~~26 28~~ through January ~~8 10~~.
5. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~11-12 12 13~~.
6. Spring turkey – March ~~18-20 19 21~~ and March 31 through April 2 1-3.
7. through 8. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(29) Troy Springs Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Small game – November ~~12 14~~ through January ~~8 10~~, except on Sundays.
2. No change.
- (b) through (d) No change.

(30) Bayard Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~24 26~~ through October ~~9 11~~ and

November ~~12-20 14 22~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~22-30 24 through November 4~~.

3. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~11-12 12 13~~.

4. through 6. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(31) Grove Park Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~17 19~~ through October ~~16 18~~.
2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~22 24~~ through November ~~4 6~~.
3. General gun – November ~~5 7~~ through January ~~8 10~~.
4. Small game – January ~~9 11~~ through March ~~5 6~~.
5. No change.
6. Trapping – December 1 through January ~~8 10~~.
7. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~11-12 12 13~~.
8. Spring turkey – March ~~18 19~~ through April ~~23 24~~.
9. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(32) Steinhatchee Springs Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~24 26~~ through October ~~23 25~~.
2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~28-30 30 through November 4~~.
3. General gun – November ~~5-13 7-15~~ and November ~~14 16~~ through December ~~4 6~~.
4. Small game – December ~~24 26~~ through January ~~29 31~~.
5. Wild hog-dog – February ~~3-5 5-7, 17-19 19-21~~ and ~~24-26 26-28~~.
6. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~11-12 12 13~~.
7. Spring turkey – March ~~18-21 19 22, 22-26 23 27~~ and March ~~27 28~~ through April ~~9 10~~.
8. through 9. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(33) Cary Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~24-26, 26-28 and September 30 through October 2 2-4~~ and October 7-9.
2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~22-24 24-26~~ and ~~October 28-30 30 through November 1~~.
3. Family hunt – November ~~5-6 7-8~~.
4. General gun – November ~~11-13, 13-15 18-20~~ and ~~25-27 27-29~~.
5. Small game – December ~~2 4~~ through January ~~8 10~~ (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).
6. Wild hog-still – January ~~27-29 29-31~~ and February ~~3-5~~ and 17-19 19-21.
7. Spring turkey – March ~~18-20 19 21, 24-26 25 27~~ and March 31 through April 2 1-3.
8. through 9. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(34) Ralph E. Simmons Memorial Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November 19-27 ~~21-29~~.
2. Archery – September 17-25 ~~19-27~~.
3. Muzzleloading gun – October 22-30 ~~24 through November 4~~.
4. General gun for mobility-impaired – October 8-11 ~~10-13~~.
5. Family hunt – November 5-6 ~~7-8~~.
6. Small game – December 12-25 ~~14-27~~ and January 28 ~~30~~ through February 5 ~~7~~.
7. No change.
8. Youth turkey hunt – March 11-12 ~~12-13~~.
9. through 10. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(35) Lower Econfina River Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – October 8-23 ~~10-25~~.
2. Muzzleloading gun – October 29-31 ~~31 through November 2~~.
3. Small game – January 16 ~~18~~ through February 26 ~~28~~.
4. Youth turkey hunt – March 11-12 ~~12-13~~.
5. Spring turkey – March 18-26 ~~19-27~~.
6. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(36) Belmore Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September 24-26 ~~26-28~~, September 30 through October 2 ~~2-4~~ and October 7-9 ~~9-11~~.
2. Muzzleloading gun – October 22-24 ~~24-26~~.
3. Family hunt – November 5-6 ~~7-8~~ and 19-20 ~~21-22~~.
4. General gun – November 10-13 ~~12-15~~ and 23-27 ~~25-29~~.
5. Small game – December 2 ~~4~~ through January 8 ~~10~~ (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).
6. No change.
7. Youth turkey hunt – March 11-12 ~~12-13~~.
8. Spring turkey – March 18-20 ~~19-21~~, 24-26 ~~25-27~~ and March 31 through April 2 ~~1-3~~.
9. through 10. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(37) Four Creeks Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September 24-26 ~~26-28~~, September 30 through October 2 ~~2-4~~ and October 7-9 ~~9-11~~.
2. Muzzleloading gun – October 22-24 ~~24-26~~.
3. Family hunt – November 5-6 ~~7-8~~.
4. General gun – November 11-13 ~~13-15~~, 18-20 ~~20-22~~ and 25-27 ~~27-29~~.
5. Small game – December 2 ~~4~~ through January 8 ~~10~~ (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).
6. Wild hog-still – February 9-12 ~~11-14~~.
7. No change.
8. Youth turkey hunt – March 11-12 ~~12-13~~.

9. Spring turkey – March 18-20 ~~19-21~~, 24-26 ~~25-27~~ and March 31 through April 2 ~~1-3~~.

10. through 11. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(38) Hatchet Creek Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September 23-25 ~~25-27~~, September 30 through October 2 ~~2-4~~ and October 7-9 ~~9-11~~.
2. Muzzleloading gun – October 22-24 ~~24-26~~.
3. Family hunt – November 5-6 ~~7-8~~.
4. General gun – November 11-13 ~~13-15~~ and 25-27 ~~27-29~~.
5. No change.
6. Youth turkey hunt – March 11-12 ~~12-13~~.
7. Spring turkey – March 18-20 ~~19-21~~, 24-26 ~~25-27~~ and March 31 through April 2 ~~1-3~~.

8. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(39) Log Landing Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September 17 ~~19~~ through October 16 ~~18~~ and November 4-13 ~~6-15~~ (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).
2. Muzzleloading gun – October 22-30 ~~24 through November 4~~, November 18-27 ~~20-29~~ and December 23 ~~25~~ through January 1 ~~3~~ (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).
3. Small game – December 2-18 ~~4-20~~ and January 6 ~~8~~ through February 12 ~~14~~ (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).
4. No change.
5. Youth turkey hunt – March 11-12 ~~12-13~~.
6. Spring turkey – March 18 ~~19~~ through April 23 ~~24~~ (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).
7. Wild hog-still – May 6-14.

7. renumbered 8. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers, except that the take of turkey other than bearded turkey or gobbler is prohibited during the archery season. Taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with two or more points is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. The take of antlerless deer, gobbler or bearded turkey during the archery season is allowed only during the first 14 days. Only wild hog may be taken during the wild hog-still season.

(c) through (d) No change.

(40) Thomas Creek Wildlife Management Area – Kings Road Unit.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September 24-26 ~~26-28~~, October 3-5 ~~5-7~~ and 10-12 ~~12-14~~.
2. Muzzleloading gun – October 22-24 ~~24-26~~.
3. Family hunt – November 5-6 ~~7-8~~.
4. General gun – November 18-20 ~~20-22~~ and 25-27 ~~27-29~~.

- 5. Small game –December ~~2-7~~ ~~4-9~~, ~~12-14~~ ~~14-16~~, ~~23-25~~ ~~25-27~~, December 30 through January ~~1-3~~ and January 9-11 ~~11-13~~.
- 6. No change.
- 7. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~11-12~~ ~~12-13~~.
- 8. Spring turkey – March ~~18-20~~ ~~19-21~~, ~~27-29~~ ~~28-30~~ and April ~~3-5~~ ~~4-6~~.
- 9. No change.
- (b) through (d) No change.

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FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Freshwater Fish and Wildlife

RULE NO.: 68A-15.063
RULE TITLE: Specific Regulations for Wildlife Management Areas - Northwest Region

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose of the proposed rule amendment is to revise specific area regulations on Wildlife

Management Areas (WMAs) in the Northwest Region and conform to calendar year date changes. The effect of the proposed rule amendment will be to enable the agency to better manage fish and wildlife resources and public use on WMAs

SUMMARY: The proposed rule amendment would adjust season dates to conform to calendar year changes and revise specific area regulations on Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) in the Northwest Region as follows:

Apalachee WMA – allow any dog for hunting small game (quail, rabbit, squirrel and migratory birds) in Zones B and C; and allow any dog to hunt squirrels during quail season in Zone A.

Box-R WMA – during small game season, allow any dog for hunting small game (quail, rabbit, squirrel and migratory birds).

Escribano Point WMA – during small game season, allow any dog for hunting small game (quail, rabbit, squirrel and migratory birds).

Joe Budd WMA – allow the take of antlerless deer by antlerless deer permit only.

Juniper Creek WMA – expand youth spring turkey hunts from one to three 2-day (Saturday and Sunday) hunts (3 U.S. Forest Service-issued zone tags each hunt).

Tate’s Hell WMA, Womack Creek Unit – allow the harvest of wild hog during small game season.

Additionally, the proposed rule amendment would provide non-substantive technical changes, such as grammatical corrections, language standardization, or clarification of an existing rule.

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE RATIFICATION:

The Agency has determined that this will not have an adverse impact on small business or likely increase directly or indirectly regulatory costs in excess of \$200,000 in the aggregate within one year after the implementation of the rule. A SERC has not been prepared by the Agency.

The Agency has determined that the proposed rule is not expected to require legislative ratification based on the statement of estimated regulatory costs or if no SERC is required, the information expressly relied upon and described herein: The nature of the rule and the preliminary analysis conducted to determine whether a SERC was required

Any person who wishes to provide information regarding a statement of estimated regulatory costs, or provide a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative must do so in writing within 21 days of this notice.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution n; Section 375.313, Florida Statutes

LAW IMPLEMENTED: Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution n; Sections 379.2223, 375.313, Florida Statutes

A HEARING WILL BE HELD AT THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE SHOWN BELOW:

DATE AND TIME: During the Commission's regular meeting February 10 - 11, 2016, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., each day.

PLACE: Florida Public Safety Institute – 75 College Drive, Havana, FL 32333

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 5 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: the ADA Coordinator, at (850)488-6411. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: : Diane R. Eggeman, Director, Division of Hunting and Game Management, Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, 620 South Meridian Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1600.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

68A-15.063 Specific Regulations for Wildlife Management Areas – Northwest Region.

(1) Apalachee Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~24-27~~ ~~26-29~~ and December ~~10~~ ~~12~~ through February ~~12~~ ~~14~~ (Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays closed to hunting in Zones A and B, except hunting is allowed the Friday after Thanksgiving).

2. Archery – October ~~22~~ ~~24~~ through November ~~20~~ ~~22~~.

3. No change.

4. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~3-5~~ ~~5-7~~.

5. through 7. No change.

8. Quail (Zone A) – December ~~20~~ ~~22~~ through January ~~29~~ ~~31~~ (Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays closed to hunting).

9. Spring turkey (Zones B and C) – March ~~18~~ ~~19~~ through April ~~23~~ ~~24~~ (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).

10. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. Taking wildlife with dogs is prohibited except ~~that~~ bird dogs and retrievers are allowed during the general gun, muzzleloading gun, September duck, duck, geese and coot, dove and quail seasons. Additionally, any dog may be used to take small game in Zones B and C, and to take squirrels during quail season in Zone A.

2. through 7. No change.

(2) Apalachicola Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open seasons:

1. General gun – November ~~24-27~~ ~~26-29~~ and December ~~10~~ ~~12~~ through February ~~1~~ ~~3~~.

2. Small game – November ~~12-23~~ ~~14-25~~, November ~~28~~ ~~30~~ through December ~~9~~ ~~11~~ and February ~~2~~ ~~4~~ through March ~~5~~ ~~6~~.

3. No change.

4. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~11-12~~ ~~12-13~~.

5. Spring turkey – March ~~18~~ ~~19~~ through April ~~23~~ ~~24~~.

6. Archery – October ~~22~~ ~~24~~ through November ~~20~~ ~~22~~.

7. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~3-5~~ ~~5-7~~.

8. Muzzleloading gun and archery –February ~~2-12~~ ~~4-14~~.

9. No change

10. Fox, raccoon, opossum and bobcat – October 1 through March 5 6 in that portion of the area in Liberty County lying west of State Road 65 (except in that portion of the area lying north and east of the Florida River and Larkins Slough) and in that portion in Leon County and Wakulla County south of State Road 267 bounded on the east by Forest Roads 313, F.H. 13 and 356, on the south by Forest Roads 349 and 357, on the west by Forest Roads 348 and F.H. 13, 309, 314 and 344.

11. Trapping – February ~~2~~ ~~4~~ through March 1.

12. through 13. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, bear (only during the bear season), fish, frogs and furbearers. Taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with two or more points is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. Bearded turkeys or gobblers may be taken during the muzzleloading gun season, and during the periods of November ~~24-27~~ ~~26-29~~ and December ~~10-21~~ ~~12-23~~. Taking quail is prohibited on the quail enhancement area (that portion of the area lying north of Oak Ridge Road, east of State Road 61 and U.S. Highway 319, south of State Road 263 and west of State Road 363) except during quail season as established annually by order of the Executive Director, based on annual fall quail surveys. The daily bag limit for quail on the quail enhancement area is six (6) per person.

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. Bird dogs may be trained from June 1 through March ~~5~~ ~~6~~, except on the quail enhancement area where bird dogs may be trained November 1 through December 31. Deer dogs may be trained from October ~~29~~ ~~31~~ through November ~~17~~ ~~19~~ in that portion of the area open to hunting fox, raccoon, opossum and bobcats.

2. through 7. No change.

(3) Apalachicola Wildlife Management Area – Bradwell Unit.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~24-27~~ ~~26-29~~ and December ~~10-14~~ ~~12-16~~.

2. Archery – October ~~22-28 24-30~~ and October ~~29 31~~ through November ~~6 8~~.
3. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~3-5 5-7~~.
4. Family hunt – December ~~22-24~~, January ~~20-22 15-17~~ and February ~~3-5~~ January ~~29-31~~.
5. Small game – November ~~12-20 14-22~~ and December ~~31 26~~ through January ~~8 3~~.
6. Spring turkey – March ~~18-19 19-20~~ and March ~~31~~ through April ~~2 1-3~~.
7. Wild hog-dog – July ~~8-10 10-12~~, August ~~5-7 7-9~~ and September ~~2-4 4-6, 2016 2015~~, and May ~~5-7 6-8~~ and June ~~2-4 3-5, 2017 2016~~.
8. Wild hog-still – July ~~15-17 17-19~~, August ~~19-21 21-23~~ and September ~~16-18 18-20, 2016 2015~~, and May ~~19-21 20-22~~ and June ~~16-18 17-19, 2017 2016~~.

9. through 10. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(4) Blackwater Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open seasons in the still hunt area (which includes that portion of the area south of State Road 4, except for the field trial area, and that portion of the area north of State Road 4, except for the dog hunt area).

1. General gun – November ~~24-27 26-29~~ and December ~~17 19~~ through February ~~8 10~~.
2. Family still hunt – December ~~10-11 12-13~~.
3. Small game – November ~~12-23 14-25~~, November ~~28 30~~ through December ~~16 18~~ and February ~~9 11~~ through March ~~5 6~~.
4. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~11-12 12-13~~.
5. Spring turkey – March ~~18 19~~ through April ~~23 24~~.
6. Archery – October ~~22 24~~ through November ~~20 22~~.
7. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~3-5 5-7~~.
8. Muzzleloading gun and archery – February ~~16-26 18-28~~.
9. Wild hog-dog – July ~~1-3 3-5, 15-17 17-19~~, August ~~5-7 7-9, 19-21 21-23~~, September ~~2-4 4-6, 16-18 18-20, 2016 2015~~, and May ~~5-7 6-8, 19-21 20-22~~, June ~~2-4 3-5~~ and ~~16-18 17-19, 2017 2016~~.
10. through 14. No change.

(b) Open seasons in the dog hunt area (which includes that portion of the area north of State Road 4 and west of Three Notch Road, east of Mason West Road, and north of Camp Henderson Road; and that portion of the area north of State Road 4, west of Beaver Creek Highway and Hurricane Lake Road, and east of Belandville Road; and that portion of the area north of Forest Road R47, north of Eadie Cotton Road and Peaden Bridge Road, west of Sherman Kennedy Road, south of Mattie Kennedy Road and Kennedy Bridge Road, west of Bullard Church Road, and east of Beaver Creek Highway and Hurricane Lake Road):

1. General gun dog – November ~~24-27 26-29~~, December ~~17 19~~ through January ~~1 3~~ and January ~~16 18~~ through February ~~8 10~~.

2. General gun still – January ~~2-15 4-17~~.

3. Family still hunt (~~only in that portion of the dog hunt area north of State Road 4 and east of County Road 191~~) – December ~~10-11 12-13~~.

4. Small game – November ~~12-23 14-25~~, November ~~28 30~~ through December ~~16 18~~ and February ~~9 11~~ through March ~~5 6~~.

5. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~11-12 12-13~~.

6. Spring turkey – March ~~18 19~~ through April ~~23 24~~.

7. Archery – October ~~22 24~~ through November ~~20 22~~.

8. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~3-5 5-7~~.

9. Muzzleloading gun and archery – February ~~16-26 18-28~~.

10. Fox, raccoon, opossum and bobcat – May 1 through March ~~5 6~~, in that portion of the dog hunt area east of Belandville Road.

11. Wild hog-dog – July ~~1-3 3-5, 15-17 17-19~~, August ~~5-7 7-9, 19-21 21-23~~, September ~~2-4 4-6, 16-18 18-20, 2016 2015~~, and May ~~5-7 6-8, 19-21 20-22~~, June ~~2-4 3-5~~ and ~~16-18 17-19, 2017 2016~~.

12. through 15. No change.

(c) Open seasons in the field trial area (which includes that portion of the area bounded by Coldwater Creek on the northwest, the western boundary of Blackwater State Forest to the west and south, County Road 191 on the southeast, and on a line running west 3/4 mile from the intersection of County Road 191 and Coldwater Horse Trail, then north one mile and then three miles west to Coldwater Creek at a point 1/2 mile northeast of the Coldwater Recreation Area):

1. Archery – October ~~22 24~~ through November ~~20 22~~.

2. Family still hunt – December ~~10-11 12-13~~.

3. Muzzleloading gun and archery – January ~~20-22 15-17~~.

4. through 6. No change.

7. Quail – February ~~6-7 1-2, 8-9 3-4, 20-21 15-16~~ and ~~22-23 17-18~~.

8. Wild hog-dog – July ~~1-3 3-5, 15-17 17-19~~, August ~~5-7 7-9, 19-21 21-23~~, September ~~2-4 4-6, 16-18 18-20, 2016 2015~~, and May ~~5-7 6-8, 19-21 20-22~~, June ~~2-4 3-5~~ and ~~16-18 17-19, 2017 2016~~.

9. No change.

(d) through (f) No change.

(5) Blackwater Wildlife Management Area – Hutton Unit.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – October ~~22-25 24-27~~ and ~~26-30~~ ~~October 28~~ through ~~November 1~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~3-5 5-7~~.

3. Quail – November ~~12-13 14-15, 19-20 21-22, 23-24 25-26~~, December ~~12-13 14-15, 17-18 19-20, 26-27 28-29~~ and ~~December 31~~ through January ~~1 2-3~~.

4. General gun – January ~~14-17 16-19~~ and ~~18-22 20-24~~.

5. Mobility-impaired general gun – January ~~27-29 19-31~~ and February ~~3-5 5-7~~.

6. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~11-12 12-13~~.
7. Spring turkey – March ~~18-20 19-21~~, March 31 through April 2 1-3 and April 14-16 15-17.
8. Wild hog-dog – July ~~15-17 17-19~~, August ~~19-21 21-23~~ and September ~~16-18 18-20~~, ~~2016 2015~~, and May ~~19-21 20-22~~ and June ~~16-18 17-19~~, ~~2017 2016~~.
9. through 11. No change.
- (b) through (d) No change.
- (6) Blackwater Wildlife Management Area – Carr Unit.
- (a) Open season: Special-opportunity released quail – November ~~12-18 14-20~~, ~~19-25 21-27~~, November ~~26 28~~ through December ~~2 4~~, December ~~3-9 5-11~~, ~~10-16 12-18~~, ~~17-23 19-25~~, ~~24-30 December 26 through January 1~~, ~~December 31 through January 6 2-8~~, ~~January 7-13 9-15~~, ~~14-20 16-22~~, ~~21-27 23-29~~, January ~~28 30~~ through February ~~3 5~~, February ~~4-10 6-12~~, ~~11-17 13-19~~, ~~18-24 20-26~~, and February ~~25 27~~ through March ~~3 4~~.
- (b) through (d) No change.
- (7) Joe Budd Wildlife Management Area.
- (a) Open season:
1. Archery – December ~~9 11~~ through January ~~8 10~~ (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).
 2. Archery and muzzleloading gun – January ~~13-29 15-31~~ (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).
 3. Small game – October ~~1 3~~ through December ~~4 6~~ (Saturdays and Sundays only).
 4. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~11-12 12-13~~.
 5. Spring turkey – March ~~18 19~~ through April ~~23 24~~ (Saturdays and Sundays only).
 6. through 7. No change.
- (b) Legal to take: All legal game, turkey of either sex, fish, frogs and furbearers. During small game season, dove (Saturdays only, during phases established by Rule 68A-13.008, F.A.C.), quail and squirrel may be taken. ~~Antlerless deer is any deer, except a spotted fawn, that is without antlers or whose antlers are less than one inch in length visible above the hairline.~~ Taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with three or more points is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. ~~During the last two 3 day hunts of archery season, the take of antlerless deer is prohibited.~~ Antlerless deer is any deer, except a spotted fawn, that is without antlers or whose antlers are less than one inch in length visible above the hairline. Antlerless deer may be taken by antlerless deer permit only. Gobblers or bearded turkeys may be taken during the spring turkey season from one-half hour before sunrise until sunset.
- (c) through (d) No change.
- (8) Point Washington Wildlife Management Area.
- (a) Open season:
1. General gun – November ~~24-27 26-29~~ and December ~~10 12~~ through February ~~1 3~~.

2. Small game – November ~~12-23 14-25~~, November ~~28 30~~ through December ~~9 11~~ and February ~~2 4~~ through March ~~5 6~~.
 3. Spring turkey – March ~~18 19~~ through April ~~23 24~~.
 4. Archery – October ~~22 24~~ through November ~~20 22~~.
 5. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~3-5 5-7~~.
 6. Archery and muzzleloading gun – February ~~2-12 4-14~~.
 7. through 9. No change.
- (b) through (d) No change.
- (9) Talquin Wildlife Management Area.
- (a) Open season:
1. General gun – November ~~25-27 27-29~~ and December ~~10 12~~ through January ~~1 3~~ (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).
 2. Small game – January ~~6 8~~ through March ~~5 6~~ (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).
 3. Archery – October ~~22 24~~ through November ~~20 22~~ (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).
 4. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~11-12 12-13~~.
 5. Spring turkey – March ~~18 19~~ through April ~~23 24~~ (Saturdays and Sundays only).
 6. through 8. No change.
- (b) through (d) No change.
- (10) Ochlockonee River Wildlife Management Area.
- (a) Open season:
1. Archery and muzzleloading gun – November ~~25-27 27-29~~ and December ~~10 12~~ through January ~~1 3~~ (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).
 2. Small game – January ~~6 8~~ through March ~~5 6~~ (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).
 3. Archery – October ~~22 24~~ through November ~~20 22~~ (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).
 4. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~11-12 12-13~~.
 5. Spring turkey – March ~~18 19~~ through April ~~23 24~~ (Saturdays and Sundays only).
 6. No change.
- (b) through (d) No change.
- (11) Tate's Hell Wildlife Management Area.
- (a) Open season:
1. General gun – November ~~24-27 26-29~~ and December ~~10 12~~ through February ~~1 3~~.
 2. Small game – November ~~12-23 14-25~~, November ~~28 30~~ through December ~~9 11~~ and February ~~2 4~~ through March ~~5 6~~.
 3. Archery – October ~~22 24~~ through November ~~20 22~~.
 4. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~3-5 5-7~~.
 5. Muzzleloading gun and archery – February ~~2-12 4-14~~.
 6. through 7. No change.
 8. Spring turkey – March ~~18 19~~ through April ~~23 24~~.
 9. through 12. No change.
- (b) through (c) No change.
- (d) General regulations:
1. Deer dogs may be trained from October ~~29 31~~ through November ~~17 19~~.

2. through 6. No change.

(12) Tate's Hell Wildlife Management Area – Womack Creek Unit.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – October 22-30 ~~24 through November 1~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – December 3-5 ~~5-7~~.

3. Small game – November 12-23 ~~14-25~~, November 28 ~~30~~ through December 9 ~~11~~, December 19-23 ~~21-23~~ and January 6 through February 1 ~~3~~.

4. General gun still – November 24-27 ~~26-29~~ and December 10-18 ~~12-20~~.

5. through 6. No change.

7. Youth turkey hunt – March 11-12 ~~12-13~~.

8. Spring turkey – March 18-21 ~~19-22~~, March 30 ~~31~~ through April 2 ~~3~~ and 6-9 ~~7-10~~.

9. through 10. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, bear (only during those portions of the archery season that coincide with the open season established for the East Panhandle BMU in Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C), fish, frogs, and furbearers. Taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with two or more points is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. During the youth turkey hunt, one gobbler or bearded turkey may be taken per quota permit. ~~The take of wild hog is prohibited during small game season.~~

(c) through (d) No change.

(13) Aucilla Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November 5 ~~7~~ through January 1 ~~3~~, except in the Pinhook still hunt area. November 5-11 ~~7-13~~, 12-18 ~~14-20~~, and 19-27 ~~21-29~~ in the Pinhook still hunt area.

2. Small game – January 2 ~~4~~ through March 5 ~~6~~.

3. Youth turkey hunt – March 11-12 ~~12-13~~.

4. Spring turkey – March 18 ~~19~~ through April 23 ~~24~~.

5. Archery – September 17 ~~19~~ through October 16 ~~18~~, except in the Pinhook still hunt area. September 17-25 ~~19-27~~ and October 8-16 ~~10-18~~ in the Pinhook still hunt area.

6. Muzzleloading gun – October 22-24 ~~24-26~~.

7. Family hunt – October 29-30 ~~31 through November 1~~, in the Pinhook still hunt area only.

8. Wild hog-still – December 17 ~~19~~ through January 8 ~~3~~, in the Pinhook still hunt area only.

9. Wild hog-dog – July 8-10 ~~10-12~~, August 12-14 ~~14-16~~, and September 2-4 ~~4-6~~, 2016 ~~2015~~, and May 12-14 ~~13-15~~ and June 9-11 ~~10-12~~, 2017 ~~2016~~.

10. through 12. No change.

13. Trapping – January 2 ~~4~~ through March 1.

14. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, bear (only during the bear season and those portions of the muzzleloading gun ~~archery~~ season in the Pinhook still hunt area that coincide with the

bear season), fish, frogs and furbearers. In the Pinhook still hunt area (which is that portion of the area south of US 98), taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with three or more points or one antler with a main beam of ten inches or more in length is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. In the remainder of the area, taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with two or more points is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. During the archery season in the Pinhook still hunt area the bag limit for deer shall be two deer, only one of which can be antlered, per quota permit. During the family hunt the bag limit shall be one antlered and one antlerless deer per quota permit. During the muzzleloading gun and general gun seasons in the Pinhook still hunt area, the bag limit for deer shall be one antlered deer per person, but not more than two per quota permit. During the wild hog-dog season, only wild hog may be taken.

(c) through (d) No change.

(14) Flint Rock Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Muzzleloading gun – October 22 ~~24~~ through November 4 ~~6~~.

2. General gun – November 5 ~~7~~ through January 22 ~~24~~.

3. Small game – January 23 ~~25~~ through March 5 ~~6~~.

4. Youth turkey hunt – March 11-12 ~~12-13~~.

5. Spring turkey – March 18 ~~19~~ through April 23 ~~24~~.

6. Archery – September 17 ~~19~~ through October 16 ~~18~~.

7. through 9. No change.

10. Trapping – January 23 ~~25~~ through March 1.

(b) through (d) No change.

(15) Pine Log Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – October 22 ~~24~~ through November 13 ~~15~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – December 3-5 ~~5-7~~.

3. General gun – November 24-27 ~~26-29~~, January 21-24 ~~23-26~~ and January 25-29 ~~27-31~~.

4. Small game – November 12-23 ~~14-25~~, November 28 ~~30~~ through January 20 ~~22~~ and January 30 ~~February 1~~ through March 5 ~~6~~.

5. Youth turkey hunt – March 11-12 ~~12-13~~.

6. Spring turkey – March 18 ~~19~~ through April 9 ~~10~~.

7. Raccoon – November 12 ~~14~~ through March 5 ~~6~~.

8. through 11. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(16) Eglin AFB Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – October 22 ~~24~~ through November 23 ~~25~~ in areas and during days specified by the Installation Commander.

2. Muzzleloading gun – December 3-9 ~~5-11~~ in areas specified by the Installation Commander.

3. General gun – November 24-27 ~~26-29~~, December 10 ~~12~~ through February 19 ~~21~~ in areas and during days specified by the Installation Commander.

4. Archery and muzzleloading gun – February ~~20-26~~ ~~22-28~~ in areas and during days specified by the Installation Commander.
5. Small game – November ~~12~~ ~~14~~ through March ~~5~~ ~~6~~ in areas and during days specified by the Installation Commander.
6. No change.
7. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~11-12~~ ~~12-13~~ in areas specified by the Installation Commander.
8. Spring turkey – March ~~18~~ ~~19~~ through April ~~23~~ ~~24~~ in areas and during days specified by the Installation Commander.
9. through 11. No change.
- (b) through (d) No change.
- (17) Escambia River Wildlife Management Area.
- (a) Open season:
1. General gun – November ~~24-27~~ ~~26-29~~ and December ~~10~~ ~~12~~ through February ~~1~~ ~~3~~.
2. Archery – October ~~22~~ ~~24~~ through November ~~20~~ ~~22~~.
3. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~3-5~~ ~~5-7~~.
4. Archery and muzzleloading gun – February ~~2-12~~ ~~4-14~~.
5. Small game – November ~~12-23~~ ~~14-25~~, November ~~28~~ ~~30~~ through December ~~9~~ ~~11~~ and February ~~2~~ ~~4~~ through March ~~5~~ ~~6~~.
6. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~11-12~~ ~~12-13~~.
7. Spring turkey – March ~~18~~ ~~19~~ through April ~~23~~ ~~24~~.
8. through 10. No change.
- (b) through (d) No change.
- (18) Tyndall AFB Wildlife Management Area.
- (a) Open season:
1. Archery – October ~~22~~ ~~24~~ through November ~~23~~ ~~25~~ during days specified by the Installation Commander.
2. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~3-9~~ ~~5-11~~.
3. General gun – November ~~24-27~~ ~~26-29~~ and December ~~10~~ ~~12~~ through February ~~19~~ ~~21~~ during days specified by the Installation Commander.
4. Supervised youth – October ~~22~~ ~~24~~ through December 31 (only in areas and during days designated by the Installation Commander).
5. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~11-12~~ ~~12-13~~ in areas specified by the Installation Commander.
6. Spring turkey – March ~~18~~ ~~19~~ through April ~~23~~ ~~24~~ during days specified by the Installation Commander.
7. Small game – November ~~12~~ ~~14~~ through March ~~5~~ ~~6~~ during days specified by the Installation Commander.
8. through 10. No change.
- (b) through (d) No change.
- (19) Choctawhatchee River Wildlife Management Area.
- (a) Open season:
1. Archery – October ~~22~~ ~~24~~ through November ~~20~~ ~~22~~.
2. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~3-5~~ ~~5-7~~.
3. General gun – November ~~24-27~~ ~~26-29~~ and December ~~10~~ ~~12~~ through February ~~1~~ ~~3~~ except Holmes Creek Unit and East River Island.
4. Small game – November ~~12-23~~ ~~14-25~~, November ~~28~~ ~~30~~ through December ~~9~~ ~~11~~ and February ~~2~~ ~~4~~ through March ~~5~~ ~~6~~.
5. Archery and muzzleloading gun – February ~~2-12~~ ~~4-14~~. Holmes Creek Unit and East River Island November ~~24-27~~ ~~26-29~~ and December ~~10~~ ~~12~~ through February ~~12~~ ~~14~~.
6. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~11-12~~ ~~12-13~~.
7. Spring turkey – March ~~18~~ ~~19~~ through April ~~23~~ ~~24~~ only in that portion of the area south of the pipeline right-of-way located up river (north) of Cedar Log Landing (Walton County) and Billy Lee Landing (Washington County). March ~~18-20~~ ~~19-21~~ and March 31 through April ~~2~~ ~~1-3~~ in that portion of the area north of the pipeline right-of-way.
8. through 9. No change.
10. Trapping – December 1 through March 1 in still hunt areas and February ~~2~~ ~~4~~ through March 1 in dog hunt areas.
- (b) through (d) No change.
- (20) Chipola River Wildlife Management Area.
- (a) Open seasons, except in the Altha Tract:
1. Archery – October ~~22~~ ~~24~~ through November ~~20~~ ~~22~~.
2. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~3-5~~ ~~5-7~~.
3. General gun – November ~~24-27~~ ~~26-29~~ and December ~~10~~ ~~12~~ through January 1.
4. Small game – November ~~12-23~~ ~~14-25~~, November ~~28~~ ~~30~~ through December ~~9~~ ~~11~~ and January 2 through March ~~5~~ ~~6~~.
5. Archery and muzzleloading gun – January ~~7-8~~ ~~2-3~~ and ~~14-15~~ ~~9-10~~.
6. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~11-12~~ ~~12-13~~.
7. Spring turkey – March ~~18~~ ~~19~~ through April ~~23~~ ~~24~~.
8. through 11. No change.
- (b) Open seasons in the Altha Tract:
1. Archery – October ~~22-28~~ ~~24-30~~ and October ~~29~~ ~~31~~ through November ~~6~~ ~~8~~.
2. Family hunt – November ~~24-27~~ ~~26-29~~.
3. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~3-5~~ ~~5-7~~.
4. Small game – January ~~7~~ ~~2~~ through March ~~5~~ ~~6~~ (Saturdays and Sundays only).
5. Spring turkey – March ~~18-20~~ ~~19-21~~, March 31 through April ~~2~~ ~~1-3~~ and April 14-16 ~~15-17~~.
6. through 7. No change.
- (c) Legal to take: All legal game, bear (only during the bear season and those portions of the archery season in the Altha Tract that coincide with the bear season), fish, frogs and furbearers. In that portion of the area south of I-10, taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with two or more points is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. In that portion of the area north of I-10, taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with three or more points or one antler with a main beam of ten inches or more in length is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. During the archery season in the Altha Tract, the bag limit for deer shall be one antlered or one antlerless deer per person, but not

more than two per quota permit. During the family hunt, the bag limit shall be one antlered and one antlerless deer per quota permit. During the muzzleloading gun season in the Altha Tract, the bag limit shall be one antlered deer per person, but not more than two per quota permit. One gobbler or bearded turkey may be taken per quota permit during the youth turkey hunt and one gobbler or bearded turkey may be taken per person, but not more than two per quota permit during spring turkey season in the Altha Tract.

(d) through (e) No change.

(21) Yellow River Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open seasons except in the Burnt Grocery Creek area:

1. Archery – October 22 24 through November 20 22.
2. Muzzleloading gun – December 3-5 5-7.
3. General gun – November 24-27 26-29 and December 10 12 through February 1 3.
4. Small game – November 12-23 14-25, November 28 30 through December 9 11 and February 2 4 through March 5 6.
5. Archery and muzzleloading gun – February 2-12 4-14.
6. Spring turkey – March 18 19 through April 23 24.
7. through 9. No change.

(b) Open seasons in the Burnt Grocery Creek area (the area west of Burnt Grocery Creek and north of Bernice Road and Old Fisher Mill Road):

1. Archery – October 22 24 through November 20 22, November 24-27 26-29, and December 10 12 through February 1 3.
2. Muzzleloading gun – December 3-5 5-7.
3. Small game – November 12-20 14-22.
4. Archery and muzzleloading gun – February 2-12 4-14.
5. Youth turkey hunt – March 11-12 12-13.
6. Spring turkey – March 18-20 19-21, March 31 through April 2 1-3, April 7-9 8-10 and 21-23 22-24.
7. through 8. No change.

(c) through (e) No change.

(22) Econfina Creek Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season except in the mobility-impaired, Cat Creek and Fitzhugh Carter areas.

1. Archery – October 22 24 through November 20 22.
2. Muzzleloading gun – December 3-5 5-7.
3. General gun – November 24-27 26-29 and December 10 12 through February 1 3.
4. Small game – November 12-23 14-25, November 28 30 through December 9 11 and February 2 4 through March 5 6.
5. Archery and muzzleloading gun – February 2-12 4-14.
6. Youth turkey hunt – March 11-12 12-13.
7. Spring turkey – March 18 19 through April 23 24.
8. Raccoon – November 12 14 through March 10 11 and April 24 25 through July 31.
9. through 11. No change.

(b) Open seasons in the mobility-impaired hunt area (area south of County Road 388):

1. General gun – November 25-27 27-29, January 13-15 15-17, 20-22 22-25, January 27-29 29-31 and February 1-3 3-5.
2. Spring turkey – March 18-19 19-20, 24-26 25-27, March 31 through April 2 1-3, April 7-9 8-10, 14-16 15-17 and 21-23 22-24.
3. No change.

(c) Open seasons in the Cat Creek (area south of State Road 20 and north of County Road 388) and Fitzhugh Carter (area west of State Road 77) areas:

1. Archery – October 22-28 24-30 and October 29 31 through November 6 8.
2. Muzzleloading gun – December 3-5 5-7.
3. General gun – November 24-27 26-29, January 21-24 23-26 and January 25-29 27-31.
4. Small game – December 10-25 12-27.
5. Youth turkey hunt – March 11-12 12-13.
6. Spring turkey – March 18-20 19-21, March 31 through April 2 1-3 and April 14-16 15-17.
7. through 8. No change.

(d) through (f) No change.

(23) Box-R Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – October 22-28 24-30 and October 29 31 through November 6 8.
2. Small game – November 12-20 14-22.
3. Muzzleloading gun – December 3-5 5-7.
4. General gun – November 24-27 26-29, January 5-8 7-10, 12-15 14-17 and 19-22 21-24.
5. Wild hog-still – December 10-16 12-18.
6. Wild hog-dog – July 8-10 10-12, August 12-14 14-16 and September 9-11 11-13, 2016 2015, and May 12-14 13-15 and June 9-11 10-12, 2017 2016.
7. Spring turkey – March 18-21 19-22, March 30 31 through April 2 3 and April 13-16 14-17.
8. through 9. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 2. No change.
3. During periods when the area is closed to hunting, public access other than on foot (pedestrian), horseback (equestrian) or by bicycle is prohibited except that motorized vehicles may be used on Pine Log Road and one day immediately prior to and one day after each hunt.
4. No change.
5. Taking wildlife with dogs, other than bird dogs or retrievers, is prohibited, except any dog may be used during the wild hog-dog season and when taking small game during the small game season. During the wild hog-dog season, no more than 3 free-running dogs per quota permit may be used.

6. No change.
7. No deer or turkey shall be dismembered until checked at a check station.

8. through 12. No change.

(24) Lafayette Creek Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – October ~~22-28~~ ~~24-30~~ and October ~~29~~ ~~31~~ through November ~~6~~ ~~8~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~3-5~~ ~~5-7~~.

3. Family hunt – November ~~24-27~~ ~~26-29~~.

4. General gun – January ~~21-24~~ ~~23-26~~ and January ~~25-29~~ ~~27-31~~.

5. Small game – December ~~9~~ ~~11~~ through January ~~15~~ ~~17~~ (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).

6. Spring turkey – March ~~18-20~~ ~~19-21~~ and March ~~24~~ ~~25~~ through April ~~23~~ ~~24~~ (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).

7. through 9. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(25) Wakulla Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – October ~~15~~ ~~17~~ through November ~~13~~ ~~15~~ (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).

2. Archery and muzzleloading gun – November ~~25-27~~ ~~27-29~~, December ~~9-11~~ ~~11-13~~, ~~23-25~~ ~~25-27~~, January ~~6-8~~ ~~8-10~~ and ~~20-22~~ ~~22-24~~.

3. Small game – January ~~23~~ ~~25~~ through February ~~19~~ ~~21~~.

4. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~11-12~~ ~~12-13~~.

5. Spring turkey – March ~~18~~ ~~19~~ through April ~~23~~ ~~24~~ (Saturdays and Sundays only).

6. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(26) Perdido River Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – October ~~22~~ ~~24~~ through November ~~20~~ ~~22~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~3-5~~ ~~5-7~~.

3. Family hunt – November ~~24-27~~ ~~26-29~~ and January ~~6-8~~ ~~8-10~~.

4. General gun – January ~~14-20~~ ~~16-22~~ and ~~21-29~~ ~~January 23-31~~.

5. Archery and muzzleloading gun – February ~~2-12~~ ~~4-14~~.

6. Small game – December ~~6~~ ~~8~~ through January ~~4~~ ~~6~~.

7. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~11-12~~ ~~12-13~~.

8. Spring turkey – March ~~18-26~~ ~~19-27~~ and March ~~27~~ ~~28~~ through April ~~9~~ ~~10~~.

9. through 11. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(27) Juniper Creek Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Family hunt – November ~~25-27~~ ~~27-29~~, December 24-26, December 31 through January 2, January ~~20-22~~ ~~15-17~~ and February ~~3-5~~ ~~January 29-31~~.

2. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~11-12~~ ~~12-13~~, ~~25-26~~ and April ~~8-9~~.

3. No change.

(b) Legal to take: Antlered deer with at least one antler with two or more points, antlerless deer, bear (only during the bear season), and wild turkey (during the youth turkey hunt only). The bag limit for deer shall be one antlered or one antlerless deer per person. During the youth turkey ~~hunts~~ ~~hunt~~, one gobbler or bearded turkey may be taken per youth.

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 2. No change.

3. A zone tag issued by the U.S. Forest Service is required to participate in each hunt. Each hunter shall obtain a zone tag prior to the hunt and keep it in his or her possession while hunting on the area. No person shall hunt in any zone other than that for which he or she has a zone tag. During the family hunt, one or two youth per zone tag, under 16 years of age but not younger than 8 years of age, may hunt as provided in Section 790.22, F.S., under the supervision and in the presence of one adult not younger than 18 years of age. The adult may only hunt when in the presence of at least one youth under 16 years of age but not younger than 8 years of age. During the youth turkey ~~hunts~~ ~~hunt~~, one youth and one adult may participate as provided by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., per zone tag. During the bear hunt, one youth and one adult may participate per zone tag.

4. through 7. No change.

(28) Beaverdam Creek Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – October ~~22~~ ~~24~~ through November ~~20~~ ~~22~~.

2. Small game – November ~~12-23~~ ~~14-25~~, November ~~28~~ ~~30~~ through December ~~9~~ ~~11~~ and February ~~2~~ ~~4~~ through March ~~5~~ ~~6~~.

3. Family hunt – November ~~24-27~~ ~~26-29~~.

4. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~3-5~~ ~~5-7~~.

5. General gun – December ~~10~~ ~~12~~ through February ~~1~~ ~~3~~.

6. Archery and muzzleloading gun – February ~~2-12~~ ~~4-14~~.

7. Spring turkey – March ~~18-21~~ ~~19-22~~ and March ~~29~~ ~~30~~ through April ~~2~~ ~~3~~.

8. Wild hog-dog – July ~~8-10~~ ~~10-12~~, August ~~12-14~~ ~~14-16~~ and September ~~9-11~~ ~~11-13~~, ~~2016~~ ~~2015~~, and May ~~12-14~~ ~~13-15~~ and June ~~9-11~~ ~~10-12~~, ~~2017~~ ~~2016~~.

9. through 11. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, bear (only during the bear season), fish, frogs and furbearers. Taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with two or more points is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. During the family hunt, antlered or antlerless deer may be taken (limit one antlerless deer per person per day). During the muzzleloading gun season, antlered or antlerless deer may be taken (limit one antlerless deer per day). During the spring

turkey season, one gobbler or bearded turkey may be taken per person, but not more than two per ~~per~~ quota permit. During the wild hog-dog season, only wild hog may be taken.

(c) through (d) No change.

(29) Escribano Point Wildlife Management Area

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~24-27~~ ~~26-29~~, January ~~21-24~~ ~~23-26~~ and January ~~25-29~~ ~~27-31~~.

2. Archery – October ~~22-28~~ ~~24-30~~ and October ~~29~~ ~~31~~ through November ~~6~~ ~~8~~.

3. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~3-5~~ ~~5-7~~.

4. Spring turkey – March ~~18-20~~ ~~19-21~~, March 31 through April 2-3, April 7-9 ~~8-10~~ and ~~21-23~~ ~~22-24~~.

5. Small game – November ~~12-20~~ ~~14-22~~.

6. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. No change.

2. Taking wildlife with dogs, other than bird dogs or retrievers, is prohibited, except any dog may be used to take small game during the small game season.

3. through 4. No change.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2016

Rulemaking Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const., 379.2223, 375.313 FS. Law Implemented Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const., 379.2223, 375.313 FS. History—New 6-21-82, Amended 7-1-83, 7-5-84, 7-1-85, 5-7-86, 5-10-87, 6-8-87, 5-1-88, 7-1-89, 7-1-90, 9-1-90, 7-1-91, 9-1-91, 7-1-92, 7-2-92, 7-1-93, 3-1-94, 7-1-94, 7-1-95, 7-2-95, 8-15-95, 7-1-96, 7-2-96, 6-1-97, 12-3-97, 7-1-98, 7-2-98, 8-11-98, 7-1-99, Formerly 39-15.063, Amended 11-17-99, 7-1-00, 7-1-01, 7-22-01, 6-2-02, 5-1-03, 7-1-03, 7-1-04, 7-2-04, 8-1-04, 7-1-05, 7-1-06, 7-1-07, 7-1-08, 7-1-09, 7-20-09, 7-1-10, 7-1-11, 11-14-11, 7-1-12, 7-1-13, 7-1-14, 7-2-14, 11-2-14, 7-1-15, 7-29-15, 7-1-16.

BE ADVISED THAT THESE PROPOSED RULES MAY BE FILED FOR ADOPTION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FOLLOWING THE COMMISSION MEETING AT WHICH THEY ARE CONSIDERED IF THE RULES ARE NOT CHANGED. IF CHANGED, THE RULES MAY BE FILED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER PUBLICATION OF A NOTICE OF CHANGE IN THE F.A.R.

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE:

Diane R. Eggeman, Director, Division of Hunting and Game Management, Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, 620 South Meridian Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1600.

NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: November 19, 2015

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: January 8, 2015

FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Freshwater Fish and Wildlife

RULE NO.: 68A-15.064
 RULE TITLE: Specific Regulations for Wildlife Management Areas - South Region

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose of the proposed rule amendment is to revise specific area regulations on Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) in the South Region and conform to calendar year date changes. The effect of the proposed rule amendment will be to enable the agency to better manage fish and wildlife resources and public use on WMAs.

SUMMARY: The proposed rule amendment would adjust season dates to conform to calendar year changes and revise specific area regulations on Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) in the South Region as follows:

Dinner Island Ranch WMA – require a permit for camping (only allowed in designated campgrounds).

Everglades and Francis S. Taylor WMA – during general gun-walk season in Water Conservation Area (WCA) 2A, only allow hunting north of the East/West Airboat Trail; and during general gun-walk season in WCA 2A, allow use of airboats and tracked vehicles south of the East/West Airboat Trail.

Additionally, the proposed rule amendment would provide non-substantive technical changes, such as grammatical corrections, language standardization, or clarification of an existing rule.

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE RATIFICATION:

The Agency has determined that this will not have an adverse impact on small business or likely increase directly or indirectly regulatory costs in excess of \$200,000 in the aggregate within one year after the implementation of the rule.

A SERC has not been prepared by the Agency.

The Agency has determined that the proposed rule is not expected to require legislative ratification based on the statement of estimated regulatory costs or if no SERC is required, the information expressly relied upon and described herein: The nature of the rule and the preliminary analysis conducted to determine whether a SERC was required.

Any person who wishes to provide information regarding a statement of estimated regulatory costs, or provide a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative must do so in writing within 21 days of this notice.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution n; Section 375.313, Florida Statutes

LAW IMPLEMENTED: Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution n; Sections 379.2223, 375.313, Florida Statutes
 A HEARING WILL BE HELD AT THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE SHOWN BELOW:

DATE AND TIME: During the Commission’s regular meeting February 10 - 11, 2016, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., each day.

PLACE: Florida Public Safety Institute – 75 College Drive, Havana, FL 32333

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 5 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: the ADA Coordinator, at (850)488-6411. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency by calling (850)488-9542. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Diane R. Eggeman, Director, Division of Hunting and Game Management, Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, 620 South Meridian Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1600.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:
 68A-15.064 Specific Regulations for Wildlife Management Areas – South Region.

- (1) No change
- (2) Hole Land Wildlife Management Area.
- (a) Open season:
 - 1. General gun – Walk, October ~~1-16~~ 3-18.
 - 2. General gun – Vehicle, October ~~22~~ 24 through November ~~6~~ 8 (tracked vehicles).
 - 3. Archery – August ~~6-28~~ 8-30.
 - 4. Muzzleloading gun – September ~~3-11~~ 5-13.
 - 5. Small game – November ~~7~~ 9 through March ~~5~~ 6.
 - 6. through 7. No change.
- (b) through (e) No change.
- (3) Everglades and Francis S. Taylor Wildlife Management Area.
 - (a) Open season:
 - 1. General gun – Walk, October ~~1-16~~ 3-18, Conservation Areas 3A North and 2A (north of the East/West Airboat Trail) only.
 - 2. General gun – Vehicle (airboats and tracked vehicles only), October ~~22~~ 24 through November ~~6~~ 8, in Conservation Areas 3A North, 3A South, 2, and the Francis S. Taylor Wildlife Management Area.
 - 3. Archery – August ~~6-28~~ 8-30, Conservation Area 3A North only.

- 4. Muzzleloading gun – September ~~3-11~~ 5-13, in Conservation Area 3A North only.
- 5. Small game – November ~~7~~ 9 through March ~~5~~ 6.
- 6. through 7. No change.
- (b) through (c) No change.
- (d) General regulations:
 - 1. through 4. No change.
 - 5. ~~During archery, muzzleloading gun and general gun-walk seasons,~~ The operation of airboats is prohibited in Conservation Area 3A North and Conservation Area 2 during legal shooting hours in Conservation Area 3A North during archery, muzzleloading gun and general gun seasons, and in Conservation Area 2 (north of the East/West Airboat Trail only) during general gun season.
 - 6. through 9. No change.
 - 10. Unauthorized motorized vehicles are prohibited on all the levees except the L-4, L-5, and L-6 levees that portion of the L-6 extending from the S-7 pump station north to Sportsman’s Crossover.
- 11. through 27. No change
- (e) No change.
- (4) Rotenberger Wildlife Management Area.
 - (a) Open season:
 - 1. General gun – Walk, October ~~1-16~~ 3-18.
 - 2. General gun – Vehicle (tracked vehicles only), October ~~22~~ 24 through November ~~6~~ 8 (tracked vehicles).
 - 3. Archery – August ~~6-28~~ 8-30.
 - 4. Muzzleloading gun – September ~~3-11~~ 5-13.
 - 5. Small game – November ~~7~~ 9 through March ~~5~~ 6.
 - 6. through 7. No change.
 - (b) through (e) No change.
- (5) Big Cypress Wildlife Management Area.
 - (a) Open season:
 - 1. through 3. No change.
 - 4. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~8-23~~ 10-25, except in the Deep Lake Unit.
 - 5. Spring turkey – March ~~4~~ 5 through April ~~9~~ 10.
 - 6. through 7. No change.
 - (b) through (d) No change.
- (6) Okaloacoochee Slough Wildlife Management Area.
 - (a) Open season:
 - 1. Archery – August ~~6-12~~ 8-14 and ~~13-21~~ 15-23.
 - 2. Muzzleloading gun – September ~~3-5~~ 5-7 and ~~10-12~~ 12-14.
 - 3. Family Hunt – September ~~17-18~~ 19-20.
 - 4. General gun – September ~~24-27~~ 26-29 and September ~~28~~ 30 through October ~~2~~ 4.
 - 5. Small game – November ~~12~~ 14 through December ~~25~~ 27.
 - 6. Spring turkey – March ~~4-7~~ 5-8 and ~~8-12~~ 9-13.
 - 7. through 9. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(7) Fisheating Creek Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – August ~~19-21 21-23~~ and ~~26-28 28-30~~ west of US Highway 27 only.

2. Muzzleloading gun – September ~~9-11 11-13~~ and ~~16-18 18-20~~ west of US Highway 27 only.

3. General gun – September 30 through October ~~2 2-4~~ and October 14-16 16-18 west of US Highway 27 only.

4. Youth Turkey Hunt – February ~~25-26 27-28~~ west of US Highway 27 only.

5. Spring turkey – March ~~4-7 5-8, 10-13 11-14, 17-20 18-21, 24-27 25-28~~ and March 31 through April ~~3 4-4~~ west of US Highway 27 only.

6. Special-opportunity spring turkey – March ~~4-10 5-11~~ and ~~18-24 19-25~~ east of US Highway 27 only.

7. Wild hog-still– November ~~19-20 21-22~~ west of US Highway 27 only.

8. through 10. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(8) Picayune Strand Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – August ~~6-21 8-23~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – September ~~3-5 5-7~~ and ~~10-12 12-14~~.

3. General gun – October ~~8-11 10-13, 12-16 14-18~~ and ~~17-23 19-25~~.

4. Small game – November ~~5 7~~ through December ~~25 27~~.

5. Spring turkey – March ~~4-7 5-8~~ and ~~8-12 9-13~~.

6. through 7. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(9) Dinner Island Ranch Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – August ~~5-8 7-10, 12-15 14-17, 19-22 21-24~~ and ~~26-29 28-31~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – September ~~9-11 11-13~~.

3. General gun – September ~~17-19 19-21, 23-25 25-27~~ and September 30 through October ~~2 2-4~~.

4. Small game – October ~~29 31~~ through the Sunday prior to the youth turkey hunt.

5. Family hunt – October ~~8-9 10-11~~ and ~~15-16 17-18~~.

6. Youth Turkey Hunt – February ~~25-26 27-28~~.

7. Spring turkey – March ~~4-6 5-7, 11-13 12-14~~ and April ~~1-3 2-4~~.

8. through 10. No change.

(b) No change.

(c) Camping: Prohibited, except in designated campgrounds by permit as provided by paragraph 68A-15.004, F.A.C. Camping is allowed only at designated campsites. Only tents, trailers, or self-propelled camping vehicles may be used for camping.

(d) No change.

(10) Spirit-of-the-Wild Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – August ~~5-8 7-10, 12-15 14-17, 19-22 21-24~~ and August ~~26-29 28-31~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – September ~~9-11 11-13~~.

3. General gun – September ~~17-19 19-21, 23-25 25-27,~~ and September 30 through October ~~2 2-4~~.

4. Small game – October ~~29 31~~ through the Sunday prior to the youth turkey hunt.

5. Youth Turkey Hunt – February ~~25-26 27-28~~.

6. Spring turkey – March ~~4-6 5-7, 11-13 12-14~~ and April ~~1-3 2-4~~.

7. through 9. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(11) Allapattah Flats Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~10-13 12-15, 17-20 19-22,~~ September ~~25-27 27-29~~ and October ~~1-4 3-6~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~15-17 17-19~~.

3. Family hunt – October ~~29 31~~ through November ~~1 3~~.

4. General gun – November ~~5-9 7-11~~.

5. Small game – November ~~12 14~~ through the second Sunday in January.

6. Spring turkey – March ~~4-7 5-8~~ and ~~8-12 9-13~~.

7. through 8. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2016

Rulemaking Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const., 379.2223, 375.313 FS. Law Implemented Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const., 379.2223, 375.313 FS. History–New 6-21-82, Amended 7-1-83, 7-27-83, 9-27-83, 7-5-84, 7-1-85, 5-7-86, 8-5-86, 5-10-87, 8-24-87, 5-1-88, 6-7-88, 7-1-89, 7-1-90, 9-1-90, 7-1-91, 7-1-92, 7-1-93, 7-1-94, 7-1-95, 8-15-95, 7-1-96, 9-15-96, 10-20-96, 6-1-97, 8-7-97, 7-1-98, 7-2-98, 7-1-99, Formerly 39-15.064, Amended 11-17-99, 7-1-00, 7-1-01, 6-2-02, 2-27-03, 5-1-03, 7-1-04, 7-1-05, 7-1-06, 7-1-07, 7-1-08, 7-1-09, 7-20-09, 1-19-10, 7-1-10, 8-26-10, 7-1-11, 7-1-12, 7-1-13, 7-1-14, 9-18-14, 7-1-15, 7-29-15, 7-1-16.

BE ADVISED THAT THESE PROPOSED RULES MAY BE FILED FOR ADOPTION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FOLLOWING THE COMMISSION MEETING AT WHICH THEY ARE CONSIDERED IF THE RULES ARE NOT CHANGED. IF CHANGED, THE RULES MAY BE FILED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER PUBLICATION OF A NOTICE OF CHANGE IN THE F.A.R.

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE:
Diane R. Eggeman, Director, Division of Hunting and Game

Management, Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, 620 South Meridian Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1600.

NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: November 19, 2015

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: January 8, 2015

FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Freshwater Fish and Wildlife

RULE NO.: 68A-15.065
 RULE TITLE: Specific Regulations for Wildlife Management Areas - Northeast Region

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose of the proposed rule amendment is to revise specific area regulations on Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) in the Northeast Region and conform to calendar year date changes. The effect of the proposed rule amendment will be to enable the agency to better manage fish and wildlife resources and public use on WMAs.

SUMMARY: The proposed rule amendment would adjust season dates to conform to calendar year changes and revise specific area regulations on Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) in the Northeast Region as follows:

Buck Lake WMA – shift the second general gun hunt 1 day later to allow for a scout day in between the 2 hunts; and shift the second spring turkey hunt 1 day later to allow for a scout day in between the 2 hunts.

Caravelle Ranch WMA – during small game season, allow any dog for hunting small game (quail, rabbit, squirrel and migratory birds).

Dunns Creek WMA – establish a 4-day general gun hunt (Thursday – Sunday) in December (quota of 15, no exemptions).

Guana River WMA – allow any dog for hunting small game (quail, rabbit, squirrel and migratory birds).

Half Moon WMA – shift the general gun season 1 week later to allow for a weekend between the muzzleloader gun and the first general gun hunt; shift spring turkey season forward to begin on the opening weekend of the zonal spring turkey season; and during small game season, allow any dog for hunting small game (quail, rabbit, squirrel and migratory birds).

Herky Huffman / Bull Creek WMA – during small game season, allow any dog for hunting small game (quail, rabbit, squirrel and migratory birds).

Jumper Creek WMA – expand small game season from 21 to 62 days; and during small game season, allow any dog for hunting small game (quail, rabbit, squirrel and migratory birds).

Richloam WMA - establish a small game season beginning the day after the general gun season ends and continuing to the end of the zonal gray squirrel season.

Salt Lake WMA – during small game season, allow any dog for hunting small game (quail, rabbit, squirrel and migratory birds).

Seminole Forest WMA, Lake Tracy Unit – allow vehicle access during small game and September duck seasons by permit from the Florida Forest Service.

Three Lakes WMA – during small game season, allow any dog for hunting small game (quail, rabbit, squirrel and migratory birds).

Three Lakes WMA, Prairie Lakes Unit – during small game season, allow any dog for hunting small game (quail, rabbit, squirrel and migratory birds).

Triple N Ranch WMA – during small game season, allow any dog for hunting small game (quail, rabbit, squirrel and migratory birds).

Additionally, the proposed rule amendment would provide non-substantive technical changes, such as grammatical corrections, language standardization, or clarification of an existing rule.

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE RATIFICATION:

The Agency has determined that this will not have an adverse impact on small business or likely increase directly or indirectly regulatory costs in excess of \$200,000 in the aggregate within one year after the implementation of the rule. A SERC has not been prepared by the Agency.

The Agency has determined that the proposed rule is not expected to require legislative ratification based on the statement of estimated regulatory costs or if no SERC is required, the information expressly relied upon and described herein: The nature of the rule and the preliminary analysis conducted to determine whether a SERC was required.

Any person who wishes to provide information regarding a statement of estimated regulatory costs, or provide a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative must do so in writing within 21 days of this notice.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution n; Section 375.313, Florida Statutes.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution n; Sections 379.2223, 375.313, Florida Statutes.

A HEARING WILL BE HELD AT THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE SHOWN BELOW:

DATE AND TIME: During the Commission's regular meeting February 10 - 11, 2016, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., each day.

PLACE: Florida Public Safety Institute – 75 College Drive, Havana, FL 32333

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 5 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: the ADA Coordinator, at (850)488-6411. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Diane R. Eggeman, Director, Division of Hunting and Game Management, Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, 620 South Meridian Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1600.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

68A-15.065 Specific Regulations for Wildlife Management Areas – Northeast Region.

(1) Herky Huffman/Bull Creek Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~5-6~~ ~~7-8~~ and November ~~7~~ ~~9~~ through January ~~1~~ ~~3~~.
2. Small game – January ~~2~~ ~~4~~ through March ~~5~~ ~~6~~.
3. Spring turkey – March ~~18~~ ~~19~~ through April ~~23~~ ~~24~~.
4. Archery – September ~~17-18~~ ~~19-20~~ and September ~~19~~ ~~21~~ through October ~~16~~ ~~18~~.
5. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~22-24~~ ~~24-26~~.
6. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~11-12~~ ~~12-13~~.
7. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 4. No change.
5. Hunting with dogs is prohibited, except that any dog may be used to take small game during the small game season. During other seasons, only bird dogs are allowed for taking small game. The take of wild hog with dogs is prohibited.

(2) Ocala Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~12~~ ~~14~~ through January ~~8~~ ~~10~~ (Pipeline, Lake Delancy and Hopkins Prairie units only).
2. General gun dog – November ~~12~~ ~~14~~ through ~~20~~ ~~22~~ (Church Lake Unit only).
3. General gun still – November ~~26~~ ~~28~~ through December ~~4~~ ~~6~~ (Church Lake Unit only).
4. Small game – December ~~5~~ ~~7~~ through March ~~5~~ ~~6~~ (Church Lake Unit only) and January ~~9~~ ~~11~~ through March ~~5~~ ~~6~~ (Pipeline, Lake Delancy and Hopkins Prairie units only).
5. Archery – September ~~24~~ ~~26~~ through October ~~23~~ ~~25~~.

6. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~28-30~~ ~~30 through November 4~~, ~~in~~ ~~on~~ the Church Lake, Hopkins Prairie and Lake Delancy units only.

7. Fox, opossum, bobcat and raccoon – November ~~12~~ ~~14~~ through April ~~16~~ ~~17~~.

8. September duck – ~~During~~ ~~in~~ the September duck season established by Rule 68A-13.003, F.A.C.

9. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~11-12~~ ~~12-13~~ (Lake Delancy Unit only).

10. Spring turkey – March ~~23-26~~ ~~24-27~~, March ~~30~~ ~~31~~ through April ~~2~~ ~~3~~, April ~~6-9~~ ~~7-10~~ and ~~13-16~~ ~~14-17~~.

11. through 14. No change.

(b) Legal to take:

1. No change.

2. Furbearing animals – During the November ~~12~~ ~~14~~ through March 1 period, hunting as specified in paragraph 68A-24.002(2)(b), F.A.C., is allowed only in the Pipeline and Church Lake units. Raccoons may also be hunted, with dogs only, from March ~~6~~ ~~7~~ through April ~~16~~ ~~17~~ only in that portion of the Pipeline Unit south of S.R. 40 and west of S.R. 19. The hunting of fox and bobcat by the use of dogs only shall be allowed from January ~~9~~ ~~11~~ through April ~~16~~ ~~17~~, only in that portion of the Pipeline Unit south of S.R. 40 and west of S.R. 19.

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. No change.

2. Hunting with dogs is prohibited in the Hopkins Prairie and Lake Delancy units, except bird dogs and retrievers are allowed during small game, ~~special~~ September duck, dove, and duck, geese and coot seasons. Taking deer with dogs is prohibited in the Church Lake Unit during the general gun still hunt. Caged or leashed hunting dogs may be transported on numbered roads.

3. through 4. No change.

5. Dogs may be used to pursue rabbits from January ~~9~~ ~~11~~ through April ~~16~~ ~~17~~ in that portion of the Pipeline Unit south of S.R. 40 and west of S.R. 19.

6. No change.

(e) No change.

(3) Richloam Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~19-27~~ ~~21-29~~ and November ~~28~~ ~~30~~ through January ~~15~~ ~~17~~.

2. Spring turkey – March ~~18-26~~ ~~19-27~~ and March ~~27~~ ~~28~~ through April ~~23~~ ~~24~~.

3. Archery – October ~~15~~ ~~17~~ through November ~~13~~ ~~15~~.

4. No change.

5. Trapping – January ~~16~~ ~~18~~ through March 1.

6. Wild hog-dog – April ~~28-30~~ ~~29 through May 1~~.

7. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~11-12~~ ~~12-13~~.

8. No change.

9. Small Game – the day following the close of the general gun season through the end of the gray squirrel season established in Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 4. No change.

5. Any dog may be used to take small game during the small game season. The taking of wild hog by the use of dogs is prohibited, except during the wild hog-dog season.

6. through 8. No change.

(4) Richloam Wildlife Management Area – Baird Unit.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – October 29 31 through November 1 3, November 2-6 4-8 and 7-13 9-15.

2. Muzzleloading gun – November 19-21 21-23.

3. General gun – January 16-19 18-21 and 20-24 22-26.

4. Wild hog-still – January 25-27 27-29.

5. Youth turkey hunt – March 11-12 12-13.

6. Spring turkey – March 18-20 19-21, 24-26 25-27 and March 31 through April 2 1-3.

7. Small game – February 4 6 through March 5 6.

8. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(5) Three Lakes Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November 5-6 7-8 and November 7 9 through January 1 3.

2. Small game – January 2 4 through March 5 6.

3. Spring turkey – March 18 19 through April 23 24.

4. Archery – September 17-18 19-20 and September 19 21 through October 16 18.

5. September duck – During ~~in~~ the September duck seasons established by Rule 68A-13.003, F.A.C., in that area between Prairie Lakes Unit and Canoe Creek Road only.

6. Muzzleloading gun – October 22-24 24-26.

7. General gun for mobility impaired – October 28-30 30 ~~through November 1~~.

8. General gun-dog – December 8-11 10-13 and December 29 31 through January 1 3.

9. through 10. No change.

11. Raccoon – January 13-15 15-17, 20-22 22-24 and 27-29 29-31 (from 1.5 hours before sunset on Friday until 1.5 hours after sunrise on Sunday) in that area between the Florida Turnpike and US 441 only.

12. Youth turkey hunt – March 11-12 12-13.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 3. No change.

4. Hunting with dogs other than bird dogs is prohibited except dogs with a shoulder height of 17 inches or less may be used

for deer hunting east of the Florida Turnpike during the general gun-dog season; ~~any dog dogs with a shoulder height of 15 inches or less~~ may be used to take small game during the small game season; and ~~any dog dogs of any size~~ may be used to hunt raccoon during the raccoon season.

5. through 11. No change.

(e) No change.

(6) Three Lakes Wildlife Management Area – Prairie Lakes Unit.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September 30 through October 2 2-4 and October 7-9 9-11.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October 28-30 30 ~~through November 1~~.

3. General gun – November 18-20 20-22 and 25-27 27-29.

4. Small game – December 10 12 through January 1 3.

5. Youth turkey hunt – March 11-12 12-13.

6. Spring turkey – March 18-20 19-21, March 31 through April 2 1-3 and April 14-16 15-17.

7. No change.

8. Wild hog-still – December 2-4 4-6 and January 6-8 8-10, 27-29 29-31 and February 24-26 26-28.

9. through 10. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. Hunting with dogs is prohibited except that bird dogs may be used during the general gun season and any dog may be used to take small game during the small game season seasons.

2. through 5. No change.

(7) Tiger Bay Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November 5-13 7-15 and November 14 16 through January 1 3.

2. Archery – September 17 19 through October 16 18.

3. Muzzleloading gun – October 22-24 24-26.

4. Small game – January 2 4 through March 5 6.

5. Youth turkey hunt – March 11-12 12-13.

6. Spring turkey – March 18-21 19-22, March 30 31 through April 3 4 and April 13-16 14-17.

7. through 8. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(8) Tiger Bay Wildlife Management Area – Rima Ridge Unit.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November 12-20 14-22.

2. Archery – September 24 26 through October 9 11.

3. Muzzleloading gun – October 28-30 30 ~~through November 1~~.

4. Small game – November 24 26 through January 1 3.

5. Youth turkey hunt – March 11-12 12-13.

6. Spring turkey – March 18-20 19-21, March 31 through

April ~~2-3~~ and April 14-16 15-17.

7. through 8. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(9) Tosohatchee Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – October ~~6-9 8-11~~ and 13-16 15-18.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~27-30 29 through November 4~~ and November ~~3-6 5-8~~.

3. General gun – November ~~17-20 19-22~~ and 25-27 27-29.

4. Spring turkey – March ~~18-20 19-21~~, March 31 through April 2-3 and April 14-16 15-17.

5. Wild hog-dog – January ~~13-19 15-21~~ and February ~~10-16 12-18~~.

6. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(10) Seminole Ranch Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – October ~~7-9 9-11~~ and 14-16 16-18.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~28-30 30 through November 4~~ and November ~~4-6 6-8~~.

3. General gun – November ~~18-20 20-22~~.

4. Small game – November ~~26-27 28-29~~, December ~~3-4 5-6~~, ~~10-11 12-13~~ and January ~~7-8 9-10~~.

5. Spring turkey – March ~~18-20 19-21~~, ~~24-26 25-27~~ and March 31 through April 2-3.

6. Wild hog-dog – January ~~28-29 30-31~~ and January 30 through February 3-4-5.

7. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(11) Jumper Creek Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~17 19~~ through October ~~16 18~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~22-24 24-26~~.

3. General gun – November ~~5-13 7-15~~ and November ~~14 16~~ through January ~~1 3~~.

4. Small game – January ~~2 through March 5 4-24~~.

5. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~11-12 12-13~~.

6. Spring turkey – March ~~18 19~~ through April ~~23 24~~.

7. through 8. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 2. No change.

3. Hunting with dogs is prohibited, except waterfowl retrievers may be used during ~~small game and~~ September duck seasons, and ~~any dog bird dogs~~ may be used to take small game during small game season. The take of wild hog with dogs is prohibited.

4. No change.

(12) Rock Springs Run Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September 30 through October 2-4 and October

7-9 9-11.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~22-24 24-26~~ and ~~28-30 October 30 through November 1~~.

3. General gun – November ~~11-13 13-15~~ and ~~18-20 20-22~~.

4. Small game – December ~~3-4 5-6~~, ~~10-11 12-13~~ and January ~~7-8 9-10~~.

5. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(13) Guana River Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Duck, light goose and coot – Lake Ponte Vedra shall be open during ~~in~~ the September duck seasons established pursuant to Rule 68A-13.003, F.A.C., and the first day of each phase and on Wednesdays and Saturdays of the duck, light goose and coot season established pursuant to Rule 68A-13.003, F.A.C.

2. General gun – November ~~18-20 20-22~~ and ~~25-27 27-29~~.

3. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~22-24 24-26~~ and ~~28-30 October 30 through November 1~~.

4. Archery – October ~~7-9 9-11~~ and ~~14-16 16-18~~.

5. Small game – December ~~2-4 4-6~~, ~~9-11 11-13~~, January ~~6-8 8-10~~, ~~13-15 15-17~~, ~~20-22 22-24~~ and ~~27-29 29-31~~.

6. Spring turkey – March ~~24-26 25-27~~ and March 31 through April 2-3.

7. through 8. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, ~~bear (only during those portions of the general gun for mobility impaired season and the muzzleloading gun season that coincide with the open season established for the Central BMU in Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C.)~~, fish, frogs and furbearers. One antlered and one antlerless deer may be taken per quota permit or per exempt hunter during the archery season. One antlered deer may be taken per quota permit or per exempt hunter during the muzzleloading gun and general gun seasons. Taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with three or more points or one antler with a main beam of ten inches or more in length is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. Gobblers or bearded turkeys may be taken during the spring turkey season from one-half hour before sunrise until sunset. Taking wild hog during the last two weekends of the small game season is prohibited. Legal shooting hours for duck, light goose and coot: From the beginning of legal shooting hours established pursuant to Rule 68A-13.003, F.A.C., until noon. Turkey may only be taken during the spring turkey season. Only one turkey may be taken per quota permit.

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. No change.

2. Hunting with dogs is prohibited, except bird dogs and retrievers are allowed during ~~small game season and~~

waterfowl season and any dog may be used to take small game during small game season. The take of wild hog with dogs is prohibited.

3. through 17. No change.

(e) No change.

(14) Half Moon Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – October ~~7-9~~ ~~9-11~~ and ~~14-16~~ ~~16-18~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~28-30~~ ~~30~~ through ~~November 4~~.

3. General gun – November ~~12-14~~ ~~7-9~~ and ~~18-20~~ ~~13-15~~.

4. Small game – December ~~2-4~~ ~~4-6~~, ~~9-11~~ ~~11-13~~ and ~~16-18~~ ~~18-20~~.

5. Wild hog-still – January ~~13-15~~ ~~15-17~~, ~~20-22~~ ~~22-24~~ and ~~27-29~~ ~~29-31~~.

6. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~11-12~~ ~~12-13~~.

7. Spring turkey – March ~~18-20~~ ~~25-27~~, ~~24-26~~ ~~April 1-3~~ and March 31 through April 2 ~~8-10~~.

8. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. No change.

2. Hunting with dogs is prohibited except any dog bird dogs and dogs with a shoulder height of 15 inches or less may be used to take small game during the small game season. The take of wild hog with dogs is prohibited.

3. through 7. No change.

(15) Caravelle Ranch Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~24~~ ~~26~~ through October ~~2~~ ~~4~~.

2. Supervised small game – October ~~8-16~~ ~~10-18~~.

3. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~28-30~~ ~~30~~ through ~~November 4~~.

4. General gun – November ~~12-15~~ ~~14-17~~ and ~~16-20~~ ~~18-22~~.

5. No change.

6. Small game – November ~~24~~ ~~26~~ through January ~~8~~ ~~10~~ (Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).

7. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~11-12~~ ~~12-13~~ (south of the Cross Florida Barge Canal only).

8. Spring turkey – March ~~18-21~~ ~~19-22~~ and ~~22-26~~ ~~23-27~~.

9. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. No change.

2. Hunting with dogs is prohibited except bird dogs may be used during the general gun season and small game seasons and on the posted dove fields during special-opportunity dove hunts, and any dog may be used to take small game during small game season. Taking wild hog with dogs is prohibited.

3. through 7. No change.

(16) Lake George Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~17~~ ~~19~~ through October ~~16~~ ~~18~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~28-30~~ ~~30~~ through ~~November 4~~ and November ~~4-6~~ ~~6-8~~.

3. General gun – November ~~12-15~~ ~~14-17~~, ~~16-20~~ ~~18-22~~ and ~~21-27~~ ~~23-29~~.

4. Small game – November ~~28~~ ~~30~~ through March ~~5~~ ~~6~~.

5. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~11-12~~ ~~12-13~~.

6. Spring turkey – March ~~18-21~~ ~~19-22~~, March ~~30~~ ~~31~~ through April ~~2~~ ~~3~~ and April ~~13-16~~ ~~14-17~~.

7. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(17) Lake George Wildlife Management Area – Dexter/Mary Farms Unit.

(a) Open season:

1. Small game – November ~~26~~ ~~28~~ through December ~~11~~ ~~13~~ and December ~~24~~ ~~26~~ through January ~~8~~ ~~10~~.

2. Special-opportunity spring turkey – March ~~18-24~~ ~~19-25~~, April ~~1-7~~ ~~2-8~~ and ~~15-21~~ ~~16-22~~.

3. No change.

4. Archery – September ~~24~~ ~~26~~ through October ~~9~~ ~~11~~.

5. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~28-30~~ ~~30~~ through ~~November 4~~.

6. General gun – November ~~12-20~~ ~~14-22~~.

(b) through (e) No change.

(18) Seminole Forest Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~24-27~~ ~~26-29~~ and September ~~28~~ ~~30~~ through October ~~2~~ ~~4~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~28-30~~ ~~30~~ through ~~November 4~~.

3. General gun – December ~~3-6~~ ~~5-8~~ and ~~7-11~~ ~~9-13~~.

4. Small game – January ~~14-29~~ ~~16-31~~ (Saturdays and Sundays only).

5. Spring turkey – March ~~18-22~~ ~~19-23~~ and March ~~25-29~~ ~~26-30~~.

6. General gun for mobility-impaired – October ~~21-23~~ ~~23-25~~.

7. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(19) Triple N Ranch Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Wild hog-still – January ~~27-29~~ ~~29-31~~, February ~~3-5~~ ~~5-7~~, ~~10-12~~ ~~12-14~~ and ~~17-19~~ ~~19-21~~.

2. Special-opportunity deer – October ~~15-21~~ ~~17-23~~ and October ~~29~~ ~~31~~ through November ~~4~~ ~~6~~.

3. Small game – November ~~26~~ ~~28~~ through January ~~22~~ ~~24~~.

4. Special-opportunity spring turkey – March ~~18-24~~ ~~19-25~~, April ~~1-7~~ ~~2-8~~ and ~~15-21~~ ~~16-22~~.

5. through 6. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 2. No change.
 3. Hunting with dogs is prohibited except ~~any dog bird dogs~~ and ~~dogs with a shoulder height of 15 inches or less~~ may be used to take small game during the small game season.

4. through 8. No change.

(20) Etoniah Creek Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~24 26~~ through October ~~9 11~~.
2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~22-24 24-26~~ and October ~~28-30 30 through November 1~~.
3. General gun – November ~~10-13 12-15, 17-20 19-22~~ and ~~24-27 26-29~~.
4. Small game – November ~~28 30~~ through the first weekend in January.
5. Spring turkey – March ~~18-21 19-22, 24-27 25-28~~ and March 31 through April 3 4.

6. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(21) Little Big Econ Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September 30 through October ~~6 2-8, October 7-13 9-15~~ and ~~14-22 16-24~~.
2. Muzzleloading gun – November ~~4-6 6-8~~ and ~~11-13 13-15~~.
3. General gun – November ~~18-20 20-22, 25-27 27-29~~ and December ~~2-4 4-6~~.
4. Small game – December ~~10-25 12-27~~.
5. Spring turkey – March ~~18-21 19-22, 23-26 24-27~~ and March ~~30 31~~ through April ~~2 3~~.

6. No change.

7. September duck – During ~~in~~ the September duck seasons established by Rule 68A-13.003, F.A.C.

(b) through (d) No change.

(22) Lake Panasoffkee Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Special-opportunity spring turkey – March ~~23-26 24-27, April 4-7 5-8~~ and ~~20-23 21-24~~.
2. Special-opportunity archery – September ~~22-25 24-27, October 4-7 6-9, 13-16 15-18, 25-28 27-30, November 3-6 5-8, 15-18 17-20, December 6-9 8-11~~ and ~~15-18 17-20~~.
3. Wild hog-still – January ~~13-15 15-17~~.
4. Wild hog-dog – January ~~27-29 29-31~~ and February ~~24-26 26-28~~.
5. Small game – February ~~3-5 5-7~~ and ~~10-12 12-14~~.

6. through 7. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(23) Ross Prairie Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~23-25 25-27~~.
2. Supervised small game – October ~~15-21 17-23, November 19-25 21-27, December 17-23 19-25~~ and January ~~14-20 16-22~~.
3. Spring turkey – March ~~24-26 25-27~~.

(b) through (d) No change.

(24) Buck Lake Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~24 26~~ through October ~~2 4~~ and October ~~8-14 10-16~~.
2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~28-30 30 through November 1~~.
3. General gun – November ~~12-15 14-17~~ and ~~17-21 18-22~~.
4. Small game – December ~~3-18 5-20~~.
5. Spring turkey – March ~~18-21 19-22~~ and 23-27.
6. Wild hog-still – December 30 through January ~~29 1-31~~.
7. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(25) Fort Drum Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Special-opportunity deer – October ~~29 31~~ through November ~~4 6~~.
2. Small game – December ~~10-25 12-27~~.
3. Special-opportunity spring turkey – March ~~18-24 19-25, April 1-7 2-8~~ and ~~15-21 16-22~~.
4. Wild hog-still – November ~~11-13 13-15, 18-20 20-22, 25-27 27-29; January 31 through~~ February ~~2 2-4~~ and ~~February 7-9 9-11~~.
5. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(26) Gores Landing Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~24 26~~ through October ~~9 11~~.
2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~28-30 30 through November 1~~.
3. General gun – November ~~12-20 14-22~~.
4. Small game – December ~~3-18 5-20~~.
5. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~11-12 12-13~~.
6. Spring turkey – March ~~18-21 19-22~~ and ~~22-26 23-27~~.
7. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(27) Seminole Forest Wildlife Management Area – Lake Tracy Unit.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~22-25 24-27~~ and September 29 through October ~~2 1-4~~.
2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~27-30 29 through November 1~~.
3. General gun – November ~~10-13 12-15~~.
4. Wild hog-still – November ~~18-20 20-22, December 16-18 18-20~~ and January ~~13-15 15-17~~.
5. Small game – January ~~6-8 8-10, 20-22 22-24~~ and ~~27-29 29-31~~.
6. Spring turkey – March ~~18-20 19-21~~ and ~~24-26 25-27~~.

7. through 8. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 2. No change.
3. The use of tracked vehicles, airboats, or all-terrain vehicles is prohibited during periods when hunting is allowed. Vehicle access is prohibited except persons participating in a hunt are allowed vehicle access during archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun, wild hog-still and spring turkey seasons and from the Monday prior to through one day prior to their scheduled hunts. During small game and September duck seasons vehicle access is regulated by the Florida Forest Service. During periods when the area is closed to hunting, public access is regulated by the Florida Forest Service.
4. During periods when the area is closed to hunting, public access is regulated by the Florida Forest Service.
4. through 5. renumbered 5. through 6. No change.

(28) Upper St. Johns River Marsh Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~17~~ 17 through October ~~16~~ 16.
2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~22-30~~ 24 through ~~November 4~~.
3. General gun – November ~~5~~ 7 through January ~~15~~ 17.
4. Small game – January ~~16~~ 18 through March ~~5~~ 6.
5. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~11-12~~ 12-13.
6. Spring turkey – March ~~18~~ 19 through April ~~23~~ 24.
7. through 9. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, furbearers, fish, and frogs. Taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with three or more points or one antler with a main beam of ten inches or more in length is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. Antlerless deer may be taken during the period November ~~19-20~~ 21-22. Turkey of either sex may be taken during the muzzleloading gun season. Gobblers or bearded turkey may be taken during the general gun season only from November ~~5~~ 7 through January ~~1~~ 3.

(c) through (d) No change.

(29) Dunns Creek Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~24~~ 24 through October ~~9~~ 11 and November ~~19-27~~ 21-29.
2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~29~~ 31 through November ~~6~~ 8.
3. General gun – December ~~8-11~~.
- ~~4,3.~~ Wild hog-still – January ~~21-29~~ 23-31.
- ~~5,4.~~ Spring turkey – March ~~18-20~~ 19-21, March ~~31~~ through April ~~2~~ 1-3 and April ~~14-16~~ 15-17.
5. through 6. renumbered 6. through 7. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(30) Salt Lake Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~24~~ 24 through October ~~2~~ 4 and October ~~3-9~~ 5-11.
2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~28-30~~ 30 through ~~November~~

4.

3. General gun – November ~~12-15~~ 14-17 and ~~16-20~~ 18-22.
4. Small game – December ~~9-11~~ 11-13, ~~16-18~~ 18-20; January ~~6-8~~ 8-10, ~~13-15~~ 15-17; February ~~10-12~~ 12-14, ~~17-19~~ 19-21.
5. Wild hog-dog – January ~~19-22~~ 21-24.
6. Spring turkey – March ~~18-21~~ 19-22 and ~~22-26~~ 23-27.
7. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. Hunting with dogs is prohibited except that any dog ~~dogs~~ may be used during the wild hog-dog season and ~~bird dogs may be used to take small game~~ during small game season. During the wild hog-dog season, no more than 3 free-running dogs per quota permit shall be allowed. The take of wild hogs with dogs is prohibited except during the wild hog-dog season.
2. through 9. No change.

(31) Matanzas Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~24-30~~ 26 through ~~October 2~~, October ~~1-9~~ 3-11 and ~~10-16~~ October 12-18.
2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~28-30~~ 30 through ~~November 4~~ and November ~~4-6~~ 6-8.
3. Family hunt – November ~~12-13~~ 14-15.
4. General gun – November ~~14-20~~ 16-22.
5. Wild hog-still – December ~~3-9~~ 5-11 and ~~10-18~~ 12-20.
6. Small game – January ~~9-24~~ 11-26.
7. Spring turkey – March ~~18-21~~ 19-22, March ~~30~~ 31 through April ~~2~~ 3 and April ~~6-9~~ 7-10.
8. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(32) No change.

(33) Charles H. Bronson Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – ~~September 30~~ through ~~October 6~~ October 2-8, ~~October 7-13~~ 9-15 and ~~14-22~~ 16-24.
2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~28-30~~ 30 through ~~November 4~~ and November ~~4-6~~ 6-8.
3. General gun – November ~~11-13~~ 13-15, ~~18-20~~ 20-22 and December ~~2-4~~ 4-6.
4. Small game – December ~~10-18~~ 12-20 and January ~~7-13~~ 9-15.
5. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~11-12~~ 12-13.
6. Spring turkey – March ~~18-21~~ 19-22, ~~24-27~~ 25-28 and ~~March 31~~ through April ~~3~~ 1-4.
7. through 8. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(34) Marshall Swamp Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~17-23~~ 19-25, ~~24-30~~ September 26 through ~~October 2~~, October ~~1-7~~ 3-9 and ~~8-14~~ 10-16 and ~~15-23~~ 17-25.

- 2. Muzzleloading gun –November ~~4-6~~ ~~6-8~~.
- 3. General gun – November ~~18-20~~ ~~20-22~~, ~~25-27~~ ~~27-29~~ and December ~~2-4~~ ~~4-6~~.
- 4. No change.
- 5. Spring turkey – March ~~18-20~~ ~~19-21~~, ~~24-26~~ ~~25-27~~ and March 31 through April ~~2~~ ~~1-3~~.
- 6. through 7. No change.
- (b) through (d) No change.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2016
Rulemaking Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. Law Implemented Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const., 379.2223, 375.313 FS. History–New 6-21-82, Amended 6-29-82, 7-1-83, 7-5-84, 10-1-84, 7-1-85, 5-7-86, 5-10-87, 5-1-88, 7-1-89, 12-19-89, 7-1-90, 7-1-91, 7-2-91, 7-2-92, 7-1-93, 7-1-94, 7-1-95, 7-1-96, 9-15-96, 6-1-97, 7-1-98, 7-2-98, 8-11-98, 12-28-98, 7-1-99, Formerly 39-15.065, Amended 12-20-99, 7-1-00, 12-26-00, 7-1-01, 6-2-02, 7-28-02, 5-1-03, 7-1-03, 10-12-03, 7-1-04, 7-1-05, 1-4-06, 7-1-06, 8-22-06, 7-1-07, 7-1-08, 7-1-09, 7-1-10, 7-1-11, 8-11-11, 7-1-12, 7-26-12, 7-1-13, 9-9-13, 7-1-14, 7-1-15, 7-29-15, 7-1-16.

BE ADVISED THAT THESE PROPOSED RULES MAY BE FILED FOR ADOPTION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FOLLOWING THE COMMISSION MEETING AT WHICH THEY ARE CONSIDERED IF THE RULES ARE NOT CHANGED. IF CHANGED, THE RULES MAY BE FILED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER PUBLICATION OF A NOTICE OF CHANGE IN THE F.A.R.

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE:
 Diane R. Eggeman, Director, Division of Hunting and Game Management, Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, 620 South Meridian Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1600.
 NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.
 DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: November 19, 2015
 DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: January 8, 2015

FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Freshwater Fish and Wildlife

RULE NO.: 68A-17.004
 RULE TITLE: General Regulations Relating to Wildlife and Environmental Areas

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose of the proposed rule amendment is to clarify general wildlife and environmental area (WEA) regulations. The effect of the proposed rule

amendment would correct references in the general WEA regulations.

SUMMARY: The proposed rule amendment would provide non-substantive technical changes, such as grammatical corrections, language standardization, or clarification of an existing rule.

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE RATIFICATION:

The Agency has determined that this will not have an adverse impact on small business or likely increase directly or indirectly regulatory costs in excess of \$200,000 in the aggregate within one year after the implementation of the rule. A SERC has not been prepared by the Agency.

The Agency has determined that the proposed rule is not expected to require legislative ratification based on the statement of estimated regulatory costs or if no SERC is required, the information expressly relied upon and described herein: The nature of the rule and the preliminary analysis conducted to determine whether a SERC was required.

Any person who wishes to provide information regarding a statement of estimated regulatory costs, or provide a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative must do so in writing within 21 days of this notice.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution

LAW IMPLEMENTED: Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution n; Sections 379.354, 375.313, Florida Statutes
 A HEARING WILL BE HELD AT THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE SHOWN BELOW:

DATE AND TIME: During the Commission’s regular meeting February 10 - 11, 2016, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., each day.

PLACE: Florida Public Safety Institute – 75 College Drive, Havana, FL 32333

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THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Diane R. Eggeman, Director, Division of Hunting and Game Management, Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, 620 South Meridian Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1600.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

68A-17.004 General Regulations Relating to Wildlife and Environmental Areas.

- (1) No change.
- (2) Permits required:

- (a) No change.

(b) A ~~wildlife~~ management area permit stamp as provided by Section 379.354, F.S., in addition to all regular license requirements, is required for persons, except those exempted in subsection (3) hereof, to take wildlife on a wildlife and environmental area.

- (c) through (d) No change.

- (3) No change.

(4) Legal to Hunt: Legal game shall be only those game species identified in specific area regulations.

- (a) through (d) No change.

(e) Non-protected mammals, ~~as defined in paragraph 68A-12.002(9)(a), F.A.C.~~, may be taken during any season open for the taking of game mammals, with no size or bag limit unless otherwise provided by area specific rule.

- (f) No change.

- (5) through (6) No change.

- (7) Dogs:

(a) Dogs may be used for hunting during open seasons, except bear season or if ~~unless~~ prohibited by regulations for the particular wildlife and environmental area. The Executive Director or designee may issue permits to raccoon or fox hunting organizations that are sanctioned by the United Kennel Club, American Kennel Club, Professional Kennel Club, or similar sanctioning entity to allow raccoon or fox hunting during otherwise closed seasons and at times and places designated in the permit. Permits may be issued only in areas where this activity will not negatively impact wildlife, where adjoining landowner conflicts will be minimal, where cooperating landowners are in agreement with the permit conditions, and when not in conflict with other user groups.

- (b) through (c) No change.

- (8) through (17) No change.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2016
Rulemaking Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. Law Implemented Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const., 379.354, 375.313 FS. History—New 4-12-98, Amended 12-28-98, Formerly 39-17.004, Amended 7-1-00, 7-1-04, 7-1-05, 7-1-06, 7-29-07, 7-1-08, 7-1-09, 7-1-10, 1-1-11, 3-25-12, 4-9-13, 7-1-14, 7-1-15, 7-1-16.

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DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: January 8, 2015

FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Freshwater Fish and Wildlife

RULE NO.: 68A-17.005 RULE TITLE: Specific Regulations for Wildlife and Environmental Areas

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose of the proposed rule amendment is to revise specific area regulations on Wildlife and Environmental Areas (WEAs) and conform to calendar year date changes. The effect of the proposed rule amendment will be to enable the agency to better manage fish and wildlife resources and public use on WEAs.

SUMMARY: The proposed rule amendment would adjust season dates to conform to calendar year changes and revise specific area regulations on Wildlife and Environmental Areas (WEAs) as follows:

Northwest Region

L. Kirk Edwards WEA – in that portion of the area west of Chaires Cross Road, allow any dog for hunting gray squirrel and migratory birds during the small game season; and in that portion of the area east of Chaires Cross Road, allow any dog for hunting small game (quail, rabbit, squirrel and migratory birds) during the small game season.

South Region

John C. and Mariana Jones / Hungryland WEA – require a permit for camping (only allowed in designated campgrounds).

John G. and Susan H. Dupuis WEA – prohibit use of vessels powered by an internal combustion engine during quota hunts.

Southwest Region

Lake Wales Ridge WEA, Royce Unit – allow any dog for hunting small game (quail, rabbit, squirrel and migratory birds).

Additionally, the proposed rule amendment would provide non-substantive technical changes, such as grammatical

corrections, language standardization, or clarification of an existing rule.

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE RATIFICATION:

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THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Diane R. Eggeman, Director, Division of Hunting and Game Management, Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, 620 South Meridian Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1600.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

68A-17.005 Specific Regulations for Wildlife and Environmental Areas.

(1) Southwest Region.

(a) through (e) No change.

(f) Lake Wales Ridge Wildlife and Environmental Area – Royce Unit – Highlands County.

1. Open season:
a. Archery – September ~~23-25~~ ~~25-27~~ and October ~~14-16~~ ~~16-18~~.

b. General gun – November ~~18-20~~ ~~20-22~~.

c. Small game – December ~~9-11~~ ~~11-13~~, ~~23-25~~ ~~25-27~~, January ~~20-22~~ ~~22-24~~ and ~~27-29~~ ~~29-31~~.

d. Wild hog-still – May ~~6-7~~ ~~7-8~~ and ~~13-14~~ ~~14-15~~.

e. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~11-12~~ ~~12-13~~.

f. Spring turkey – March ~~18-20~~ ~~19-21~~ and ~~March 31~~ ~~through April 2~~ ~~4-3~~.

g. No change.

2. No change.

3. General regulations:

a. through d. No change.

e. Hunting with dogs is prohibited except ~~any dog~~ ~~bird dogs and retrievers~~ may be used ~~to take small game~~ during the small game season. Hunting wild hog with dogs is prohibited.

f. No change.

(g) through (k) No change.

(2) North Central Region.

(a) Santa Fe Swamp – Bradford County.

1. Open season:

a. Archery – September ~~23~~ ~~25~~ through October ~~21~~ ~~23~~.

b. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~22-24~~ ~~24-26~~.

c. Archery and muzzleloading gun – November ~~5~~ ~~7~~ through January ~~1~~ ~~3~~.

d. Spring turkey – March ~~18~~ ~~19~~ through April ~~23~~ ~~24~~.

e. through f. No change.

2. through 3. No change.

(b) Fort White Mitigation Park – Gilchrist County.

1. Open season:

a. Archery season – October ~~22-26~~ ~~24-28~~, October ~~29~~ ~~31~~ through November ~~2~~ ~~4~~ and November ~~12-16~~ ~~14-16~~.

b. Small game – November ~~19~~ ~~21~~ through December ~~2~~ ~~4~~.

c. Youth spring turkey – March ~~11-12~~ ~~12-13~~.

d. Spring turkey – March ~~18-22~~ ~~19-23~~ and ~~25-29~~ ~~March 26-30~~.

e. through g. No change.

2. through 4. No change.

(c) Suwannee Ridge – Hamilton County.

1. Open season:

a. Mobility-impaired general gun – October ~~14-16~~ ~~16-18~~, ~~28-30~~ ~~October 30 through November 1~~, November ~~4-6~~ ~~6-8~~ and December ~~16-18~~ ~~18-20~~.

b. Mobility-impaired spring turkey – March ~~24-26~~ ~~25-27~~ and April ~~14-16~~ ~~15-17~~.

2. through 3. No change.

(d) through (e) No change.

(f) Lafayette Forest Wildlife and Environmental Area.

1. Open seasons:

- a. Archery season – September ~~24-28~~ ~~26-30~~ and September 30 through October ~~4~~ ~~2-6~~ and ~~7-11~~ ~~9-13~~.
- b. Muzzleloading gun season – October ~~22-24~~ ~~24-26~~.
- c. Family hunt – November ~~5-6~~ ~~7-8~~ and ~~12-13~~ ~~14-15~~.
- d. Wild hog-still – January ~~21-25~~ ~~23-27~~ and January ~~28~~ ~~30~~ through February ~~1~~ ~~3~~.
- e. Small game – February ~~4-19~~ ~~6-21~~.
- f. Youth spring turkey – March ~~11-12~~ ~~12-13~~.
- g. Spring turkey – March ~~18-20~~ ~~19-21~~ and ~~24-26~~ ~~25-27~~.
- h. through j. No change.
- 2. through 3. No change.
- (g) Watermelon Pond Wildlife and Environmental Area.
 - 1. Open seasons:
 - a. Archery season – October ~~15-23~~ ~~17-25~~.
 - b. Small game – November ~~19~~ ~~21~~ through December ~~4~~ ~~6~~ and December ~~17~~ ~~19~~ through January ~~8~~ ~~10~~.
 - c. Youth spring turkey – March ~~11-12~~ ~~12-13~~.
 - d. through g. No change.
 - 2. through 3. No change.
- (3) Northwest Region.
 - (a) through (b) No change.
 - (c) L. Kirk Edwards – Leon County.
 - 1. No change.
 - 2. Open seasons for that portion of the area east of Chaires Cross Road:
 - a. Archery – September 29 through October ~~2~~ ~~4-4~~, October 13-16 ~~15-18~~ and 27-30 ~~October 29 through~~ ~~November 1~~.
 - b. Family hunt – November ~~3-6~~ ~~5-8~~.
 - c. Archery and muzzleloading gun – November ~~24-27~~ ~~26-29~~, December ~~1-4~~ ~~3-6~~ and ~~15-18~~ ~~17-20~~.
 - d. Small game – December 30 through January ~~1~~ ~~4-3~~, January 13-15 ~~15-17~~, 27-29 ~~29-31~~, February 10-12 ~~12-14~~ and ~~24-26~~ ~~26-28~~.
 - e. through h. No change.
 - 3. No change.
 - 4. General regulations:
 - a. No change.
 - b. Taking wildlife with dogs, other than bird dogs or retrievers, is prohibited, except any dog may be used to take small game during small game season. Taking wild hog with dogs is prohibited.
 - c. through e. No change.
 - (4) South Region.
 - (a) Southern Glades – Dade County.
 - 1. Open season:
 - a. Archery – July 30 through August ~~28~~ ~~4-30~~.
 - b. Muzzleloading gun – September ~~9-11~~ ~~11-13~~.
 - c. General gun – September ~~17~~ ~~19~~ through October ~~16~~ ~~18~~ and November ~~21-27~~ ~~23-29~~.

- d. Small game – November ~~28~~ ~~30~~ through February ~~26~~ ~~28~~.
- e. through g. No change.
- 2. through 3. No change.
- (b) John G. and Susan H. Dupuis Jr. – Palm Beach and Martin counties.
 - 1. Open season:
 - a. Archery – September ~~9-11~~ ~~11-13~~, ~~16-18~~ ~~18-20~~ and ~~23-25~~ ~~25-27~~.
 - b. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~7-9~~ ~~9-11~~, ~~14-16~~ ~~16-18~~ and ~~21-25~~ ~~23-27~~.
 - c. General gun for mobility-impaired – October ~~29-31~~ ~~31~~ through ~~November 1~~.
 - d. General gun – November ~~4-6~~ ~~6-8~~ and ~~11-13~~ ~~13-15~~.
 - e. Wild hog-still – November ~~15-17~~, ~~17-19~~, November 29 through December ~~1~~ ~~4-3~~, ~~and~~ and opening the second Saturday in April and closing 8 days thereafter, and opening the second Saturday in May and closing 8 days thereafter.
 - f. Spring turkey – March ~~7-9~~ ~~8-10~~, ~~17-19~~ ~~18-20~~ and ~~24-26~~ ~~25-27~~.
 - g. Small game – December ~~3~~ ~~5~~ through January ~~22~~ ~~24~~.
 - h. through j. No change.
 - 2. through 3. No change.
 - 4. General regulations:
 - a. through d. No change.
 - e. The use of tracked vehicles, buggies, airboats, or all-terrain vehicles is prohibited except all-terrain vehicles may be used during the general gun for mobility-impaired season. The operation of a motorcycle that is not registered and licensed is prohibited. During quota hunts, the operation of any vessel powered by an internal combustion engine is prohibited.
 - f. through m. No change.
- (c) CREW – Collier and Lee Counties.
 - 1. Open season:
 - a. Archery – August ~~6-14~~ ~~8-16~~.
 - b. Muzzleloading gun – September ~~3-5~~ ~~5-7~~.
 - c. General gun – November ~~19-27~~ ~~21-29~~.
 - d. Small game – December ~~3~~ ~~5~~ through January ~~1~~ ~~3~~.
 - e. Spring turkey – March ~~4-7~~ ~~5-8~~ and ~~8-12~~ ~~9-13~~.
 - f. through h. No change.
 - 2. No change.
 - 3. Camping: Camping is allowed at designated sites by permit individuals with written authorization from the South Florida Water Management District ~~or by individuals participating in hunts~~.
 - 4. No change.
 - (d) No change.
 - (e) John C. and Mariana Jones/Hungryland – Palm Beach and Martin Counties.
 - 1. Open season:

- a. Archery – September ~~10-13~~ ~~12-15~~, ~~17-20~~ ~~19-22~~, September ~~24-27~~ ~~26-29~~ and October ~~1-4~~ ~~3-6~~.
- b. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~15-17~~ ~~17-19~~.
- c. General gun – October ~~29-31~~ ~~31~~ through November ~~2~~, November ~~5-7~~ ~~7-9~~ and ~~12-14~~ ~~14-16~~.
- d. Small game – November ~~19~~ ~~24~~ through December ~~18~~ ~~20~~.
- e. Spring turkey – March ~~18~~ ~~19~~ through April ~~2~~ ~~3~~ (Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays only).
- f. through h. No change.
- 2. No change.
- 3. Camping: Prohibited, except in designated campgrounds by permit as provided by paragraph 68A-15.004, F.A.C. Camping is allowed only at designated campsites. Only tents may be used for camping.
- 4. No change.
- (5) No change.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2016
Rulemaking Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. Law Implemented Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const., 379.2223, 375.313 FS. History—New 7-1-83, Amended 11-30-83, 7-1-84, 8-21-85, Formerly 39-17.05, Amended 6-1-86, 8-13-87, 8-18-88, 8-17-89, 4-11-90, 7-1-91, 10-31-91, 4-14-92, 4-20-93, 7-1-94, 9-15-94, 3-30-95, 8-15-95, 7-1-96, 4-3-97, 10-28-97, 7-1-98, 8-11-98, 7-1-99, Formerly 39-17.005, Amended 7-1-00, 5-1-01, 6-2-02, 5-25-03, 7-1-04, 7-1-05, 7-1-06, 7-1-07, 7-1-08, 1-6-09, 7-1-09, 10-29-09, 7-1-10, 7-1-11, 11-14-11, 7-1-12, 7-26-12, 7-1-13, 7-1-14, 7-2-14, 7-1-15, 7-29-15, 7-1-16.

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NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE: Diane R. Eggeman, Director, Division of Hunting and Game Management, Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, 620 South Meridian Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1600.

NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: November 19, 2015

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: January 8, 2015

Section III Notice of Changes, Corrections and Withdrawals

AGENCY FOR HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION

Medicaid

RULE NO.:	RULE TITLE:
59G-13.081	Developmental Disabilities Home and Community Based Medicaid Waiver Services Tiers 1 through 4 and Individual Budgeting Waivers Provider Rate Tables

NOTICE OF CHANGE

Notice is hereby given that the following changes have been made to the proposed rule in accordance with subparagraph 120.54(3)(d)1., F.S., published in Vol. 41 No. 24, February 5, 2015 issue of the Florida Administrative Register.

The following changes have been made to the Florida Medicaid Developmental Disabilities Home and Community Based Medicaid Waiver Services Tiers 1 through 4 and Individual Budgeting Waivers Provider Rate Tables.

Line 12, Life Skills Development – Level 1 (Companion), rates section now reads: Geographical Solo Rates, 1.71 Non-Geographical Solo Rates, 1.68, Monroe County Solo Rates 2.02.

Line 32, Occupational Therapy, Max # of Units per Day now reads 4, Max # of Units per Year now reads 1,460.

Line 36, Personal Supports – Quarter Hour, rates section now reads 3.17, 3.61, 3.14, 3.55, 3.45, 3.95.

Line 37, Personal Supports – Quarter Hour, rates section now reads 2.42, 3.01, 2.39, 2.92, 2.63, 3.25.

Line 38, Personal Supports – Quarter Hour, rates section now reads 2.09, 2.59, 2.07, 2.53, 2.29, 2.83.

Line 39, Personal Supports – Day, rates section now reads 102.82, 117.23, 102.01, 114.89, 117.51, 130.01.

Line 40, Personal Supports – Day, rates section now reads 76.67, 95.30, 75.68, 92.51, 87.16, 104.65.

Line 41, Personal Supports – Day, rates section now reads 66.07, 82.24, 65.22, 79.84, 75.14, 90.32.

Line 44, Physical Therapy, Max # of Units per Day now reads 4, Max # of Units per Year now reads 1,460.

Lines 73-76, Resident Habilitation – Intensive Behavioral – Comprehensive Transitional Education Program – Day, Levels 3-6, Max # of Units per Year now reads 345.

Line 79, Residential Habilitation – Live-In, rates section now reads: Geographical Solo Rates, 104.82, Non-Geographical, 103.53 and 126.75, Monroe County Solo Rates, 106.88.

Line 80 Residential Habilitation – Live-In, rates section now reads: Geographical Solo Rates, 88.04 Non-Geographical, 86.97 and 106.47, Monroe County Solo Rates 88.77.

Line 81 Residential Habilitation – Live-In, rates section now reads: Geographical Solo Rates, 75.48 Non-Geographical, 74.54 and 91.26, Monroe County Solo Rates 76.94.

Line 82, Residential Habilitation-Assisted Living Facility/Assistive Care Services – Day, Other Limitations now reads: 24 days or more requires monthly rate. The residential habilitation daily rate for a recipient residing in an ALF or AFCH is adjusted by the MSP ACS daily rate. The ALF or AFCH will bill MSP for the ACS rate.

Line 83, Residential Habilitation-Assisted Living Facility/Assistive Care Services – Month, Other Limitations now reads: 24 days or more requires monthly rate. The residential habilitation daily rate for a recipient residing in an ALF or AFCH is adjusted by the MSP ACS daily rate. The ALF or AFCH will bill MSP for the ACS rate.

Line 87, Respiratory Therapy, Max # Units per Day now reads 4, Max # Units per Year now reads 1,460.

Lines 89-91, Respite – Quarter hour (under 21 years of age only), Max # Units per Day now reads 96.

Line 92, Respite – Day, (under 21 years of age only), rates section now reads: Geographical, 110.90 and 116.86, Non-Geographical, 109.90 and 115.84, Monroe County Solo Rate, 122.17.

Line 93, Respite – Day, (under 21 years of age only), rates section now reads: Geographical, 74.00 and 77.93, Non-Geographical, 73.35 and 77.29, Monroe County Solo Rate, 81.50.

Line 94, Respite – Day, (under 21 years of age only), rates section now reads: Geographical, 61.08 and 64.39, Non-Geographical, 60.54 and 63.83, Monroe County Solo Rate, 67.32.

Line 98 and 99, Skilled Respite – LPN – Quarter Hour, Max # Units per Day now reads 96, Other Limitations text is stricken. Line 105, Speech Therapy, Max # Units per Day now reads 4, Max # Units per Year now reads 1,460.

Line 110, Support Coordination – Full, rates section now reads 148.69 each.

Line 111, CDC Consultant – Full, rates section now reads 148.69 each.

Line 112, Support Coordination – Enhanced, rates section now reads 359.83 each.

Line 113, CDC Consultant – Enhanced, rates section now reads 359.83 each.

Line 114, Support Coordination – Limited, rates section now reads 74.35 each.

Line 115, CDC Consultant – Limited, rates section now reads 74.35 each.

Legend, Agency Rates section: The first sentence is stricken. Legend, AFCH section was added, and definition now reads: Adult Family Care Home.

Legend, Non-Standard, section now reads: Residential habilitation services provided in an ALF or AFCH will incorporate a non-standard rate to avoid duplication of services for daily ACS billed through the MSP. The residential habilitation rate determined for use by the facility for an APD recipient in an ALF or AFCH will be reduced by the ACS rate before billing the waiver.

Legend, Solo Rates, section now reads: Represents rates for a provider who personally renders waiver services directly to recipients and does not employ others to render waiver services for which the rate is being paid. If the provider incorporates they are still considered a solo provider for rate purposes, unless they hire at least two employees including the owner and meet the definition of agency.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

RULE NO.:	RULE TITLE:
62-302.200	Definitions
62-302.300	Findings, Intent, and Antidegradation Policy for Surface Water Quality
62-302.400	Classification of Surface Waters, Usage, Reclassification, Classified Waters
62-302.530	Table: Surface Water Quality Criteria
	NOTICE OF CHANGE

Notice is hereby given that the following changes have been made to the proposed rule in accordance with subparagraph 120.54(3)(d)1., F.S., published in the November 4, 2015 issue of the Florida Administrative Register, Volume 41, Number 215, pages 5261 – 5274. The changes are made in response to written and oral comments from the Joint Administrative Procedures Committee or as the result of staff recommendations that were discussed at an adoption hearing held on December 9, 2015. Rule 62-302.200, F.A.C., has been revised to provide a link to a referenced document. Rule 62-302.300, F.A.C., has been clarified to provide an address from which all incorporated documents in the rule could be requested by the public. Rule 62-302.400, F.A.C., incorporates by reference thirteen maps showing Class II areas. The maps were revised to provide more clarity and are consequently re-dated. Rule 62-302.530, F.A.C., was revised to delete a proposed alternative criteria process for total ammonia nitrogen because the documents that were proposed to be incorporated by reference were not sufficiently clear to constitute self-implementing criteria. Instead, site specific alternative criteria may be established using the methodology under existing Rule 62-302.800, F.A.C., which provides for site specific review. The proposed rule has changed so that when it is adopted it will read:

62-302.200 Definitions.

As used in this chapter:

(1) through (18) No change.

(19) "Natural background" shall mean the condition of waters in the absence of man-induced alterations based on the best scientific information available to the Department. The establishment of natural background for an altered waterbody may be based upon a similar unaltered waterbody, historical pre-alteration data, paleolimnological examination of sediment cores, or examination of geology and soils. When determining natural background conditions for a lake, the lake's location and regional characteristics as described and depicted in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency document titled Lake Regions of Florida (EPA/R-97/127, dated 1997, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, National Health and Environmental Effects Research Laboratory, Corvallis, OR) (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-06267>), which is incorporated by reference herein, shall also be considered. The lake regions in this document are grouped according to ambient total phosphorus and total nitrogen concentrations in the following lake zones:

(a) through (j) No change.

(k) The TN5 nitrogen zone consists of the USEPA Lake Regions 75-07,75-08, 75-25, 75-28, 75-30, 75-35, 75-36, 75-37, 76-01 and 76-04.

The Lake Regions document may be obtained from the website above or by writing to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Water Quality Standards Program, 2600 Blair Stone Road, MS 6511, Tallahassee, FL 32399-2400.

(20) through (44) No change.

62-302.300 Findings, Intent, and Antidegradation Policy for Surface Water Quality.

(1) through (18) No change.

(19) The implementation of numeric nutrient standards under Rules 62-302.531 and 62-302.532, F.A.C., shall be implemented consistent with the document titled "Implementation of Florida's Numeric Nutrient Standards," dated April 2013 (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-02905>), which is incorporated by reference herein. Copies of this document may be obtained by writing to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Water Quality Standards Program, 2600 Blair Stone Road, MS 6511, Tallahassee, FL 32399-2400. This document references the following documents, which are incorporated by reference and may be obtained from the address above.

(a) The following documents are incorporated by reference herein and may be obtained from the address above:

1. through 12. No change.

(b) through (g) No change.

62-302.400 Classification of Surface Waters, Usage, Reclassification, Classified Waters.

(1) through (15) No change.

(16) Exceptions to Class III:

(a) No change.

(b) The following listed waterbodies are classified as Class I, Class II, Class III-Limited, or Class V. Copies of the maps referenced below may be obtained by writing to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Water Quality Standards Program, 2600 Blair Stone Road, MS 6511, Tallahassee, FL 32399-2400. The written waterbody descriptions are to be read in conjunction with the incorporated maps; however, the maps will take precedence if any conflict is identified between the written descriptions and the maps.

1. through 4. No change.

5. Brevard County.

Class I

St. Johns River and Tributaries – Lake Washington Dam south through and including Sawgrass Lake, Lake Hellen Blazes, to Indian River County Line.

Class II

All or portions of the Mosquito Lagoon, Banana River, Newfound Harbor, Indian River, and Goat, Kid and Trout Creeks, as shown on the maps titled "Class II Wwaters in Brevard County, November ~~October~~ 2015," which are incorporated by reference herein.

6. through 8. No change.

9. Citrus County

Class II

All coastal waters and tidal creeks within the county, excluding (a) waters landward of the mouths of Bungalou Pass, East Pass, Johns Creek, Trout Creek, and the Cross Florida Barge Canal entrance next to Trout Creek, (b) Crystal River, (c) a portion of the Salt River south of the northern juncture of Salt Creek, and (d) the St. Martins River from its mouth to Greenleaf Bay, all as shown on the map titled "Class II Wwaters in Citrus County, November ~~October~~ 2015," which is incorporated by reference herein.

10. through 14. No change.

15. Dixie County

Class II

All coastal waters within the county, excluding the mouth of the Suwannee River and its passes, as shown on the map titled "Class II Wwaters in Dixie County, November ~~October~~ 2015," which is incorporated by reference herein.

16. through 18. No change.

19. Franklin.

Class II

All or portions of Alligator Harbor, Apalachicola Bay, East Bay and its tributaries, the coastal waters north of a line from Peninsula Point on Alligator Point to the southeastern tip of Dog Island, Ochlockonee Bay, St. George Sound, and St. Vincent Sound, as shown on the maps titled “Class II Wwaters in Franklin County, November ~~October~~ 2015,” which are incorporated by reference herein.

20. through 28. No change.

29. Hillsborough County.

Class I

Cow House Creek – Hillsborough River to source.

Hillsborough River – City of Tampa Water Treatment Plant Dam to Flint Creek.

Class II

All or portions of Tampa Bay, Old Tampa Bay, and Mobbly Bay, excluding waters in the Tampa Harbor Channel and waters north of SR 580 in Rocky and Double Branch Creeks, as shown on the map titled “Class II Wwaters in Hillsborough County, November ~~October~~ 2015,” which is incorporated by reference herein.

30. No change.

31. Indian River County.

Class I

St. Johns River and Tributaries – Brevard County Line south through and including Blue Cypress Lake to SR 60.

Class II

Portions of Indian River, as shown on the maps titled “Class II Wwaters in Indian River County, November ~~October~~ 2015,” which are incorporated by reference herein.

32. through 37. No change.

38. Levy County.

Class II

All coastal waters and tidal creeks in the county, excluding the mouth of the Suwannee River and its passes, portions of Alligator Pass and Cedar Key, and the mouth of the Withlacoochee River, as shown on a map titled “Class II Wwaters in Levy County, November ~~October~~ 2015,” which is incorporated by reference herein.

39. through 55. No change.

56. St. Lucie County.

Class II

Portions of Indian River, as shown on the map titled “Class II Wwaters in St. Lucie County, November ~~October~~ 2015,” which is incorporated by reference herein.

57. through 63. No change.

64. Volusia County

Class II

All or portions of Indian River (Indian River Lagoon) ~~North, Indian River Lagoon~~, and Mosquito Lagoon, as shown on the maps titled “Class II Wwaters in Volusia County, November ~~October~~ 2015,” which are incorporated by reference herein.

65. No change.

66. Walton County.

Class II

Portions of Choctawhatchee Bay and its tributaries, as shown on the map titled “Class II Wwaters in Walton County, November ~~October~~ 2015,” which is incorporated by reference herein.

67. No change.

62-302.530 Table: Surface Water Quality Criteria.

The following table contains both numeric and narrative surface water quality criteria to be applied except within zones of mixing. The left-hand column of the Table is a list of constituents for which a surface water criterion exists. The headings for the water quality classifications are found at the top of the Table, and the classification descriptions for the headings are specified in subsection 62-302.400(1), F.A.C. Applicable criteria lie within the Table. The individual criteria should be read in conjunction with other provisions in water quality standards, including Rule 62-302.500, F.A.C. The criteria contained in Rule 62-302.500, F.A.C., also apply to all waters unless alternative or more stringent criteria are specified in Rule 62-302.530, F.A.C. Unless otherwise stated, all criteria express the maximum not to be exceeded at any time except within established mixing zones or in accordance with site-specific effluent limitations developed pursuant to Rule 62-620.620, F.A.C. In some cases, there are separate or additional limits, which apply independently of the maximum not to be exceeded at any time. For example, the criteria for carcinogens, which are expressed as an annual average (denoted as “annual avg.” in the Table), are applied as the maximum allowable annual average concentration at the long-term harmonic mean flow (see subsection 62-302.200(2), F.A.C.). Numeric interpretations of the narrative nutrient criterion in paragraph 62-302.530(47)(b), F.A.C., shall be expressed as spatial averages and applied over a spatial area consistent with their derivation. In applying the water quality standards, the Department shall take into account the variability occurring in nature and shall recognize the statistical variability inherent in sampling and testing procedures. The Department’s assessment methodology, set forth in Chapter 62-303, F.A.C., accounts for such natural and statistical variability when used to assess ambient waters pursuant to sections 305(b) and 303(d) of the Federal Clean Water Act.

Editor’s note: Tables published as part of this notice can be viewed online in Vol 41/251 of the Florida Administrative Register, available at flrules.org.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

RULE NO.:	RULE TITLE:
62-303.200	Definitions
62-303.320	Exceedances of Aquatic Life-Based Water Quality Criteria
62-303.330	Biological Assessment
62-303.350	Assessments of Numeric Interpretation of Narrative Nutrient Criteria
62-303.353	Nutrients in Estuaries and Open Coastal Waters
62-303.390	The Study List
62-303.430	Biological Impairment
	NOTICE OF CHANGE

Notice is hereby given that the following changes have been made to the proposed rule in accordance with subparagraph 120.54(3)(d)1., F.S., published in Vol. 41 No. 215, November 4, 2015 issue of the Florida Administrative Register.

The changes are made in response to written and oral comments from the Joint Administrative Procedures Committee, submission of an amendment by the Florida Water Environment Association Utility Council, or as the result of staff recommendations that were discussed at an adoption hearing held on December 9, 2015. Several rule references in Rules 62-303.200 and 62-303.320, F.A.C., were revised to have greater specificity and a map date was provided for a map incorporated by reference. Rule 62-303.330, F.A.C., was revised to clarify how bioassessment scores collected at different locations within a water segment are assessed. Rule 62-303.350, F.A.C., was revised to provide a missing web link for a form incorporated by reference. Rule 62-303.353, F.A.C., was revised to delete specific mention of tidal creeks. Rule 62-303.390, F.A.C., was revised to make the rule provision open to all water quality parameters addressed in Rule 62-303.420, F.A.C. Rule 62-303.430, F.A.C., was revised to address how Biological Health Assessment scores are averaged. The proposed rule has changed so that when it is adopted it will read:

62-303.200 Definitions.

As used in this chapter:

(1) No change.

(2) “Biological Reconnaissance (BioRecon)” shall mean a biological assessment that measures stream health in predominantly fresh waters using benthic macroinvertebrates, performed and calculated using the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for the Biological Reconnaissance as described in subparagraph Rule 62-160.800(1)(c)1., F.A.C.

(3) through (8) No change.

(9) “Lake Vegetation Index (LVI)” shall mean a Biological Health Assessment that measures biological health in predominantly freshwater lakes using aquatic and wetland plants, performed and calculated using the Standard Operating

Procedures for the LVI as described in subparagraph Rule 62-160.800(1)(c)2., F.A.C.

(10) through (12) No change.

(13) “Nutrient Watershed Region” shall mean a drainage area over which the nutrient thresholds in paragraph 62-302.531(2)(c), F.A.C., apply.

(a) through (e) No change.

(f) The South Florida region consists of those areas south of the Peninsula region, such as the Cocohatchee River Watershed, Naples Bay Watershed, Rookery Bay Watershed, Ten Thousand Islands Watershed, Lake Worth Lagoon Watershed, Southeast Coast – Biscayne Bay Watershed, Everglades Watershed, Florida Bay Watershed, and the Florida Keys.

A map of the Nutrient Watershed Regions, dated October 17, 2011 (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-06033>), is incorporated by reference herein and may be obtained by writing to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, 2600 Blair Stone Road, MS 6511, Tallahassee, FL 32399-2400.

(14) through (27) No change.

(28) “Stream Condition Index (SCI)” shall mean a Biological Health Assessment that measures stream biological health in predominantly fresh waters using benthic macroinvertebrates, performed and calculated using the Standard Operating Procedures for the SCI as described in subparagraph Rule 62-160.800(1)(c)3., F.A.C. For water quality standards purposes, the Stream Condition Index shall not apply in the South Florida Nutrient Watershed Region.

(29) through (36) No change.

62-303.320 Aquatic Life-Based Water Quality Criteria Assessment.

(1) through (11) No change.

(12) Surface water data with values below the applicable practical quantification limit (PQL) or method detection limit (MDL) shall be assessed in accordance with paragraphs 62-4.246(6)(b) and (c) and subsection 62-303.320(8), F.A.C. Results reported by a laboratory with the “U” data qualifier code according to paragraphs rule 62-160.340(3)(b) and (c), F.A.C., shall be assessed as half the reported result or half the criterion, whichever is lower.

(a) through (b) No change.

(13) through (15) No change.

62-303.330 Biological Assessment.

(1) through (4) No change.

(5) To qualify as temporally independent samples, each Biological Health Assessment shall be conducted at least three months apart. Biological Health Assessments conducted within 200 meters in a stream or within the same lake

~~collected at the same location~~ less than three months apart shall be considered one sample, with the mean value used to represent the sampling period. Biological Health Assessments conducted at locations greater than 200 meters apart in a stream shall be assessed as independent scores regardless of temporal separation of samples.

(6) No change.

62-303.350 Assessments of Numeric Interpretations of Narrative Nutrient ~~Criterion~~ Criteria.

(1) through (5) No change.

(6) To be assessed under this chapter, except for data used to establish historical chlorophyll *a* levels, chlorophyll *a* data shall be determined using Department-approved methods as measured according to the DEP document titled, "Applicability of Chlorophyll *a* Methods" (DEP-SAS-002/10), dated October 24, 2011 (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-02914>), incorporated by reference herein, unless an alternative method is specifically approved by the Department under Chapter 62-160, F.A.C. Copies of the chlorophyll *a* document may be obtained by writing to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, 2600 Blair Stone Road, MS 6511, Tallahassee, FL 32399-2400. Chlorophyll *a* data shall be corrected for or free from the interference of pheophytin.

62-303.353 Nutrients in Estuaries and Open Coastal Waters.

Estuaries, estuary segments, or open coastal waters shall be included on the Planning List for nutrients if:

(1) No change.

(2) For estuaries, ~~including tidal creeks,~~ without a numeric interpretation of the narrative nutrient criterion, their annual geometric mean chlorophyll *a* for any year is greater than 11 ug/l,

(3) through (5) No change.

62-303.390 The Study List.

(1) The Study List contains waters where additional information or Department review is needed before the water is placed on the Verified List for TMDL development but available evidence indicates there is a clear adverse trend in nutrients or nutrient response variables with a reasonable expectation that the water will become impaired within 10 years, or evidence indicates nonattainment of water quality standards or stream nutrient thresholds. Causes of nonattainment can include excess pollutant loading or concentrations, habitat or hydrologic alterations, or natural conditions. Waters that do not attain water quality standards due to natural conditions pursuant to Rule 62-303.420, F.A.C., shall not be added to the Study List. To conform to the

expectations of Section 303(d) of the Federal Clean Water Act and federal regulations at 40 C.F.R. 130.7(b), waters and associated parameters identified in the Study List will be submitted to EPA as water quality limited segments. However, pursuant to paragraph 403.067(2)(a), F.S., the Study List cannot be used in the administration or implementation of any regulatory program. A TMDL shall not be established for a waterbody placed on the Study List pursuant to subsection 62-303.390(2), F.A.C., until such time as it is placed on the Verified List pursuant to Part IV of this chapter.

(2) through (10) No change.

62-303.430 Biological Impairment.

(1) No change.

(2) If the water met the requirements for placement on the Planning List based on Biological Health Assessment results, the water shall be determined to be biologically impaired if any of the following conditions occur, given a minimum sample size of two temporally independent bioassessments:

(a) The average score of all the ~~temporally independent~~ SCIs is below 40, or either of the two most recent temporally independent SCI scores is less than 35. If there are only two SCIs and the difference between the two scores is greater than 20 points, then an additional SCI shall be required and the average of all three scores shall be used.

(b) through (e) No change.

(3) through (6) No change.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

Division of Funeral, Cemetery, and Consumer Services

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

69K-5.003 Application for Registration of a Preneed Sales Agent

69K-5.004 Procedures for Licensing a New Cemetery
69K-5.006 Procedure for Licensing Transferred Cemeteries

NOTICE OF CHANGE

Notice is hereby given that the following changes have been made to the proposed rule in accordance with subparagraph 120.54(3)(d)1., F.S., published in Vol. 41 No. 208, October 26, 2015 issue of the Florida Administrative Register.

The changes are being made to address comments expressed by the Joint Administrative Procedures Committee.

69K-5.003 Application for ~~Registration of a Preneed Sales Agent~~ License and Appointment.

(1) Each person desiring to obtain ~~registration as a preneed sales agent~~ license for a preneed licensee shall apply to the ~~Department Board~~ by submitting the following by certified mail or online:

(a) A completed ~~application for Registration of a Preneed Sales Agent~~, Form DFS-PNS-1, Preneed Sales Agent

~~Application for Agent License and Initial Appointment, adopted in Rule 69K-1.001, F.A.C effective 4-25-94, which is hereby incorporated by reference and available by mail from the Department of Financial Services, 200 East Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0361. The application registration must be completed and signed by an authorized representative of the preneed licensee within thirty (30) days prior to receipt by the Department;~~

(b) No change.

(2) Request for Additional Information. Any request for additional information will be made by the Department within thirty (30) days after receipt of the application by the Department. The additional information must be received by the Department within forty-five (45) days from the date of request. Failure to respond to the request for additional information within forty-five (45) days from the date of request shall be construed by the Board to be grounds for denial of the application for failure to complete the application, and the application shall be denied pursuant to subsection 120.60(1) Section 120.60(2), F.S.

(3) and (4) No change.

(5) Denial of Application Registration. The Department shall notify the applicant at the address of the sponsoring preneed licensee of the Board's intent to deny the application. Upon receipt of the notification, the applicant shall cease conducting business as a preneed sales agent. Upon receipt of the notification, the preneed licensee will use due diligence to stop the preneed sales agent from conducting business as a preneed sales agent on behalf of the preneed licensee. If a request for a hearing has not been received within twenty-one (21) twenty-six (26) days of the date of the notification, the application shall be denied.

(6) No change.

(7) Upon approval of the application, a license registration will be issued ~~for the remainder of the biennial registration period effective the later of the date the application was received or the date the last deficiency on the application was resolved.~~

(8) A separate appointment registration is required for each different preneed licensee represented by the applicant.

69K-5.004 Procedures for Licensing a New Cemetery.

Rulemaking Specific Authority 497.103 FS. Law Implemented 497.263, 497.265, 497.266, 497.268, 497.283 FS. History--New 9-29-75, Amended 6-21-77, 6-21-78, 11-2-78, 1-27-81, Formerly 3D-30.15, Amended 10-23-91, Formerly 3D-30.015, Amended 12-8-98, 6-26-02, Formerly 3F-5.004, Amended 1-12-04,_____.

69K-5.006 Procedure for Licensing Transferred Cemeteries.

(1) Application. A ~~When a~~ person, a group of persons or entity proposing a corporation proposes to purchase or acquire control of an existing cemetery company either by purchasing

the outstanding capital stock of any cemetery company, or the interest of the owner or owners, and thereby to change the control of said cemetery company, ~~such person shall file the following application with the Department by mail to the Division of Funeral, Cemetery and Consumer Services, Revenue Processing, P.O. Box 6100, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-6100 an Application For Authority To Acquire Control Of An Existing Cemetery Company, Form DFS F 35, effective September 18, 2001, and hereby incorporated by reference and available from the Department of Financial Services, Board of Funeral, Cemetery, and Consumer Services, 200 East Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0361. This application shall be accompanied by a non-refundable application fee of \$5,000.~~

(a) No change.

(b) Completion of an Application To Transact Cemetery Business, Form CEM, adopted in Rule 69K-1.001, F.A.C., shall be accompanied by a license fee based on the cemeteries' last fiscal year sales pursuant to Section 497.265, F.S.

(2) through (5) No change.

The remainder of the proposed rule reads as previously published.

Section IV Emergency Rules

NONE

Section V Petitions and Dispositions Regarding Rule Variance or Waiver

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

Division of Hotels and Restaurants

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

61C-5.001: Safety Standards

The Department of Business and Professional Regulation, Division of Hotels and Restaurants, Bureau of Elevator Safety hereby gives notice:

On December 30, 2015, the Department issued a Final Order that was in response to a Petition for Variance from TD Lake Buena Vista Hotel LLC dba Delta Orlando, filed December 16, 2015 and advertised on December 21, 2015 in Vol. 41, No. 245, of the Florida Administrative Register. No comments were received in response to the petition. The Final Order on the Petition for Variance denies the Petitioner a variance from Rule 2.20.1, 2.24.2.3.1, ASME A17.1b, 2009 edition, as adopted by paragraph 61C-5.001(1)(a), Florida Administrative

Code, that requires suspension means and traction because the Petitioner has not demonstrated that the purpose of the underlying statute has been met and no method to meet intent of code provided (VW2015-313).

A copy of the Order or additional information may be obtained by contacting Michelle Comingore, Bureau of Elevator Safety, 1940 North Monroe Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1013, (850)488-1133.

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

Division of Hotels and Restaurants

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

61C-5.001: Safety Standards

The Department of Business and Professional Regulation, Division of Hotels and Restaurants, Bureau of Elevator Safety hereby gives notice:

On December 30, 2015 the Division issued an order. The Final Order was in response to a Petition for an emergency permanent Variance from Paradise Harbour II, filed December 14, 2015, and advertised on December 17, 2015 in Vol. 41, No. 243, of the Florida Administrative Register. No comments were received in response to the petition. The Final Order on the Petition for Variance grants the Petitioner a variance from Rule 2.27.3.2.1 ASME A17.1b, 2009 edition, as adopted by paragraph 61C-5.001(1)(a), Florida Administrative Code, from providing fire alarm initiating devices to initiate phase I emergency recall operation because the Petitioner has demonstrated that the purpose of the underlying statute has been met and that Petitioner would suffer a substantial hardship if required to comply with this rule (VW2015-306).

A copy of the Order or additional information may be obtained by contacting Michelle Comingore, Bureau of Elevator Safety, 1940 North Monroe Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1013.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Beaches and Coastal Systems

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

62B-33.024: Thirty-Year Erosion Projection Procedures

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on November 21, 2015, the Department of Environmental Protection received a petition for variance or waiver. The Department of Environmental Protection received an amended petition for variance or waiver from Petitioner, Steven Tarr. The petitioner requested a variance or waiver from subparagraph 62B-33.024(2)(d)3, F.A.C., which requires that a 30 year erosion projection shall be determined using one or more of the procedures set forth in the rule, including (d), beach nourishment or restoration projects. The Petition has been assigned File No. SL-308 AR V and OGC Case No. 15-0659. The property to which a variance or waiver would apply is

located at 1160 S. Ocean Drive, Ft. Pierce, Florida. Any interested person or agency may submit written comments on the petition within 14 days after publication of this notice.

A copy of the Petition for Variance or Waiver may be obtained by contacting Tony McNeal, Department of Environmental Protection, MS 3522, 2600 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399, (850)245-7665, tony.mcneal@dep.state.fl.us during normal business hours, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday except legal holidays.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Board of Massage Therapy

The Board of Massage Therapy hereby gives notice of the issuance of an Order regarding the Petition for Variance or Waiver, filed on October 7, 2015, by Taylor Gidget Dangerman. The Notice of Petition for Waiver or Variance was published in Vol. 41, No. 199, of the October 13, 2015 Florida Administrative Register. Petitioner sought a variance or waiver regarding the requirement of providing an official transcript. The Board considered the instant Petition at a duly-noticed public meeting held on November 9, 2015, by telephone conference call.

The Board’s Order, filed on November 18, 2015, denied the petition stating that the Board found that the petition was not in substantial compliance with the provisions of Section 120.542, F.S., and Chapter 28-104, F.A.C. Petitioner did not demonstrate how the underlying purpose of the statute would be met by accepting a copy of her transcript from her rather than an official transcript.

A copy of the Order or additional information may be obtained by contacting Claudia Kemp, Executive Director, Board of Massage Therapy, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin #C06, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3256, (850)245-4588, Claudia.Kemp2@flhealth.gov.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Board of Massage Therapy

The Board of Massage Therapy hereby gives notice of the issuance of an Order regarding the Petition for Variance or Waiver, filed on September 14, 2015, by Elizabeth Burland. The Notice of Petition for Waiver or Variance was published in Vol. 41, No. 187, of the September 25, 2015 Florida Administrative Register. Petitioner sought a variance or waiver regarding the requirement of providing an official transcript. The Board considered the instant Petition at a duly-noticed public meeting held on November 9, 2015, by telephone conference call.

The Board’s Order, filed on November 18, 2015, granted the petition stating that the Board found that the petition was in substantial compliance with the provisions of Section 120.542, F.S., and Chapter 28-104, F.A.C. Petitioner has met the

purpose of the underlying statute, and that application of the rule to Petitioner would cause a substantial hardship.

A copy of the Order or additional information may be obtained by contacting Claudia Kemp, Executive Director, Board of Massage Therapy, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin #C06, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3256, (850)245-4588, Claudia.Kemp2@flhealth.gov.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Board of Massage Therapy

The Board of Massage Therapy hereby gives notice of the issuance of an Order regarding the Petition for Variance or Waiver, filed on September 23, 2015, by Mandalyn Kellogg. The Notice of Petition for Waiver or Variance was published in Vol. 41, No. 187, of the September 25, 2015 Florida Administrative Register. Petitioner sought a variance or waiver of Rule 64B7-29.003, F.A.C., regarding apprenticeship training being conducted by the licensed sponsoring massage therapist, in a qualified massage establishment. The Board considered the instant Petition at a duly-noticed public meeting held on November 9, 2015, by telephone conference call.

The Board's Order, filed on November 18, 2015, granted the petition stating that the Board found that the petition was in substantial compliance with the provisions of Section 120.542, F.S., and Chapter 28-104, F.A.C. Petitioner has met the purpose of the underlying statute and application of the rule would impose a substantial hardship.

A copy of the Order or additional information may be obtained by contacting Claudia Kemp, Executive Director, Board of Massage Therapy, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin #C06, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3256, (850)245-4588, Claudia.Kemp2@flhealth.gov.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Board of Massage Therapy

The Board of Massage Therapy hereby gives notice of the issuance of an Order regarding the Petition for Variance or Waiver, filed on March 9, 2015 and refiled on August 25, 2015, by Laura Randich. The Notice of Petition for Waiver or Variance was published in Vol. 41, No. 51, of the March 16, 2015 Florida Administrative Register. Petitioner sought a variance or waiver regarding the requirement of providing an official transcript. The Board considered the instant Petition at a duly-noticed public meeting held on November 9, 2015, by telephone conference call.

The Board's Order, filed on November 19, 2015, granted the petition stating that the Board found that the petition was in substantial compliance with the provisions of Section 120.542, F.S., and Chapter 28-104, F.A.C., and Petitioner has met the purpose of the underlying statute in providing an official

transcript, albeit not on counterfeit proof paper. Application of the rule to Petitioner would impose a substantial hardship.

A copy of the Order or additional information may be obtained by contacting Claudia Kemp, Executive Director, Board of Massage Therapy, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin #C06, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3256, (850)245-4588, Claudia.Kemp2@flhealth.gov.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Board of Massage Therapy

The Board of Massage Therapy hereby gives notice of the issuance of an Order regarding the Petition for Variance or Waiver, filed on August 21, 2015, by Martha Kelly. The Notice of Petition for Variance or Waiver was published in Vol. 41, No. 167, of the August 27, 2015 Florida Administrative Register. Petitioner sought a variance or waiver regarding the requirement of providing an official transcript. The Board considered the instant Petition at a duly-noticed public meeting held on November 9, 2015, by telephone conference call.

The Board's Order, filed on November 18, 2015, granted the petition stating that the Board found that the petition was in substantial compliance with the provisions of Section 120.542, F.S., and Chapter 28-104, F.A.C., and Petitioner has met the purpose of the underlying statute, and that application of the rule to Petitioner would cause a substantial hardship.

A copy of the Order or additional information may be obtained by contacting Claudia Kemp, Executive Director, Board of Massage Therapy, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin #C06, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3256, (850)245-4588, Claudia.Kemp2@flhealth.gov.

FLORIDA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

67-48.004 Selection Procedures for Developments

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on December 29, 2015, the Florida Housing Finance Corporation received a petition for Waiver from Southwest Florida GWI Housing XVII, Inc., requesting a waiver of Rule 67-48.004, F.A.C. and Provision Exhibit B.2 of RFA 2014-109, for a change in ownership structure and replacement of their board by more than 33.3%

A copy of the Petition for Variance or Waiver may be obtained by contacting Kate Flemming, Corporation Clerk, Florida Housing Finance Corporation, 227 North Bronough Street, Suite 5000, Tallahassee, Florida 32301-1329. The Petition has also been posted on Florida Housing's website at floridahousing.org. Florida Housing will accept comments concerning the Petition for 14 days from the date of publication of this notice. To be considered, comments must be received on or before 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time, on the 14th day after publication of this notice at Florida Housing Finance

Corporation, 227 North Bronough Street, Suite 5000, Tallahassee, Florida 32301-1329.

**Section VI
Notice of Meetings, Workshops and Public Hearings**

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Division of Historical Resources

The Bureau of Historic Preservation, Florida Historical Marker Council announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: January 13, 2016, 9:00 a.m. to conclusion

PLACE: R.A. Gray Building, Room 307, 500 South Bronough Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: To review 14 applications for the Florida Historical Marker Program.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting Michael Hart at 1(800)847-7278 or Michael.Hart@dos.myflorida.com.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 48 hours before the workshop/meeting by contacting Michael Hart at 1(800)847-7278 or Michael.Hart@dos.myflorida.com. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing, he/she will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence from which the appeal is to be issued.

For more information, you may contact Michael Hart at 1(800)847-7278 or Michael.Hart@dos.myflorida.com.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Division of Historical Resources

The Friends of Mission San Luis, Inc. announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Thursday, January 28, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

PLACE: Mission San Luis, 2100 W. Tennessee St., Tallahassee, FL 32304

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Finance and Investment Meeting. The Friends of Mission San Luis will hold a meeting for the purposes of conducting Friends' business and assisting the Office of External Affairs in carrying out the purposes, duties, and responsibilities of the Florida Department of State.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting Diane Ogorzaly with the Office of External Affairs at Diane.Ogorzaly@DOS.MyFlorida.com or (850)245-6388.

Under Florida law, email addresses are public records. If you do not want your email address released in response to a public records request, do not send electronic mail to this entity. Instead, contact this office by phone or in writing.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Division of Historical Resources

The Friends of Mission San Luis, Inc. announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Thursday, January 28, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.

PLACE: Mission San Luis, 2100 W. Tennessee St., Tallahassee, FL 32304

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Board of Directors' Meeting. The Friends of Mission San Luis will hold a meeting for the purposes of conducting Friends' business and assisting the Office of External Affairs in carrying out the purposes, duties, and responsibilities of the Florida Department of State.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting Diane Ogorzaly with the Office of External Affairs at Diane.Ogorzaly@DOS.MyFlorida.com or (850)245-6388.

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DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAY SAFETY AND MOTOR VEHICLES

The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: January 12, 2016, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. ET

PLACE: 2900 Apalachee Parkway, Tallahassee Florida 32399, Conference Room B130; telephone conference information is also provided below.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Motorist Modernization Advisory Board is meeting to receive an update on Phase 1 of the Motorist Modernization project. System functionality and requirements will also be presented to the group for consideration and input.

Agenda:

- Roll Call
- Welcome
- Review and approval of last meeting minutes
- Policy and decisions review
- MM Phase I Program update
- Status Update and Financial Review
- IV&V Update
- Change Request review
- Requirements Validation update
- Communications update
- Organizational Change Management
- Q&A
- Adjourn

Join the meeting via computer, tablet or smartphone at <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/228928917>.

Dial-in connection: United States, +1(646)749-3129; United States (toll-free), 1(877)309-2073; access code, 228-928-917, audio PIN shown after joining the meeting.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: the agenda is included above.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 5 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting Terrence Samuel, 2900 Apalachee Parkway, Room D315, Tallahassee, FL 32399, (850)617-2100, terrencsamuel@flhsmv.gov. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS

St. Johns River Water Management District

The St. Johns River Water Management District announces public meetings to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIMES: Tuesday, January 12, 2016: 9:00 a.m., Projects and Land Committee business meeting; Finance, Administration and Audit Committee meeting, 10:00 a.m. or upon conclusion of Projects and Land Committee meeting, whichever is later; Governing Board meeting, 11:00 a.m. or upon the conclusion of the Finance, Administration and Audit committee meeting, whichever is later.

PLACE: District Headquarters, 4049 Reid Street (Hwy 100 West), Palatka, FL 32177

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Discussion and consideration of District business including regulatory and non-regulatory matters. Staff may recommend approval of external amendments which affect the adopted budget.

NOTE: One or more Governing Board members may attend and participate in the meetings by means of communication media technology.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: St. Johns River Water Management District, Attention Lori Griffith, 4049 Reid Street, Palatka, FL 32177, (386)329-4470, or by visiting the District's website at floridaswater.com.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 48 hours before the workshop/meeting by contacting the District Clerk at (386)329-4500. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing, he/she will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence from which the appeal is to be issued.

DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT SERVICES

State Retirement Commission

The State Retirement Commission announces a hearing to which all persons are invited.

DATES AND TIMES: February 4, 2016, 9:00 a.m.; February 5, 2016, 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Room 152, Tallahassee, Florida 32399

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: To conduct hearings pursuant to Section 121.23, Florida Statutes, and to consider other matters related to the business of the Commission.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting the Department of Management Services, State Retirement Commission, 4050 Esplanade Way, Suite 160, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0950, or calling (850)487-2410.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 15 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting the Department of Management Services, State Retirement Commission, 4050 Esplanade Way, Suite 160, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0950, or calling (850)487-2410. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing, he/she will need to ensure that a verbatim record of

the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence from which the appeal is to be issued.

For more information, you may contact the Department of Management Services, State Retirement Commission, 4050 Esplanade Way, Suite 160, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0950 or call (850)487-2410.

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

Board of Accountancy

The Board of Accountancy announces a telephone conference call to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Thursday, January 14, 2016, 8:00 a.m. ET until all business is concluded

PLACE: Conference call; dial-in number 1(888)670-3525, pass code number 1368986679#

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: New Chair / Vice Chair training. The new Chair / Vice Chair will meet to discuss the duties for the Board of Accountancy.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting Denise Graves, (352)333-2505.

For more information, you may contact Denise Graves, (352)333-2505.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: January 7, 2016, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. ET

PLACE: St. Joe Beach Volunteer Fire Department, 7912 Alabama Avenue, Port St. Joe, FL 32456

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) will be hosting an informational meeting on a Deepwater Horizon Natural Resource Damage Assessment Phase III Early Restoration project, Beacon Hill Veterans' Memorial Park Improvements project. DEP staff and representatives from VBA Design, Inc., the project design consultant, will be at the informational meeting to answer questions and provide additional details on the project.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting Jim Oskowis, NRDA Project Manager, 3900 Commonwealth Blvd., MS 240, Tallahassee, FL 32399, (850)245-2147, jim.oskowis@dep.state.fl.us.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 5 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting Jim Oskowis, NRDA Project Manager, 3900 Commonwealth Blvd., MS 240, Tallahassee, FL 32399, (850)245-2147, jim.oskowis@dep.state.fl.us. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using

the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

For more information, you may contact Jim Oskowis, NRDA Project Manager, 3900 Commonwealth Blvd., MS 240, Tallahassee, FL 32399, (850)245-2147, jim.oskowis@dep.state.fl.us.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Board of Orthotists and Prosthetists

The Board of Orthotists and Prosthetists announces a telephone conference call to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Friday, January 29, 2016, 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: Department of Health, 4042 Bald Cypress Way, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3257; telephone conference: 1(888)670-3525, participant code 7342425515

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: General board business.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting Edith Rogers at edith.rogers@flhealth.gov, or by accessing the board's website at <http://floridasorthotistsprosthetists.gov/meeting-information/>.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 7 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting Edith Rogers at edith.rogers@flhealth.gov. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing, he/she will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence from which the appeal is to be issued.

For more information, you may contact Edith Rogers at edith.rogers@flhealth.gov.

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

The Department of Children and Families announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: January 12, 2016, 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: 1002 E. Palm Avenue, Tampa, FL

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Ongoing Hillsborough County Alliance business.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting Gabriela Reece, (813)337-5805.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 5 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting Gabriela Reece, (813)337-5805. If you are hearing

or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

OTHER AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

Glades Soil and Water Conservation District

The Glades Soil and Water Conservation District announces public meetings to which all persons are invited.

DATES AND TIMES: January 21, 2016, 10:00 a.m.; March 24, 2016, 10:00 a.m.; May 26, 2016, 10:00 a.m.; July 28, 2016, 10:00 a.m.; September 22, 2016, 10:00 a.m.; November 17, 2016, 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: 1085 Pratt Blvd., LaBelle, Florida 33935

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: General Board meeting.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting Noreen Berden, (863)674-5700, ext. 107.

OTHER AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

Sunshine State One Call of Florida

The Sunshine State One Call of Florida, Inc., d/b/a Sunshine 811 announces a telephone conference call to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Thursday, January 14, 2016, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon, Executive Committee Meeting

PLACE: Telephone conference: call 1(888)670-3525, enter participant pass code 8567463178, then #

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: To develop the agenda for the February 11 and 12, 2016 Committee and Board of Directors meetings.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: N/A.

For more information, you may contact Lori Budiani, Executive Assistant, (386)575-2002.

OTHER AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

Parsons Brinckerhoff

The Florida Department of Transportation announces a hearing to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: January 12, 2016, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

PLACE: Presbyterian Church in the Highlands, 1010 Lake Miriam Drive, Lakeland, Florida 33813

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) invites the community to a public hearing about proposed safety improvements to the State Road 37/S. Florida Avenue at Lake Harris Drive intersection.

The proposed improvements include modifying existing full median opening to a dual directional opening. Currently all movements are allowed at the median opening. With this change, left turns and through movements out of Lake Harris Drive and S. Lakeland Drive will be restricted to improve

safety at the intersection. Drivers will continue to be able to make left turns from SR 37/S. Florida Ave.

This hearing consists of an open house from 5:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., allowing people time to view displays, ask questions, and discuss the work one-on-one with members of the project team. There will be a brief audio-visual presentation about the project at 5:30 p.m. followed by a public comment period. Following, the open house will continue until 7:00 p.m.
Financial Project ID No: 434507-1-52-01.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting Shelly Smith, Florida Department of Transportation, District One, 801 N. Broadway Street, Bartow, Florida 33830-3809, (863)519-2761, shelly.smith@dot.state.fl.us.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 7 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting Shelly Smith. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

For more information, you may contact Brian Bollas, Project Public Information Officer, at (727)946-1869, or Robin Stublen, FDOT Public Information Officer, at the address listed above or by phone at 1(800)292-3368.

OTHER AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

Infinite Source Communications Group, LLC

The Florida Department of Transportation District Six announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Thursday, January 14, 2016, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

PLACE: City of North Miami Council Chamber, 776 NE 125 Street North Miami, FL 33161

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District Six will hold a public meeting for a roadway project along State Road (SR) 922/NW 125 Street from NW 6 Court to NE Miami Court, in Miami-Dade County, to discuss the project's scope of work. The project identification number is 429022-1/2-52-01. The meeting will begin as an open house, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Graphic displays will be shown during the meeting, and FDOT representatives will be available to discuss the project.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Public Information Specialist Rodolfo Roman at (305)470-5477, Rodolfo.Roman@dot.state.fl.us.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 7 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting Ivette Ruiz-Paz at (305)470-5225 or in writing at

FDOT, 1000 NW 111 Avenue, Miami, FL 33172 or by email at: ivette.ruiz-paz@dot.state.fl.us. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice). For more information, you may contact Public Information Specialist Rodolfo Roman at (305)470-5477, Rodolfo.Roman@dot.state.fl.us.

OTHER AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

Infinite Source Communications Group, LLC
 The Florida Department of Transportation District Six announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.
DATE AND TIME: Thursday, January 14, 2016, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

PLACE: Big Pine United Methodist Church, 280 Key Deer Blvd. Big Pine Key, FL 33043

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:
 The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District Six will hold a public meeting for a landscape project along State Road (SR) 5/Overseas Highway/Summerland Key from MM 23.69 to MM 25.40, in Monroe County, to discuss the project’s scope of work. The project identification number is 436424-1-52-01. The meeting will begin as an open house, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Graphic displays will be shown during the meeting, and FDOT representatives will be available to discuss the project.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting Public Information Specialist Rodolfo Roman at (305)470-5477, Rodolfo.Roman@dot.state.fl.us.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 7 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting Ivette Ruiz-Paz at (305)470-5225, in writing at FDOT, 1000 NW 111 Avenue, Miami, FL 33172, or by email at ivette.ruiz-paz@dot.state.fl.us. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice). For more information, you may contact Public Information Specialist Nancy Barta at (305)294-1238, nancy@swcinc.net.

Section VII
Notice of Petitions and Dispositions
Regarding Declaratory Statements

NONE

Section VIII
Notice of Petitions and Dispositions
Regarding the Validity of Rules

Notice of Petition for Administrative Determination has been filled with the Division of Administrative Hearings on the following rules:

NONE

Notice of Disposition of Petition for Administrative Determination has been filled with the Division of Administrative Hearings on the following rules:

NONE

Section IX
Notice of Petitions and Dispositions
Regarding Non-rule Policy Challenges

NONE

Section X
Announcements and Objection Reports of
the Joint Administrative Procedures
Committee

NONE

Section XI
Notices Regarding Bids, Proposals and
Purchasing

OTHER AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

Early Learning Coalition of Broward County, Inc.

Bid Request for a Business & Leadership Program for
Early Learning Providers

Seeking bids for implementation of a series of in-person classes, conference, and in-person continuing education for alumni that focus on the business of operating an Early Learning Child Care Provider or Home Based Child Care business and are for owners, directors, administrators and those opening or planning to open an Early Learning Center or Home Based Child Care business. The Proposer must be able to serve Broward School Readiness providers to increase their ability to operate a sustainable quality center or home based business while complying with applicable early learning laws, rules and guidance as set forth by the Office of Early

Learning. The proposer must have prior experience developing individualized child care center/home-specific business plans. The proposer must be a non-profit organization with expertise that demonstrates existing work in the South Florida region, including matching program funds, identifying outcomes that will include participants' development of a business plan, marketing, collections, negotiating leases, cleaning up credit, increasing family engagement, etc. For additional information: www.elcbroward.org;

Bidders' Deadline: January 4, 2015, by 5:00 p.m. (ET).

**Section XII
Miscellaneous**

AGENCY FOR HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION
Certificate of Need

DECISION ON EXPEDITED APPLICATION

The Agency for Health Care Administration made the following decision on Certificate of Need application for expedited review:

County: Volusia Service District: 4-4 (Volusia)
CON #10422 Decision Date: 12/30/2015 Decision: A

Facility/Project: University Center West
Applicant: University West Rehabilitation Center, LLC
Project Description: To replace University Center West (60 beds) and University Center East (60 beds) with a new 120-bed community nursing home within 30 miles of University Center West.

A request for administrative hearing, if any, must be made in writing and must be actually received by this department within 21 days of the first day of publication of this notice in the Florida Administrative Register pursuant to Chapter 120, Florida Statutes, and Chapter 59C-1, Florida Administrative Code.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF REVISED STATEMENT
OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND NOTICE
OF AVAILABILITY OF RISK IMPACT STATEMENT
RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

62-302.530: Table: Surface Water Quality Criteria
In accordance with Section 120.541 of the Florida Statutes, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (Department) announces the availability of a revised Statement of Estimated Regulatory Costs (SERC) to persons who request it, associated with the Department's amendments to Rule 62-302.530, F.A.C, as part of its Triennial Review of state surface water quality standards. In accordance with Section 120.81(6) of the Florida Statutes the Department also announces the availability of a Risk Impact Statement to persons who request

it, associated with the Department's bacteria amendments to Rule 62-302.530, F.A.C., as part of its Triennial Review. A copy of the revised SERC and Risk Impact Statement may be obtained by contacting Eric Shaw, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Environmental Assessment and Restoration, MS 6511, 2600 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399, (850)245-8429, Eric.Shaw@dep.state.fl.us.

**Section XIII
Index to Rules Filed During Preceding
Week**

NOTE: The above section will be published on Tuesday beginning October 2, 2012, unless Monday is a holiday, then it will be published on Wednesday of that week.