

**Section I**  
**Notice of Development of Proposed Rules**  
**and Negotiated Rulemaking**

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

**Board of Nursing**

**RULE NO.:** RULE TITLE:  
64B9-15.0095 Citation Penalties for Certified Nursing Assistants

**PURPOSE AND EFFECT:** The rule is being created for consideration of citation meriting violations and penalties.

**SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED:** Citation meriting violations and penalties.

**RULEMAKING AUTHORITY:** 456.077, 464.006 FS

**LAW IMPLEMENTED:** 456.077 FS

**IF REQUESTED IN WRITING AND NOT DEEMED UNNECESSARY BY THE AGENCY HEAD, A RULE DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP WILL BE NOTICED IN THE NEXT AVAILABLE FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE REGISTER.**

**THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT AND A COPY OF THE PRELIMINARY DRAFT, IF AVAILABLE, IS:** Joe R. Baker, Jr., Executive Director, Board of Nursing, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin #C02, Tallahassee, Florida 32399; Joe.Baker@flhealth.gov.

**THE PRELIMINARY TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT IS NOT AVAILABLE.**

**DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY**

**Division of Strategic Business Development**

**RULE NOS.:** RULE TITLES:  
73A-2.001 Certification for Spring Training Baseball Facilities  
73A-2.002 Decertification and Decertification Review for Spring Training Baseball Facilities  
73A-2.003 Certification for the Retention of Major League Baseball Spring Training Baseball Franchises  
73A-2.004 Decertification and Decertification Review for the Retention of Major League Baseball Spring Training Baseball Franchises

**PURPOSE AND EFFECT:** Section 288.11625, Florida Statutes, requires the department to certify and decertify applicants to receive state funding for spring training facilities and franchises. In Rules 73A-2.001, .002, .003, and .004, the department sets forth procedures for applicants seeking certification and/or decertification. The department seeks to address the certification and decertification process in Rule 73A-2.001. In so doing, the department updates the rule to remove a 30-day evaluation period not required by statute,

notice applicants that the department may request additional information, clarify the notices that the department will provide applicants, and modify the decertification timelines so that the rule conforms with the statute. Rules 73A-2.002, .003, and .004 will be repealed.

**SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED:** The proposed rule implements the requirement that the department certify and decertify applicants for state funding for spring training baseball facilities and franchises.

**RULEMAKING AUTHORITY:** 288.11621(8); 288.11631(6), FS.

**LAW IMPLEMENTED:** 288.11621(2); 288.11621(5); 288.11631(2); 288.11631(5), FS.

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**THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT AND A COPY OF THE PRELIMINARY DRAFT, IF AVAILABLE, IS:** M. Linville Atkins, Office of General Counsel, Department of Economic Opportunity, 107 East Madison Street, MSC #110, Tallahassee, Florida 32399, (850)245-7150

**THE PRELIMINARY TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT IS AVAILABLE AT NO CHARGE FROM THE CONTACT PERSON LISTED ABOVE.**

**DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY**

**Division of Community Development**

**RULE NOS.:** RULE TITLES:  
73C-25.004 Grantee Eligibility  
73C-25.005 Distribution of Funds  
73C-25.006 Grantee Selection Process  
73C-25.014 Contracts and Amendments

**PURPOSE AND EFFECT:** Section 420.36, Florida Statutes, establishes within the Department the Low-Income Emergency Home Repair Program for the purposes of assisting low-income persons, especially the disabled and elderly, in making emergency home repairs. Chapter 73C-25, Fla. Admin. Code, implements this program by setting out the procedures for eligibility, funding, allowable expenditures, work standards, monitoring, and creation of a contractual grant agreement.

Rules 73C-25.004 and .005, F.A.C., which address funding eligibility and funding distribution, are being incorporated into Rule 73C-25.006, F.A.C., which implements procedures for selection and distribution of funding to selected grantees. Rules 73C-25.004 and .005, F.A.C. will be repealed. The purpose of this change is to include information about funding in the same rule.

Rule 73C-25.014, F.A.C., is being amended to delete subsections (2) and (3), which set forth information that is not necessary to implement Section 420.36, Florida Statutes.

**SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED:** The information in Rules 73C-25.004 and .005, F.A.C., is being moved to Rule 73C-25.006, F.A.C., to create a single rule on the subject of funding. Rules 73C-25.004 and .005, F.A.C., will be repealed. Rule 73C-25.014, F.A.C., is being amended to delete subsections (2) and (3) as the information therein is unnecessary to the implementation of Section 420.36, Florida Statutes.

**RULEMAKING AUTHORITY:** 420.36(5)(c), FS.

**LAW IMPLEMENTED:** 420.36, FS.

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## Section II Proposed Rules

### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

#### Board of Physical Therapy Practice

**RULE NO.:**       **RULE TITLE:**

64B17-2.001    Fees

**PURPOSE AND EFFECT:** The proposed changes clarify that incomplete applications expire after one year pursuant to 456.013(1), F.S., and require an application fee and a new application to be considered for licensure.

**SUMMARY:** The proposed changes clarify that an incomplete application shall expire one year after initial filing, and that upon expiration an applicant must submit a new application and fee to be considered for licensure. Rule language providing instructions for applicants who fail to pass a required examination is redundant and is deleted.

#### 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 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 concluded that this rule change will not have any impact on licensees and their businesses or the businesses that employ them. The rule will not increase any fees, business costs, personnel costs, will not decrease profit opportunities, and will not require any specialized knowledge to comply. This change will not increase any direct or indirect regulatory costs. Hence, the Board 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:** 456.025(1), (3), 486.025, 486.041, 486.081(2), 486.085 FS.

**LAW IMPLEMENTED:** 456.013(2), 456.025(1), (3), (10), (11), 456.036(3), (4), (7), (8), (12), 456.065(3), 486.041, 486.061, 486.081, 486.085(1), (4), 486.103, 486.106, 486.107, 486.108(1), (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:** Allen Hall, Executive Director, Board of Physical Therapy Practice, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin #C05, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3253

**THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:**

64B17-2.001 Fees.

(1) Each applicant for licensure shall pay a nonrefundable application fee payable to the Department of Health. An incomplete application shall expire 1 year after initial filing. Upon expiration of an incomplete application, an applicant must submit a new application and fee to be considered for licensure. The application fee is nonrefundable and is valid for one year from the original submission of the application. After one year from the date of original submission of an application

~~and fee, an applicant must submit a new application and fee to be considered for licensure.~~

(2) through (12) No change.

~~(13) An applicant who fails to pass the national examination and/or the laws and rules examination must meet the requirements of subsections (2) and (3) as applicable.~~

Rulemaking Authority 456.025(1), (3), 486.025, 486.041, 486.081(2), 486.085 FS. Law Implemented 456.013(1), (2), 456.025(1), (3), (10), (11), 456.036(3), (4), (7), (8), (12), 456.065(3), 486.041, 486.061, 486.081, 486.085(1), (4), 486.103, 486.106, 486.107, 486.108(1), (4) FS. History—New 12-13-83, Amended 5-29-85, Formerly 21M-7.25, Amended 6-20-89, Formerly 21M-7.025, 21MM-2.001, 61F11-2.001, 59Y-2.001, Amended 2-1-99, 4-18-04, 6-1-09, 12-24-13, 1-19-16,\_\_\_\_\_.

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE:

Board of Physical Therapy Practice

NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE

PROPOSED RULE: Board of Physical Therapy Practice

DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY

HEAD: October 27, 2016

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT

PUBLISHED IN FAR: November 30, 2016

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

**Board of Physical Therapy Practice**

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

64B17-7.001 Disciplinary Guidelines

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The proposed change provides notice to the public of the range of potential disciplinary action that may be taken for a violation of section 456.072(1)(oo), “Willfully failing to comply with s. 627.64194 or s. 641.513 with such frequency as to indicate a general business practice.”

SUMMARY: Subsection (1)(hh) is added to provide disciplinary guidelines for the recent statutory change adding violation 456.072(1)(oo).

**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 concluded that this rule change will not have any impact on licensees and their businesses or the businesses that employ them. The rule will not increase

any fees, business costs, personnel costs, will not decrease profit opportunities, and will not require any specialized knowledge to comply. This change will not increase any direct or indirect regulatory costs. Hence, the Board 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: 456.036, 456.072, 456.079, 486.025 FS.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 456.072, 456.073, 456.079, 486.125 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, Board of Physical Therapy Practice, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin #C05, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3253

**THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:**

64B17-7.001 Disciplinary Guidelines.

(1) When the Board finds that an applicant or licensee whom it regulates has violated the below-listed provisions, it shall issue a final order imposing appropriate penalties, for each count, as set forth in Section 456.072(2), F.S., within the ranges recommended in the following disciplinary guidelines. As part of a final order imposing appropriate penalties, the board shall consider requiring an applicant or licensee to attend board meetings, perform community service, take described continuing education courses, or take and pass the applicable jurisprudence examination. The identification of offenses are descriptive only; the full language of each statutory provision cited must be considered in order to determine the conduct included. For all persons subject to this rule, probation may include specific compliance conditions and conditions of probation may be required following any period of suspension of license. For applicants, all offenses listed herein are sufficient for refusal to certify an application for licensure. If the Board makes a finding of pecuniary benefit or self-gain related to the violation, then the Board shall require refund of fees billed and collected from the patient or a third party on behalf of the patient. In addition to any other discipline imposed, the Board shall assess the actual costs related to the investigation and prosecution of a case. In addition to or in lieu of any guideline penalties provided

herein, if the violation is for fraud or making a false or fraudulent representation, the Board shall impose a fine of \$10,000 per count or offense.

(a) through (gg) No change.

(hh) Section 456.072(1)(oo), F.S.: Willfully failing to comply with s. 627.64194 or s. 641.513 with such frequency as to indicate a general business practice – from a minimum of a reprimand and a \$1,000 fine, up to a maximum fine of \$10,000 and/or revocation of license. After the first offense, from a minimum of two years of probation and a fine of \$2,500 up to a maximum fine of \$10,000 and/or revocation.

(2) No change.

Rulemaking Authority 456.036, 456.072, 456.079, 486.025 FS. Law Implemented 456.072, 456.073, 456.079, 486.125 FS. History—New 2-10-87, Formerly 21M-9.023, Amended 8-2-90, 10-14-91, 12-6-92, 3-24-93, Formerly 21MM-7.002, 61F11-7.002, 59Y-7.002, Amended 1-8-98, 8-3-00, 1-2-03, 4-9-06, 2-5-07, 4-5-07, 6-27-07, 6-30-10, 6-18-12,\_\_\_\_\_.

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE:  
Board of Physical Therapy Practice  
NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: Board of Physical Therapy Practice  
DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: October 27, 2016  
DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: December 7, 2016

**FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**Freshwater Fish and Wildlife**

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

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose of the proposed rule amendment is to revise regulations pertaining to the cost of Gulf Hammock Wildlife Management Area recreational use permits. 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 increase the cost of each Gulf Hammock WMA Recreational Use Permit from \$275 to \$417.

**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 379.354, FS.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution n; Sections 379.1025, 379.2223, 375.313, 379.354, 375.591, FS.

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

DATES AND TIMES: During the Commission’s regular meeting February 8-9, 2017, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., each day.

PLACE: Plantation on Crystal River, 9301 W. Fort Island Trail Crystal River, Florida 34429.

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-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) through (b) No change.

(c) The cost of recreational user permits as required for hunting on the following privately owned wildlife management areas as provided by Section 379.354(8)(h)1., F.S., shall be:

1. No change.

- 2. Gulf Hammock – ~~\$417~~ \$275
- 3. No change.
- (d) through (g) No change.
- (2) through (3) No change.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: April 1, 2017

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, ~~375.594~~ 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, 4-1-16, 4-1-17.

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 16, 2016  
 DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: December 8, 2016.

**FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**Freshwater Fish and Wildlife**

RULE NO.: 68A-9.007  
 RULE TITLE: Special-use Permits; Short-term Use Permits; Fees; Special-Opportunity Hunting and Fishing

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose of the proposed rule amendment is to revise regulations pertaining to special-use permits and special-opportunity hunting and fishing. The effect of the proposed rule amendment will be to enable the agency to better manage fish and wildlife resources.

SUMMARY: The proposed rule amendment would rename Tenoroc Fish Management Area as Tenoroc Public Use Area; and allow exemptions to the daily-use permit fees for persons using the public shooting range, the spouse and children of a management area permit holder (except for hunting and fishing) and persons entering the area to participate in an alligator hunt.

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 n; Sections 379.354, FS.

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

DATE AND TIME: During the Commission’s regular meeting February 8 - 9, 2017, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., each day.

PLACE: Plantation on Crystal River, 9301 W. Fort Island Trail Crystal River, Florida 34429.

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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-9.007 Special-use Permits; Short-term Use Permits; Fees; Special-Opportunity Hunting and Fishing.

Special-use permits, short-term use permits, and fees for such permits are hereby established as follows:

(1) through (3) No change.

(4) The Commission establishes short-term permits and fees as follows:

(a) Tenoroc Public Use Fish Management Area.

1. A daily-use permit for outdoor recreational activities other than hunting is \$3.

2. through 3. No change.

4. The following persons are excluded from the management area permit or short-term use permit requirements:

a. through b. No change.

c. The spouse or dependent children of persons in possession of a management area permit while traveling in the same vehicle or in the company of the permit holder provided any spouse and children are not taking fish or wildlife except as provided by sub-subparagraphs a. or b. above.

d. Persons entering the area to access the shooting range facility.

e. Persons entering the area to take alligators when participating in an alligator hunt.

(b) through (d) No change.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2017

Rulemaking Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. Law Implemented Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const., 379.354 FS. History--New 9-15-96, Amended 1-9-97, 6-1-97, 4-12-98, 4-15-99, Formerly 39-9.007, Amended 7-1-00, 5-13-02, 7-1-06, 8-22-06, 7-1-07, 7-1-08, 7-1-10, 4-1-15, 7-29-15, 7-1-17.

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 16, 2016

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: December 8, 2016

**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 revise regulations pertaining to the season length for wild turkey during the spring season in Holmes County. The effect of the proposed rule amendment will be to enable the agency to better manage fish and wildlife resources.

SUMMARY: Due to the continued success of the turkey population in Holmes County following restoration activities in the early 2000's, the proposed rule amendment would re-establish statewide regulations for the spring season in Holmes County. Specifically, the proposed amendment would extend the regular spring season to a full 37-day season. The resulting spring season length would be consistent with those for the rest of the counties in the state. Fall turkey season would continue to be closed in Holmes County.

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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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 8 - 9, 2017, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., each day.

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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) through (d) No change.
- (2) No change.
- (3) Open seasons:
  - (a) through (b) No change.
  - (c) Turkey:
    - 1. No change.
    - 2. Spring season (gobblers or bearded turkeys only):
      - a. Opening on the first Saturday of March and closing 36 days thereafter south of State Road 70. Opening on the third Saturday of March and closing 36 days thereafter north of State Road 70 ~~except in Holmes County where the season will open on the third Saturday of March and close 15 days thereafter.~~
      - b. No change.
      - (d) through (i) No change.
  - (4) through (5) No change.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2017  
 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, 7-1-17.

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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 16, 2016

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: December 8, 2016

**FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**Freshwater Fish and Wildlife**

RULE NO.: 68A-15.005      RULE TITLE: Quota Permits; Antlerless Deer Permits; Special-Opportunity Permits

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose of the proposed rule amendment is to revise regulations pertaining to quota permits. The effect of the proposed rule amendment will be to enable the agency to better manage fish and wildlife resources. SUMMARY: The proposed rule amendment would allow exempt hunters to bring an assistant or supervisor that may participate in the hunt, provided they have all required licenses and permits (except for a quota permit), but shall not harvest wildlife with a gun.

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 8 - 9, 2017, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., each day.

**PLACE:** Plantation on Crystal River, 9301 W. Fort Island Trail Crystal River, Florida 34429.

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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-15.005 Quota Permits; Antlerless Deer Permits; Special-Opportunity Permits.

(1) No change.

(2) Quota Permits – Quota permits shall be issued for the following hunt types as described below and as designated by order of the Executive Director. A quota permit holder may take the bag limit of wildlife during the hunt designated on the quota permit as established by Commission rule.

(a) No change.

(b) Quota Permit Exemptions.

1. through 8. No change.

9. Persons exempt from obtaining a quota permit for a hunt may bring an assistant or supervisor that may participate in the hunt, provided the assistant or supervisor has required licenses and permits (except for a quota permit) and shall not take wildlife with a gun.

(c) through (e) No change.

(3) through (5) No change.

**PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE:** July 1, 2017

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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 – prohibit trapping in the Tier II hunt areas except as authorized by the Commission.



Tenoroc Public Use Area – re-establish the upland portions of Tenoroc Fish Management Area (FMA) as the Tenoroc Public Use Area; and establish rules as necessary for the management of the uplands (consistent with the current management of Tenoroc FMA, and continue fishing as currently allowed on Tenoroc FMA).

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-15.006 Regulations Relating to Miscellaneous Areas.

(1) through (2) No change.

(3) Babcock Ranch Preserve.

(a) Open season (in the Tier I hunt area):

1. Archery – July ~~29~~ ~~30~~ through August ~~1~~ ~~2~~ and August ~~5-8~~ ~~6-9~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – September ~~2-4~~ ~~3-5~~.

3. Family – September ~~16-17~~ ~~17-18~~ and December ~~16-17~~ ~~17-18~~.

4. General gun for mobility-impaired – December ~~1-3~~ ~~2-4~~.

5. General gun – September ~~22-24~~ ~~23-25~~, September ~~29~~ ~~30~~ through October ~~1~~ ~~2~~ and December ~~8-10~~ ~~9-11~~.

6. Small game – January ~~6-21~~ ~~7-22~~ and February ~~3-4~~ ~~4-5~~ (Saturdays and Sundays only).

7. Spring turkey – March ~~3-5~~ ~~4-6~~ and ~~10-12~~ ~~11-13~~.

8. through 9. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) Regulations controlling activities in the Tier II hunt areas:

1. through 11. No change.

12. Trapping is prohibited, except as authorized by the Commission.

(e) through (f) No change.

(4) No change.

(5) Tenoroc Public Use Area.

(a) Open season: Fish – on days and lakes as provided by Rule 68A-20.005, F.A.C. and alligators as specified in Rule 68A-25.042, F.A.C.

(b) Legal to take: Fish as specified in Rule 68A-20.005, F.A.C. and alligator by persons participating in the statewide alligator trapping, permitting, taking and sale program as specified in Rule 68A-25.042, F.A.C.

(c) Camping: Prohibited.

(d) General regulations:

1. No person shall park any vehicle or trailer in a manner which obstructs a boat ramp.

2. All persons shall enter and exit at a designated entrance.

3. Dates and hours of public access and vehicle access shall be as established by order of the Executive Director.

4. Notwithstanding other provisions of this subsection, the Commission may allow activities to facilitate Commission-sponsored programs.

5. Public access and/or vehicle access may be prohibited or limited on area or portions thereof that are temporarily

closed by administrative action to facilitate Commission-sponsored activities or authorized special events. To the extent circumstances permit, public notice of such closures shall be afforded through the FWC website, media and in-the-field postings. The closure shall not exceed 14 days unless approved by the Executive Director.

6. The use of tracked vehicles, all-terrain vehicles, unlicensed and unregistered motorcycles and swamp buggies is prohibited.

7. Vehicles shall only be operated on named or numbered roads.

8. Vehicles shall not be parked further than 25 feet from designated roads or parking areas.

9. Bicycles and horses shall only be ridden on roads open for vehicle traffic or trails designated for that use.

10. The regulations contained in Rules 68A-15.004 and 68A-15.005, F.A.C., not in conflict with specific area regulations, shall apply to this area.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2017

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, 7-1-17.

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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:

Everglades Headwaters WMA, Gulfstream Tract. – (new) – establish a new wildlife management area (395 acres) as the first tract of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s Everglades Headwaters WMA; establish rules consistent with the Arbuckle WMA (regulations for Arbuckle WMA, including hunting seasons and quotas, will apply to the Gulfstream Tract) with the following open seasons: a 16-day archery season consisting of three 2-day weekend hunts (quota of 150, no exemptions) and ten days of weekday hunts (quota of 75 daily permits, no exemptions), a muzzleloading gun season consisting of two 2-day weekend muzzleloading gun hunts (quota of 150, no exemptions) and five days of weekday muzzleloading gun hunts (quota of 75 daily permits, no exemptions), 4-day small game season, and two 3-day spring turkey season hunts (quota of 15, no exemptions); and public access will be provided at a parking area on Old Avon Park Road.

Fred C. Babcock/Cecil M. Webb WMA, Yucca Pens Unit – add coyote as legal to hunt during daylight hours of the raccoon and opossum season; and prohibit coyote hunting with dogs and at night.

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

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RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution n; Sections 379.2223, 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 ~~2~~ 3 through January ~~28~~ 29.

2. Archery – October ~~27~~ 28 through November ~~26~~ 27, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only and Thanksgiving Day.

3. No change.

4. Wild hog-dog – September ~~28~~ 29 through October ~~1~~ 2 and October ~~5-8~~ 6-9.

5. Spring turkey – March ~~17~~ 18 through April ~~22~~ 23.

6. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

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

(a) Open season:

1. Wild hog-still – October ~~6-8~~ 7-9.

2. Wild hog-dog – October ~~18-20~~ 19-21.

3. Special-opportunity archery – December ~~2-5~~ 3-6 and ~~14-17~~ 15-18.

4. Special-opportunity general gun – January ~~18-21~~ 19-22, January ~~29~~ 30 through February ~~1~~ 2 and February ~~7-10~~ 8-11.

5. Special-opportunity turkey – March ~~17-20~~ 18-21, ~~26-29~~ 27-30, March 31 through April ~~3~~ 4, April 9-12 ~~10-13~~ and ~~14-17~~ 15-18.

6. Small game – February ~~23-25~~ 24-26 and March ~~2-4~~ 3-5.

7. through 8. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

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

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~9-13~~ 10-14.

2. Bird dog training – Bird dogs may be trained in the bird dog training area September ~~16~~ 17 through February ~~11~~ 12 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 ~~4-12~~ 5-13.

4. Small game – November ~~13-26~~ 14-27 and on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays only November ~~29~~ 30 through January ~~14~~ 15.

5. Field trial quail – January ~~20-21~~ 21-22.

6. through 7. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

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

(a) Open season:

1. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~13-15~~ 14-16.

2. General gun – October ~~28~~ 29 through November ~~5~~ 6.

3. Small game – November ~~15~~ 16 through January ~~14~~ 15 on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays only and the Friday after Thanksgiving Day.

4. through 5. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers. 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. Quail may be taken only during the small game season. The bag limit for quail shall be six per day. During small game season the take of wild hog is prohibited. During the raccoon and opossum season, only raccoon, ~~and~~ opossum and coyote are legal to take.

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 2. No change.

3. Public access is allowed only from 1.5 hours before sunrise until 1.5 hours after sunset, except during the raccoon and opossum season when public access is allowed at any time anytime.

4. No change.

5. Hunting with dogs during the muzzleloading gun and general gun season is prohibited. The take of wildlife with dogs is prohibited, except when taking small game during the small game season or raccoon and opossum during the ~~raccoon season~~ and opossum season when any dog may be used. The take of wild hogs with dogs is prohibited. The take of coyotes with dogs is prohibited.

6. Motorized vehicular access is allowed only from 1.5 hours before sunrise until 1.5 hours after sunset, except during the raccoon and opossum season when vehicle access is allowed at any time ~~anytime~~.

7. through 10. No change.

11. During the raccoon and opossum season, coyotes may be taken only with guns and only from one-half hour before sunrise and one-half hour after sunset.

(5) Upper Hillsborough Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Wild hog-dog – November ~~7-9~~ 8-10.

2. Archery – December ~~2-3~~ 3-4, ~~9-10~~ 10-11, December ~~30-31~~ 31 through January ~~1~~ and January ~~6-7~~ 7-8.

3. Muzzleloading gun – January ~~13-14~~ 14-15, ~~20-21~~ 21-22, ~~27-28~~ 28-29 and February ~~3-4~~ 4-5.

4. Small game – February ~~17-18~~ 18-19, ~~24-25~~ 25-26 and March ~~3-4~~ 4-5.

5. Spring turkey – March ~~21-22~~ 22-23, ~~28-29~~ 29-30, April ~~4-5~~ 5-6, ~~11-12~~ 12-13 and ~~18-19~~ 19-20.

6. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(6) Arbuckle Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – October ~~14~~ 15 through November ~~3~~ 4.

2. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~9-17~~ 10-18.

3. Small game – January ~~6-7~~ 7-8 and ~~27-28~~ 28-29.

4. Spring turkey – March ~~20-22~~ 21-23 and April ~~3-5~~ 4-6.

5. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(7) KICCO Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~16~~ 17 through October ~~15~~ 16, Saturdays and Sundays only.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~21-22~~ 22-23 and ~~28-29~~ 29-30.

3. Wild hog-still – November ~~11~~ 12 through December ~~10~~ 11, Saturdays and Sundays only.

4. Small game – December ~~16~~ 17 through January ~~21~~ 22.

5. Spring turkey – March ~~17~~ 18 through April ~~15~~ 16, 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 ~~15-17~~ 16-18, ~~22-24~~ 23-25 and January ~~12-14~~ 13-15.

2. Archery – October ~~13-15~~ 14-16.

3. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~21-23~~ 22-24 and ~~25-27~~ 26-28.

4. General gun – November ~~4-6~~ 5-7.

5. Small game – November ~~13-26~~ 14-27 and January ~~22~~ 23 through March ~~4~~ 5.

6. General gun for mobility-impaired – December ~~9-10~~ 10-11.

7. No change.

8. Spring turkey – March ~~22-24~~ 23-25 and April ~~12-14~~ 13-15.

9. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(9) Walk-in-the-Water Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September 30 through October ~~1~~ 1-2, October 2-5 ~~3-6~~, ~~6-8~~ 7-9, ~~9-12~~ 10-13 and ~~13-15~~ 14-16.

2. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~2-3~~ 3-4, ~~4-7~~ 5-8 and ~~8-10~~ 9-11.

3. Wild hog-still – January ~~13-16~~ 14-17 and ~~17-21~~ 18-22.

4. Small game – February ~~3-11~~ 4-12 and February ~~24~~ 25 through March ~~4~~ 5.

5. Spring turkey – March ~~27-29~~ 28-30.

6. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(10) Hilochee Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~10-11~~ 11-12.

2. Spring turkey – March ~~23-25~~ 24-26 and April ~~6-8~~ 7-9.

3. Muzzleloading gun – February ~~16-18~~ 17-19.

4. Wild hog-still – November ~~17-19~~ 18-20, December ~~1-3~~ 2-4, and ~~15-17~~ 16-18.

5. Small game – January ~~5-21~~ 6-22.

6. Archery – February ~~9-11~~ 10-12.

7. No change.

8. Raccoon – August ~~3~~ 4 through September ~~24~~ 25 (from 1.5 hours before sunset on Thursday until 1.5 hours after sunrise on Sunday).

(b) through (d) No change.

(11) Lake Marion Creek Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – October ~~14-16~~ 15-17 and ~~20-22~~ 21-23.

2. Muzzleloading gun – November ~~24-26~~ 25-27.

3. General gun – January ~~19-21~~ 20-22 and February ~~2-4~~ 3-5.

4. Small game – January ~~5-7~~ 6-8 and ~~12-14~~ 13-15.

5. Wild hog-still – December ~~8-10~~ 9-11 and ~~22-24~~ 23-25.

6. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~10-11~~ 11-12.

7. Spring turkey – March ~~17-19~~ ~~18-20~~, March 30 ~~31~~ through April 1 ~~2~~ and April ~~13-15~~ ~~14-16~~.

8. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(12) Avon Park Air Force Range Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~16~~ ~~17~~ through October 15 ~~16~~ in areas and during days specified by the Installation Commander or a designee.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October 21 ~~22~~ through November 3 ~~4~~ in areas and during days specified by the Installation Commander or a designee.

3. General gun – November ~~4~~ ~~5~~ through January 21 ~~22~~ in areas and during days specified by the Installation Commander or a designee.

4. Small game – November 11 ~~12~~ through March 4 ~~5~~ in areas and during days specified by the Installation Commander or a designee.

5. Youth turkey hunt – March 10-11 ~~11-12~~ in areas and during days specified by the Installation Commander or a designee.

6. Spring turkey – March 17 ~~18~~ through April 22 ~~23~~ in areas and during days specified by the Installation Commander or a designee.

7. Antlerless deer – November ~~18-24~~ ~~19-25~~ 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 ~~21-23~~ ~~22-24~~.

2. General gun – November ~~4-26~~ ~~5-27~~.

3. Small game – December ~~4~~ ~~5~~ through March ~~4~~ ~~5~~.

4. Spring turkey – March ~~20-22~~ ~~21-23~~, April ~~3-5~~ ~~4-6~~ and ~~17-19~~ ~~18-20~~.

5. Fox, raccoon and bobcat – December 14 ~~15~~ through March 11 ~~12~~. 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 (d) No change.

(14) Chassahowitzka Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~16~~ ~~17~~ through October 15 ~~16~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~21-23~~ ~~22-24~~.

3. General gun – November ~~4~~ ~~5~~ through December 31 ~~January 1~~.

4. Wild hog-dog – January 12-14 ~~13-15~~ and 19-21 ~~20-22~~.

5. through 6. No change.

7. Youth turkey hunt – March 10-11 ~~11-12~~.

8. Spring turkey – March ~~23-25~~ ~~24-26~~, April ~~6-8~~ ~~7-9~~ and ~~20-22~~ ~~21-23~~.

9. Raccoon – February 1-25 ~~2-26~~ and May 3-27 ~~4-28~~ (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 10-12 ~~11-13~~.

2. Wild hog-still – November ~~24-26~~ ~~25-27~~.

3. Wild hog-dog – December ~~8-10~~ ~~9-11~~ and January ~~5-7~~ ~~6-8~~.

4. Small game – January 25 ~~26~~ through February 5 ~~6~~.

5. Archery – February 9-11 ~~10-12~~.

6. Muzzleloading gun – February ~~16-18~~ ~~17-19~~.

7. Youth turkey hunt – March 10-11 ~~11-12~~.

8. Spring turkey – April ~~13-15~~ ~~14-16~~ and ~~20-22~~ ~~21-23~~.

9. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(16) Weekiwachee Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – October ~~14-19~~ ~~15-20~~, November ~~11-16~~ ~~12-17~~, December ~~9-14~~ ~~10-15~~, January ~~13-18~~ ~~14-19~~ and February ~~10-15~~ ~~11-16~~.

2. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(17) Lower Hillsborough Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Family hunt – December ~~8-10~~ ~~9-11~~, January ~~12-14~~ ~~13-15~~, January ~~26-28~~ ~~27-29~~ and February ~~9-11~~ ~~10-12~~.

2. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~23-25~~ ~~24-26~~ and April ~~6-8~~ ~~7-9~~.

3. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(18) Everglades Headwaters Wildlife Management Area – Gulfstream Tract.

(a) The regulations contained in Rules 68A-15.061(6), F.A.C., not in conflict with specific area regulations, shall apply to this area.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2017

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, ~~7-1-17~~.

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 16, 2016

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: December 8, 2016

## 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 the third small game season hunt from mid-January to late November (begin 7 weeks earlier).

Belmore WMA – change the first archery season hunt period from a Saturday-Monday hunt to a Friday-Sunday hunt by beginning the hunt 1 day earlier.

Big Bend WMA, Jena Unit – remove seasonal road closures and allow vehicular access only on open portions of named and numbered roads.

Camp Blanding WMA – extend archery season in the archery-only area from 56 to 68 days (including the period overlapping the first 6 days of archery season and the 6-day muzzleloading gun season); and establish two 3-day wild hog-dog season hunts in the dog hunt area, allow 3 dogs and 3 people per

quota permit (60 daily quota permits available first-come, first-served at the check station each day of the season).

Cary WMA – change the first archery season hunt period from a Saturday-Monday hunt to a Friday-Sunday hunt by beginning the hunt 1 day earlier; and allow any dog for hunting small game (quail, rabbit, squirrel and migratory birds) during small game season.

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

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

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

Four Creeks WMA – establish camping at designated sites by permit from the Florida Forest Service; change the first archery season hunt period from a Saturday-Monday hunt to a Friday-Sunday hunt by beginning the hunt 1 day earlier; and allow any dog for hunting small game (quail, rabbit, squirrel and migratory birds) during small game season.

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

Grove Park WMA – allow hunting equipment to be taken onto the WMA beginning 2 weeks prior to archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun and small game seasons.

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

Jennings Forest WMA – shift the family hunt from late December to opening day of the Zone C antlered deer season (begin 7 weeks earlier) and begin general gun season 2 days later; and allow the take of wild hog during small game season, except in the Quail Enhancement Area.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Steinhatchee Springs WMA – change and expand the general gun season from one period of 30 days (quota permit required during the first 9 days) to 2 periods (42 days): 28 days beginning on opening day of the Zone C antlered deer season (quota permit required during the first 9 days) and 14 days (no quota permit required) beginning 65 days thereafter; begin the small game season 3 weeks earlier; and allow any dog for hunting small game (quail, rabbit, squirrel and migratory birds) during small game season.

Thomas Creek WMA, Kings Road Unit – allow any dog for hunting small game (quail, rabbit, squirrel and migratory birds) during small game season.

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 FS.

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

**DATES AND TIMES:** During the Commission’s regular meeting February 8-9, 2017, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., each day.

**PLACE:** Plantation on Crystal River, 9301 W. Fort Island Trail Crystal River, Florida 34429.

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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 2. No change.

3. Wild hog-dog – Opening the Saturday before the third Monday of January and continuing for 2 days thereafter, and opening the Saturday before the third Monday of February and continuing for 2 days thereafter. Only in the dog hunt area.

3. through 4. renumbered 4. through 5. No change.

6.5. Archery – September 26-28 27-29 and October 3-5 4-6, only in the still hunt and archery-only areas; and October 10-12, 17-19 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. renumbered 7. No change.

8.7. Muzzleloading gun – October 10-12 11-13 and 17-19 18-20, only in the still hunt areas.

8. renumbered 9. No change.

~~10.9.~~ Trapping – December 1 through January ~~7~~ 8, only in the still hunt areas.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish and furbearers. Turkeys of either sex may be taken during the archery and muzzleloading gun seasons, the last two days of each of the two general gun still quota periods, the first two days of the non-quota period of the general gun still season and the last three days of each general gun dog hunt. Taking 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 supervised youth hunts, only wild hogs and one antlered or antlerless deer may be taken per youth. Only wild hog may be taken during the wild hog-dog season.

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 2. No change.

3. Possession or use of a dog, other than a dog on a leash for trailing wounded game, is prohibited except (1) in the dog hunt area and (2) bird dogs are allowed in still hunt areas 1 and 2 but only after the first 16 days of the general gun season. During the wild hog-dog season, no more than three free-running dogs per wild hog-dog daily quota permit shall be allowed.

4. through 15. No change.

16. During the wild hog-dog season, a daily quota permit allows three hunters to participate in the hunt.

(2) Cypress Creek Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~10-11~~ 11-12.

2. Spring turkey – March ~~17-25~~ 18-26.

3. Archery – September ~~23~~ 24 through October ~~8~~ 9.

4. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~21-23~~ 22-24.

5. No change.

6. Small game – Opening the Saturday before Thanksgiving and closing concurrently with the gray squirrel season established in Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C. continuing for 106 days thereafter.

(b) Legal to take: Antlered deer, bear (only during those portions of the muzzleloading gun season that coincide with the open season established for the North BMU in Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C), gray squirrel, rabbit, furbearers and fish. During the small game season, the take of small game is also allowed. 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.

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. Hunting Taking wildlife with dogs, other than dogs with a shoulder height of 15 inches or less, is prohibited,

except any dog may be used to take small game during the small game season.

2. through 4. No change.

(3) Gulf Hammock Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~4~~ 5 through January ~~21~~ 22.

2. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~10-11~~ 11-12.

3. Spring turkey – March ~~17~~ 18 through April ~~22~~ 23.

4. Archery – September ~~16~~ 17 through October ~~15~~ 16.

5. Archery and muzzleloading gun – October ~~21~~ 22 through November ~~3~~ 4.

6. Small game – January ~~27~~ 28 through February ~~25~~ 26.

7. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 6. No change.

7. The possession or use of dogs, other than bird dogs or waterfowl retrievers, is prohibited ~~during small game season~~ and in that portion of the area south of King Road, east of the powerline right-of-way, south of Howell Road and east of Butler Road; except during small game season and as provided by paragraphs 68A-15.004(7)(c) and (d), F.A.C.

8. Hunting with dogs is prohibited during small game season, except any dog may be used to take small game.

8. renumbered 9. No change.

(4) Lochloosa Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~4-17~~ 5-18, November ~~18~~ 19 through December ~~3~~ 4 and December ~~4-31~~ 5 through January ~~4~~.

2. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~10-11~~ 11-12.

3. Spring turkey – March ~~17~~ 18 through April ~~22~~ 23.

4. Archery – September ~~23~~ 24 through October ~~22~~ 23.

5. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~27-29~~ 28 through ~~October 30~~.

6. No change.

7. Small game – January ~~1~~ 2 through March ~~4~~ 5.

8. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(5) Osceola Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~11~~ 12 through January ~~7~~ 8.

2. Small game – January ~~8~~ 9 through March ~~4~~ 5.

3. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~10-11~~ 11-12.

4. Spring turkey – March ~~17~~ 18 through April ~~22~~ 23.

5. Archery – September ~~23~~ 24 through October ~~15~~ 16.

6. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~21-28~~ 22-29 in the still hunt area and Big Gum Swamp Wilderness only.

7. Fox, raccoon, opossum and bobcat – November ~~11~~ 12 through March ~~4~~ 5 in the dog hunt portion of the area.

8. through 9. No change.



- 10. Trapping – January ~~8~~ 9 through March 1.
- 11. No change.
- (b) through (c) No change.
- (d) General regulations:
  - 1. No change.
  - 2. Deer dogs may be trained from October ~~29~~ 30 through November ~~7~~ 8, 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 ~~4~~ 5 through December 31 January 1.
    - 2. Archery – September ~~23~~ 24 through October ~~22~~ 23.
    - 3. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~27-29~~ 28 through ~~October 30~~.
    - 4. Small game – January ~~1~~ 2 through February ~~25~~ 26.
    - 5. through 6. No change.
    - 7. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~10-11~~ 11-12.
    - 8. Spring turkey – March ~~17~~ 18 through April ~~22~~ 23.
    - 9. Trapping – January ~~8~~ 9 through March 1.
    - 10. No change.
  - (b) through (d) No change.
- (7) Big Bend Wildlife Management Area – Spring Creek Unit.
  - (a) Open season:
    - 1. General gun – November ~~4-12~~ 5-13 and November ~~13~~ 14 through December 31 January 1.
    - 2. Archery – September ~~23~~ 24 through October ~~22~~ 23.
    - 3. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~27-29~~ 28-30.
    - 4. Small game – January ~~1~~ 2 through March ~~4~~ 5.
    - 5. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~10-11~~ 11-12.
    - 6. Spring turkey – March ~~17~~ 18 through April ~~22~~ 23.
    - 7. Trapping – January ~~8~~ 9 through March 1.
    - 8. through 10. No change.
  - (b) through (c) No change.
  - (d) General regulations:
    - 1. through 8. No change.
    - 9. ~~Bear During the open season established for the East Panhandle BMU in Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C.~~
- (8) Big Bend Wildlife Management Area – Hickory Mound Unit.
  - (a) Open season:
    - 1. General gun – November ~~4-12~~ 5-13, ~~13-19~~ 14-20 and November ~~20~~ 21 through December 31 January 1.
    - 2. Small game – January ~~1~~ 2 through February ~~25~~ 26.
    - 3. Spring turkey – March ~~17~~ 18 through April ~~22~~ 23.
    - 4. Archery – September 30 through October ~~29~~ 1-30.
    - 5. through 7. No change.
    - 8. Trapping – January ~~8~~ 9 through March 1.
    - 9. No change.

- (b) through (d) No change.
- (9) Big Bend Wildlife Management Area – Jena Unit.
  - (a) Open season:
    - 1. Archery – September ~~23~~ 24 through October ~~22~~ 23.
    - 2. General gun – November ~~4-12~~ 5-13 and November ~~13~~ 14 through December 31 January 1.
    - 3. Spring turkey – March ~~17~~ 18 through April ~~22~~ 23.
    - 4. Small game – January ~~1~~ 2 through February ~~25~~ 26.
    - 5. through 6. No change.
    - 7. Trapping – January ~~8~~ 9 through March 1.
  - (b) through (c) No change.
  - (d) General regulations:
    - 1. No change.
    - 2. Vehicles may be operated only on named or numbered roads. Operation of a vehicle in areas posted as closed to vehicles is prohibited. On that portion of the area south of County Road 358, west of Gentle Woods Road (north of Rocky Creek) and west of County Road 361 (south of Rocky Creek) motorized vehicles may be operated only on named or numbered roads from two days before the opening of archery season through April 30; and only on Sand Ridge Road, Sink Creek Road and Rocky Creek Landing Road during the remainder of the year. On the remainder of the area vehicles may be operated only on established roads.
    - 3. through 6. No change.
- (10) Big Bend Wildlife Management Area – Snipe Island Unit.
  - (a) Open season:
    - 1. Archery – September ~~23~~ 24 through October ~~22~~ 23.
    - 2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~27-29~~ 28-30.
    - 3. General gun – November ~~4-12~~ 5-13 and ~~13-26~~ 14-27.
    - 4. Small game – December ~~16~~ 17 through February ~~11~~ 12.
    - 5. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~10-11~~ 11-12.
    - 6. Spring turkey – March ~~17-25~~ 18-26, March ~~26~~ 27 through April ~~1~~ 2 and April ~~2-8~~ 3-9.
    - 7. Trapping – January ~~6~~ 7 through March 1.
    - 8. No change.
  - (b) through (d) No change.
- (11) PotashCorp – White Springs Wildlife Management Area.
  - (a) through (c) No change.
  - (d) General regulations:
    - 1. ~~Hunters shall check in and out at the check station when entering and exiting the area and shall check all game taken.~~
    - 2. through 4. renumbered 1. through 3. No change.
    - 5. ~~The take of wildlife with firearms from dikes is prohibited.~~
    - 6. through 7. renumbered 4. through 5. No change.
- (12) Raiford Wildlife Management Area.
  - (a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~23~~ 24 through October ~~8~~ 9.
2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~21-23~~ 22-24.
3. Archery and muzzleloading gun – November ~~4-12~~ 5-13, Thanksgiving Day through the Sunday following Thanksgiving Day and December ~~23-26~~ 24-27.
4. Wild hog-still – December ~~30~~ 31 through January ~~2~~ 3.
5. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~10-11~~ 11-12.
6. Spring turkey – March ~~17-25~~ 18-26 and April ~~5-8~~ 6-9.
7. No change.
- (b) through (d) No change.
- (13) Cedar Key Scrub Wildlife Management Area.
- (a) Open season:
  1. General gun – November ~~4-12~~ 5-13.
  2. Archery – September ~~23~~ 24 through October ~~8~~ 9.
  3. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~21-23~~ 22-24.
  4. Fishing – Allowed throughout the year.
  - (b) through (d) No change.
  - (14) Andrews Wildlife Management Area.
  - (a) Open season:
    1. Archery – September ~~22-24~~ 23-25 and September ~~29~~ 30 through October ~~1~~ 2.
    2. Muzzleloading gun – November ~~3-5~~ 4-6 and ~~10-12~~ 11-13.
    3. General gun – November ~~17-19~~ 18-20.
    4. Small game – November ~~24-26~~, December ~~29-31~~ 30 through January ~~1~~, and January ~~5-7~~ 6-8 and ~~13-15~~.
    5. Family hunt – January ~~20-21~~ 21-22 and ~~27-28~~ 28-29.
    6. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~10-11~~ 11-12.
    7. Spring turkey – March ~~23-25~~ 24-26 and April ~~13-15~~ 14-16.
    8. Supervised deer/hog youth hunt – October ~~21-22~~ 22-23 and October ~~28-29~~ 29-30.
    9. Wild ~~hog-still~~ ~~not still~~ – May ~~4-6~~ 5-7 and ~~11-13~~ 12-14.
    10. No change.
    - (b) through (d) No change.
    - (15) Big Shoals Wildlife Management Area.
    - (a) Open season:
      1. Archery – September ~~25-30~~ 26 through October ~~1~~, October ~~2-7~~ 3-8 and ~~9-14~~ October 10-15.
      2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~27-29~~ 28-30 and November ~~3-5~~ 4-6.
      3. No change.
      4. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~10-11~~ 11-12.
      5. Spring turkey – March ~~22-24~~ 23-25 and April ~~12-14~~ 13-15.
      6. No change.
      - (b) through (d) No change.
      - (16) Twin Rivers Wildlife Management Area.
      - (a) Open season:
        1. Archery – September ~~23-29~~ 24-30 and September 30 through October ~~8~~ 1-9.
  2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~21-23~~ 22-24.
  3. Family hunt – November ~~4-5~~ 5-6.
  4. General gun – November ~~6-12~~ 7-13 and ~~13-19~~ 14-20.
  5. No change.
  6. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~10-11~~ 11-12.
  7. Spring turkey – March ~~23-25~~ 24-26 and April ~~13-15~~ 14-16.
  8. No change.
  - (b) through (d) No change.
  - (17) No change.
  - (18) Jennings Forest Wildlife Management Area.
  - (a) Open season:
    1. Archery – September ~~23-26~~ 24-27 September ~~27-30~~ 28 through October ~~1~~, October ~~1-4~~ 2-5 and ~~5-8~~ 6-9.
    2. Supervised small game – October ~~14-22~~ 15-23, 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 ~~27-29~~ 28-30.
    4. Bird dog training – November ~~20~~ 21 through December ~~17~~ 18 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 ~~6-9~~ 5-8, ~~10-13~~ 9-12, ~~14-17~~ 13-16 and ~~18-21~~ 17-20.
    6. Family hunt – November ~~4-5~~ December 24-25.
    7. Small game – January ~~5~~ 6 through February ~~4~~ 5, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only.
    8. Wild hog-still – February ~~9-11~~ 10-12, ~~16-18~~ 17-19, May ~~4-6~~ 5-7, ~~18-20~~ 19-21 and June ~~1-3~~ 2-4.
    9. No change.
    10. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~10-11~~ 11-12.
    11. Spring turkey – March ~~17-19~~ 18-20, ~~20-22~~ 21-23 and ~~23-25~~ 24-26.
    12. through 13. No change.
    - (b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish and furbearers. Taking 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. The bag limit for deer shall be one per quota permit during the archery, muzzleloading gun and general gun seasons and one antlered and one antlerless deer per quota permit during the family hunt. The take of wild hog is prohibited in the quail enhancement area during small game season and ~~in the quail enhancement area~~ in February during the wild hog-still season. Only wild hog may be taken during the wild hog-still season. During the spring turkey season, one gobbler or bearded turkey may be taken per quota permit. Taking quail is prohibited on the quail enhancement area (that portion of the area lying north of the North Fork Black Creek, east of County Road 217 and west of the Yellow Water Creek)

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 per person.

(c) through (d) No change.

(19) Holton Creek Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Mobility-impaired general gun – October 13-15 ~~14-16~~, October 27-29 ~~28-30~~, November 3-5 ~~4-6~~ and December 15-17 ~~16-18~~.

2. Mobility-impaired spring turkey – March 23-25 ~~24-26~~ and April 13-15 ~~14-16~~.

3. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(20) Goethe Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September 23 ~~24~~ through October 15 ~~16~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October 27-29 ~~28-30~~.

3. General gun (still hunt) – November 4-6 ~~5-7~~, 7-9 ~~8-10~~ and 10-13 ~~11-14~~.

4. General gun (dog hunt) – November 17-19 ~~18-20~~, 20-23 ~~21-24~~ and 24-27 ~~25-28~~.

5. Family hunt – December 30-31 ~~31~~ through January 1.

6. Small game – January 6 ~~7~~ through February 4 ~~5~~.

7. Spring turkey – March 17-23 ~~18-24~~, March 24 ~~25~~ through April 1 ~~2~~ and April 2-8 ~~3-9~~.

8. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 3. No change.

4. Hunting with dogs is prohibited during general gun still hunt, archery, and muzzleloading gun seasons. During the family hunt ~~and small game season~~, hunting with dogs other than waterfowl retrievers and bird dogs is prohibited, ~~except~~ During the small game season, hunting with dogs is prohibited except any dog may be used to take small game and during small game season by persons hunting as specified in paragraph 68A-24.002(2)(b), F.A.C.

5. through 11. No change.

(21) Citrus Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – December 8-10 ~~9-11~~ and December 29-31 ~~30~~ through January 1.

2. Small game – January 1 ~~2~~ through February 25 ~~26~~.

3. Muzzleloading gun – December 1-3 ~~2-4~~ and December 15-17 ~~16-18~~.

4. Archery – November 4-12 ~~5-13~~, 13-19 ~~14-20~~ and 20-26 ~~21-27~~.

5. Youth turkey hunt – March 10-11 ~~11-12~~.

6. Spring turkey – March 20-23 ~~21-24~~, April 3-6 ~~4-7~~ and 17-20 ~~18-21~~.

7. through 8. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(22) Flying Eagle Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September 30 through October 3 ~~4-4~~ and October 6-10 ~~7-11~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October 21-23 ~~22-24~~.

3. General gun – November 4-7 ~~5-8~~ and 10-14 ~~11-15~~.

4. Small game – November 24-26 ~~25-27~~ and December 15-17 ~~16-18~~.

5. Spring turkey – March 17-20 ~~18-21~~ and 23-27 ~~24-28~~.

6. through 7. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. No change.

2. Hunting with dogs is prohibited except that any dog may be used to take small game during the small game season; waterfowl retrievers and bird dogs are allowed during ~~small game~~ ~~and~~ September duck seasons. During non-hunting periods the possession of dogs shall only be as authorized by the Southwest Florida Water Management District.

3. through 9. No change.

(23) Potts Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Spring turkey – March 17-20 ~~18-21~~ and 23-27 ~~24-28~~.

2. Archery – October 5-8 ~~6-9~~ and 11-15 ~~12-16~~.

3. Muzzleloading gun – October 27-29 ~~28-30~~.

4. Wild hog-dog – November 17-19 ~~18-20~~.

5. Small game – February 2-4 ~~3-5~~, 16-18 ~~17-19~~ and March 2-4 ~~3-5~~.

6. through 7. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 5. No change.

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

7. through 8. No change.

(24) Homosassa Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – October 12-15 ~~13-16~~, October 26-29 ~~27-30~~ and November 2-5 ~~3-6~~.

2. Small game – November 10 ~~11~~ through December 3 ~~4~~ and December 23 ~~24~~ through January 14 ~~15~~.

3. Special-opportunity spring turkey – March ~~17-23~~ ~~18-24~~ and March 31 through April 6 ~~1-7~~.

4. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(25) Devil's Hammock Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~16-19~~ ~~17-20~~, ~~20-24~~ ~~21-25~~ and September ~~25-29~~ ~~26-30~~.

2. Family hunt – October ~~7-8~~ ~~8-9~~ and ~~14-15~~ ~~15-16~~.

3. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~21-23~~ ~~22-24~~.

4. General gun – November ~~4-7~~ ~~5-8~~ and ~~8-12~~ ~~9-13~~.

5. Small game – November ~~18~~ ~~19~~ through December ~~17~~ ~~18~~.

6. Wild hog-still – January ~~15~~ ~~16~~ through February ~~11~~ ~~12~~.

7. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~10-11~~ ~~11-12~~.

8. Spring turkey – March ~~17-20~~ ~~18-21~~ and ~~21-25~~ ~~22-26~~.

9. through 10. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 4. No change.

5. Hunting with dogs other than waterfowl retrievers and bird dogs is prohibited, except by persons hunting as specified in paragraph 68A-24.002(2)(b), F.A.C. and any dog may be used to take small game during the small game season. The taking of wild hog with dogs is prohibited.

6. No change.

(26) Mallory Swamp Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~16~~ ~~17~~ through October ~~15~~ ~~16~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~21-29~~ ~~22-30~~ (still hunt area only).

3. General gun – November ~~11~~ ~~12~~ through January ~~7~~ ~~8~~.

4. Small game – January ~~8~~ ~~9~~ through February ~~18~~ ~~19~~.

5. Wild hog-dog – February ~~24~~ ~~25~~ through March ~~11~~ ~~12~~.

6. Spring turkey – March ~~17~~ ~~18~~ through April ~~1~~ ~~2~~.

7. No change.

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

9. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(27) Middle Aucilla Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~4-30~~ ~~5~~ through ~~December 1~~ and December ~~1-31~~ ~~2~~ through January 1.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~21-29~~ ~~22-30~~.

3. Small game – January ~~1~~ ~~2~~ through March ~~4~~ ~~5~~.

4. Archery – September ~~16~~ ~~17~~ through October ~~15~~ ~~16~~.

5. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~10-11~~ ~~11-12~~.

6. Spring turkey – March ~~17~~ ~~18~~ through April ~~22~~ ~~23~~.

7. through 8. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 3. No change.

4. Hunting with The possession or use of dogs, other than bird dogs or waterfowl retrievers, is prohibited, except as provided by paragraph paragraphs 68A-24.002(2)(b), and 68A-15.004(7)(c) or (d), F.A.C. and any dog may be used to take small game during the small game season.

5. through 7. No change.

(28) Little River Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~23-25~~ ~~24-26~~, September 30 through October 2 ~~1-3~~ and October 7-9 ~~8-10~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~21-23~~ ~~22-24~~.

3. Family hunt – November ~~4-5~~ ~~5-6~~.

4. Small game – November ~~25~~ ~~26~~ through January ~~7~~ ~~8~~.

5. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~10-11~~ ~~11-12~~.

6. Spring turkey – March ~~17-19~~ ~~18-20~~ and March ~~30~~ ~~31~~ through April ~~1~~ ~~2~~.

7. through 8. No change.

(b) Legal to take: Antlered deer, antlerless deer (during the family hunt only), bear (only during those portions of the muzzleloading gun season that coincide with the open season established for the North BMU in Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C), rabbit, gray squirrel, quail (only during the first 16 days of the small game season), furbearers, migratory birds (only during small game season) and fish. 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 family hunt, one antlered and one antlerless deer may be taken per quota permit. During the spring turkey season, one gobbler or bearded turkey may be taken per person, but no more than two per quota permit.

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 3. No change.

4. Taking wildlife with dogs is prohibited, except during the small game season. During the small game season, any dog may be used to take small game and dogs may be used as provided by paragraph 68A-24.002(2)(b), F.A.C., and that bird dogs may be used for hunting quail during the first 16 days of the small game season.

5. through 7. No change.

(29) Troy Springs Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Small game – November ~~11~~ ~~12~~ through January ~~7~~ ~~8~~, except on Sundays.

2. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(30) Bayard Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~23~~ 24 through October ~~8~~ 9 and November ~~11-19~~ 12-20.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~21-29~~ 22-30.

3. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~10-11~~ 11-12.

4. through 6. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(31) Grove Park Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~16~~ 17 through October ~~15~~ 16.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~21~~ 22 through November ~~3~~ 4.

3. General gun – November ~~4~~ 5 through January ~~7~~ 8.

4. Small game – January ~~8~~ 9 through March ~~4~~ 5.

5. No change.

6. Trapping – December 1 through January ~~7~~ 8.

7. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~10-11~~ 11-12.

8. Spring turkey – March ~~17~~ 18 through April ~~22~~ 23.

9. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 7. No change.

8. In addition to the provisions of Rule 68A-15.004, F.A.C., hunting equipment shall be allowed on the area beginning 14 days prior to hunts allowing the take of deer or wild hog.

(32) Steinhatchee Springs Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~23~~ 24 through October ~~22~~ 23.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~27-29~~ 28-30.

3. General gun – November ~~4-12, 5-13~~ and November ~~13~~ 14 through December ~~1~~ 4 and January ~~8-21~~.

4. Small game – December ~~2~~ 24 through January ~~7~~ 29.

5. Wild hog-dog – February ~~2-4~~ 3-5, 16-18 and ~~17-19~~ 23-25 ~~24-26~~.

6. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~10-11~~ 11-12.

7. Spring turkey – March ~~17-20~~ 18-21, 21-25 and March ~~26~~ 27 through April ~~8~~ 9.

8. through 9. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. Hunting with The possession or use of dogs, other than waterfowl retrievers or bird dogs is prohibited, except as provided by paragraph paragraphs 68A-24.002(2)(b), and 68A-15.004(7)(e) or (d), F.A.C., any dog may be used to take small game during the small game season and any dog may be used to take wild hog during the wild hog-dog season.

2. through 10. No change.

(33) Cary Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~22-24~~ 24-26, September ~~29~~ 30 through and October ~~1~~ 2 and October ~~6-8~~ 7-9.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~21-23~~ 22-24 and ~~27-29~~ 28-30.

3. Family hunt – November ~~4-5~~ 5-6.

4. General gun – November ~~10-12~~ 11-13, 17-19 and ~~18-20~~ and ~~24-26~~ 25-27.

5. Small game – December ~~1~~ 2 through January ~~7~~ 8 (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).

6. Wild hog-still – January ~~26-28~~ 27-29 and February ~~2-4~~ 3-5 and ~~16-18~~ 17-19.

7. Spring turkey – March ~~17-19~~ 18-20, 23-25 and March ~~30~~ 31 through April ~~1~~ 2.

8. through 9. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. No change.

2. Hunting Taking wildlife with dogs is prohibited except any dog may be used to take small game that bird dogs are allowed during the small game season and waterfowl retrievers are allowed during the duck, geese and coot season.

3. through 7. No change.

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

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~18-26~~ 19-27.

2. Archery – September ~~16-24~~ 17-25.

3. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~21-29~~ 22-30.

4. General gun for mobility-impaired – October ~~7-10~~ 8-11.

5. Family hunt – November ~~4-5~~ 5-6.

6. Small game – December ~~11-24~~ 12-25 and January ~~27~~ 28 through February ~~4~~ 5.

7. No change.

8. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~10-11~~ 11-12.

9. through 10. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

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

2. through 7. No change.

(35) Lower Econfina River Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – October ~~7-22~~ 8-23.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~28-30~~ 29-31.

3. Small game – January ~~15~~ 16 through February ~~25~~ 26.

4. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~10-11~~ 11-12.

5. Spring turkey – March ~~17-25~~ 18-26.

6. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. ~~Hunting with The possession or use of dogs, other than bird dogs or dogs with a shoulder height of 15 inches or less is prohibited, except as provided by paragraph paragraphs 68A-24.002(2)(b), and 68A-15.004(7)(c) or (d), F.A.C. and any dog may be used to take small game during the small game season.~~

2. through 7. No change.

(36) Belmore Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~22-24 24-26~~, September ~~29 30~~ through October ~~1 2~~ and October ~~6-8 7-9~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~21-23 22-24~~.

3. Family hunt – November ~~4-5 5-6~~ and ~~18-19 19-20~~.

4. General gun – November ~~9-12 10-13~~ and ~~22-26 23-27~~.

5. Small game – December ~~1 2~~ through January ~~7 8~~ (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).

6. No change.

7. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~10-11 11-12~~.

8. Spring turkey – March ~~17-19 18-20, 23-25 24-26~~ and March ~~30 31~~ through April ~~1 2~~.

9. through 10. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(37) Four Creeks Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~22-24 24-26~~, September ~~29 30~~ through October ~~1 2~~ and October ~~6-8 7-9~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~21-23 22-24~~.

3. Family hunt – November ~~4-5 5-6~~.

4. General gun – November ~~10-12 11-13, 17-19 18-20~~ and ~~24-26 25-27~~.

5. Small game – December ~~1 2~~ through January ~~7 8~~ (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).

6. Wild hog-still – February ~~8-11 9-12~~.

7. No change.

8. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~10-11 11-12~~.

9. Spring turkey – March ~~17-19 18-20, 23-25 24-26~~ and March ~~30 31~~ through April ~~1 2~~.

10. through 11. No change.

(b) No change.

(c) Camping: Allowed throughout the year only at designated sites by permit from the Florida Forest Service ~~Prohibited~~.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 2. No change.

3. ~~Hunting Taking wildlife~~ with dogs is prohibited, except ~~any dog may be used to take small game with bird dogs~~ during the small game season and waterfowl retrievers ~~may be used~~ during seasons established by Rule 68A-13.003, F.A.C.

4. through 7. No change.

(38) Hatchet Creek Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~22-24 23-25~~, September ~~29 30~~ through October ~~1 2~~ and October ~~6-8 7-9~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~21-23 22-24~~.

3. Family hunt – November ~~4-5 5-6~~.

4. General gun – November ~~10-12 11-13~~ and ~~24-26 25-27~~.

5. No change.

6. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~10-11 11-12~~.

7. Spring turkey – March ~~17-19 18-20, 23-25 24-26~~ and March ~~30 31~~ through April ~~1 2~~.

8. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers. During the archery season the bag limit for deer shall be one deer per person, but no more than two deer per quota permit. During the family hunt the bag limit for deer shall be one antlered and one antlerless deer per quota permit. During the muzzleloading gun and general gun seasons the bag limit for deer shall be one deer per person, but no more than two per quota permit. Taking 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 spring turkey season one gobbler or bearded turkey may be taken per person, but no more than two deer per quota permit.

(c) through (d) No change.

(39) Log Landing Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~16 17~~ through October ~~15 16~~ and November ~~3-12 4-13~~ (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).

2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~21-29 22-30~~, November ~~17-26 18-27~~ and December ~~22-31 23~~ through January ~~1~~ (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).

3. Small game – December ~~1-17 2-18~~ and January ~~5 6~~ through February ~~11 12~~ (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).

4. No change.

5. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~10-11 11-12~~.

6. Spring turkey – March ~~17 18~~ through April ~~22 23~~ (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).

7. Wild hog-still – May ~~5-13 6-14~~.

8. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 2. No change.

3. ~~Hunting with The possession or use of dogs is prohibited, except any dog may be used to take small game that bird dogs or dogs with a shoulder height of 15 inches or less are allowed during the small game season and as provided by paragraph 68A-15.004(7)(c) or (d), F.A.C.~~

4. through 6. No change.

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

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~23-25~~ 24-26, October ~~2-4~~ 3-5 and ~~9-11~~ 10-12.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~21-23~~ 22-24.

3. Family hunt – November ~~4-5~~ 5-6.

4. General gun – November ~~17-19~~ 18-20 and ~~24-26~~ 25-27.

5. Small game – December ~~1-6~~ 2-7, ~~11-13~~ 12-14, ~~22-24~~ 23-25, December ~~29-31~~ 30 through ~~January 1~~ and January ~~8-10~~ 9-11.

6. No change.

7. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~10-11~~ 11-12.

8. Spring turkey – March ~~17-19~~ 18-20, ~~26-28~~ 27-29 and April ~~2-4~~ 3-5.

9. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 3. No change.

4. Hunting with ~~The possession or use of dogs, other than bird dogs or dogs with a shoulder height of fifteen inches or less is prohibited, except any dog may be used to take small game during small game season as provided by paragraph 68A-15.004(7)(c) or (d), F.A.C.~~

5. through 7. No change.

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**FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**Freshwater Fish and Wildlife**

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

68A-15.063 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:

Apalachicola WMA, Bradwell Unit – add a youth spring turkey hunt (quota of 3, no exemptions); add a scout day between the two archery hunts; and allow any dog for hunting small game (quail, rabbit, squirrel and migratory birds) during small game season.

Aucilla WMA – allow the use of dogs to hunt wild hog during small game season.

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

Box-R WMA – allow the take of wild hog during small game season; prohibit the use of dogs to take wild hog during the small game season; and move the second general gun season hunt to the end of January to better capture the rut.

Chipola River WMA – allow access to improved recreational areas from sunset to sunrise only to individuals participating in authorized hunting and/or fishing activities, actively launching/retrieving a boat or authorized to camp within the area; and establish five 3-day wild hog-still season hunts (one per month from May through September).

Choctawhatchee River WMA – allow access to improved recreational areas from sunset to sunrise only to individuals participating in authorized hunting and/or fishing activities, actively launching/retrieving a boat or authorized to camp within the area; and allow raccoon hunting at night by the aid

of a light and dogs during the general gun and small game seasons.

Econfina Creek WMA – allow access to improved recreational areas from sunset to sunrise only to individuals participating in authorized hunting and/or fishing activities, actively launching/retrieving a boat or authorized to camp within the area; and allow through hikers on the Florida National Scenic Trail to camp in designated campsites along the trail without obtaining a camping permit.

Eglin AFB WMA – clarify that a Department of Defense-issued permit is required for all recreational users on the area.

Escambia River WMA – allow access to improved recreational areas from sunset to sunrise only to individuals participating in authorized hunting and/or fishing activities, actively launching/retrieving a boat or authorized to camp within the area; and establish five 3-day wild hog-dog season hunts (one per month from May through September).

Joe Budd WMA – add the allowance to use modern shotguns during the youth turkey hunt; and change the issuance of spring turkey season daily quota permits first-come, first-served at the check station to random draw via the Commission’s Recreational License Issuance Services (RLIS).

Lafayette Creek WMA – establish a wild hog-still season hunt during February; and allow any dog for hunting small game (quail, rabbit, squirrel and migratory birds) during small game season.

Ochlockonee River WMA – establish five 3-day wild hog-still season hunts (one per month from May through September); and allow any dog for hunting small game (quail, rabbit, squirrel and migratory birds) during small game season.

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

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

Point Washington WMA – clarify that camping is prohibited, except when camping in designated campsites by permit from the Florida Forest Service; and allow any dog for hunting small game (quail, rabbit, squirrel and migratory birds) during small game season.

Talquin WMA – establish five 3-day wild hog-still season hunts (one per month from May through September); and allow any dog for hunting small game (quail, rabbit, squirrel and migratory birds) during small game season.

Tyndall WMA – allow any dog for hunting small game (quail, rabbit, squirrel and migratory birds) during small game season in areas and during days designated by the Installation Commander.

Wakulla WMA – expand the first archery season hunt from two days (Saturday and Sunday) to three days (Saturday

through Monday); and allow any dog for hunting small game (quail, rabbit, squirrel and migratory birds) during small game season.

Yellow River WMA – allow access to improved recreational areas from sunset to sunrise only to individuals participating in authorized hunting and/or fishing activities, actively launching/retrieving a boat or authorized to camp within the area; remove the designation and boundary for the Burnt Grocery Creek Unit and regulate this area with Yellow River WMA rules; remove the quota permit requirement during the youth spring turkey hunt; allow hunting during the youth spring turkey hunt on the entire WMA; and allow any dog for hunting small game (quail, rabbit, squirrel and migratory birds) 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; Sections 375.2223, 375.313, FS.

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

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

**DATES AND TIMES:** During the Commission’s regular meeting February 8 - 9, 2017, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., each day.

**PLACE:** Plantation on Crystal River, 9301 W. Fort Island Trail Crystal River, Florida 34429.

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 ~~23-26~~ ~~24-27~~ and December ~~9~~ ~~10~~ through February ~~11~~ ~~12~~ (Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays closed to hunting in Zones A and B, except hunting is allowed the Friday after Thanksgiving).

2. Archery – October ~~21~~ ~~22~~ through November ~~19~~ ~~20~~.

3. No change.

4. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~2-4~~ ~~3-5~~.

5. through 7. No change.

8. Quail (Zone A) – December ~~19~~ ~~20~~ through January ~~28~~ ~~29~~ (Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays closed to hunting).

9. Spring turkey (Zones B and C) – March ~~17~~ ~~18~~ through April ~~22~~ ~~23~~ (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).

10. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(2) Apalachicola Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open seasons:

1. General gun – November ~~23-26~~ ~~24-27~~ and December ~~9~~ ~~10~~ through January ~~31~~ ~~February 1~~.

2. Small game – November ~~11-22~~ ~~12-23~~, November ~~27~~ ~~28~~ through December ~~8~~ ~~9~~ and February ~~1~~ ~~2~~ through March ~~4~~ ~~5~~.

3. No change.

4. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~10-11~~ ~~11-12~~.

5. Spring turkey – March ~~17~~ ~~18~~ through April ~~22~~ ~~23~~.

6. Archery – October ~~21~~ ~~22~~ through November ~~19~~ ~~20~~.

7. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~2-4~~ ~~3-5~~.

8. Muzzleloading gun and archery – February ~~1-11~~ ~~2-12~~.

9. No change.

10. Fox, raccoon, opossum and bobcat – October 1 through March ~~4~~ ~~5~~ 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 ~~1~~ ~~2~~ 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 ~~23-26~~ ~~24-27~~ and December ~~9-20~~ ~~10-21~~. 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 ~~4~~ ~~5~~, except on the quail enhancement area where bird dogs may be trained November 1 through December 31. Deer dogs may be trained from October ~~28~~ ~~29~~ through November ~~16~~ ~~17~~ 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 ~~23-26~~ ~~24-27~~ and December ~~9-13~~ ~~10-14~~.

2. Archery – October ~~21-27~~ ~~22-28~~ and October 29 through November 6.

3. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~2-4~~ ~~3-5~~.

4. Family hunt – December 22-24, January ~~19-21~~ ~~20-22~~ and February ~~2-4~~ ~~3-5~~.

5. Small game – Opening 12 days prior to the zonal antlered deer season and closing 8 days thereafter, and reopening on the first Saturday following the close of the first family hunt and closing 8 days thereafter ~~November 12-20 and December 31 through January 8~~.

6. Spring turkey – March ~~17-18~~ ~~18-19~~ and March ~~30~~ ~~31~~ through April ~~1~~ ~~2~~.

7. Wild hog-dog – July ~~14-16~~ ~~8-10~~, August ~~4-6~~ ~~5-7~~ and September ~~1-3~~ ~~2-4~~, ~~2017~~ ~~2016~~, and May ~~4-6~~ ~~5-7~~ and June ~~1-3~~ ~~2-4~~, ~~2018~~ ~~2017~~.

8. Wild hog-still – July ~~21-23~~ ~~15-17~~, August ~~18-20~~ ~~19-21~~ and September ~~15-17~~ ~~16-18~~, ~~2017~~ ~~2016~~, and May ~~18-20~~ ~~19-21~~ and June ~~15-17~~ ~~16-18~~, ~~2018~~ ~~2017~~.

9. No change.

10. Youth turkey hunt – March 10-11.

10. renumbered 11. 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. The bag limit for antlered deer shall be one per quota permit during the archery season and one per person, but no more than two per quota permit during muzzleloading gun and general gun seasons. During the family hunt, the bag limit shall be one antlered and one antlerless deer per quota permit. During spring turkey season, one gobbler or bearded turkey may be taken per person, but not more than two per quota permit. During the youth turkey hunt, one gobbler or bearded turkey may be taken per quota permit. During the wild hog seasons, only wild hog may be taken.

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. No change.

2. Taking wildlife with dogs, other than bird dogs and retrievers, is prohibited, except 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 during the small game season.

3. through 5. 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 ~~23-26~~ 24-27 and December ~~16-17~~ through February ~~7-8~~.

2. Family still hunt – December ~~9-10~~ 10-11.

3. Small game – November ~~11-22~~ 12-23, November ~~27~~ 28 through December ~~15~~ 16 and February ~~8-9~~ through March ~~4-5~~.

4. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~10-11~~ 11-12.

5. Spring turkey – March ~~17~~ 18 through April ~~22~~ 23.

6. Archery – October ~~21~~ 22 through November ~~19~~ 20.

7. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~2-4~~ 3-5.

8. Muzzleloading gun and archery – February ~~15-25~~ 16-26.

9. Wild hog-dog – July ~~7-9~~ 1-3, ~~21-23~~ 15-17, August ~~4-6~~ 5-7, ~~18-20~~ 19-21, September ~~1-3~~ 2-4, ~~15-17~~ 16-18, ~~2017~~ 2016, and May ~~4-6~~ 5-7, ~~18-20~~ 19-21, June ~~1-3~~ 2-4 and ~~15-17~~ 16-18, ~~2018~~ 2017.

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 ~~23-26~~ 24-27, December ~~16-17~~ through ~~December 31~~ January 1 and January ~~15~~ 16 through February ~~7-8~~.

2. General gun still – January ~~1-14~~ 2-15.

3. Family still hunt – December ~~9-10~~ 10-11.

4. Small game – November ~~11-22~~ 12-23, November ~~27~~ 28 through December ~~15~~ 16 and February ~~8-9~~ through March ~~4-5~~.

5. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~10-11~~ 11-12.

6. Spring turkey – March ~~17~~ 18 through April ~~22~~ 23.

7. Archery – October ~~21~~ 22 through November ~~19~~ 20.

8. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~2-4~~ 3-5.

9. Muzzleloading gun and archery – February ~~15-25~~ 16-26.

10. Fox, raccoon, opossum and bobcat – May 1 through March ~~4-5~~, in that portion of the dog hunt area east of Belandville Road.

11. Wild hog-dog – July ~~7-9~~ 1-3, ~~21-23~~ 15-17, August ~~4-6~~ 5-7, ~~18-20~~ 19-21, September ~~1-3~~ 2-4, ~~15-17~~ 16-18, ~~2017~~ 2016, and May ~~4-6~~ 5-7, ~~18-20~~ 19-21, June ~~1-3~~ 2-4 and ~~15-17~~ 16-18, ~~2018~~ 2017.

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 ~~21~~ 22 through November ~~19~~ 20.

2. Family still hunt – December ~~9-10~~ 10-11.

3. Muzzleloading gun and archery – January ~~19-21~~ 20-22.

4. through 6. No change.

7. Quail – February ~~5-6~~ 6-7, ~~7-8~~ 8-9, ~~19-20~~ 20-21 and ~~21-22~~ 22-23.

8. Wild hog-dog – July ~~7-9~~ 1-3, ~~21-23~~ 15-17, August ~~4-6~~ 5-7, ~~18-20~~ 19-21, September ~~1-3~~ 2-4, ~~15-17~~ 16-18, ~~2017~~ 2016, and May ~~4-6~~ 5-7, ~~18-20~~ 19-21, June ~~1-3~~ 2-4 and ~~15-17~~ 16-18, ~~2018~~ 2017.

9. No change.

(d) through (e) No change.

(f) General regulations:

1. through 2. No change.

3. Taking wildlife with dogs, other than bird dogs or retrievers, is prohibited in the still hunt area, field trial area and during general gun still and family still hunt in the dog hunt area; however, dogs with a shoulder height of 15 inches or less may be used to take small game during small game seasons in both the still hunt and dog hunt areas and dogs of any size or breed may be used throughout the area during the wild hog-dog season. The take of wild hog with dogs during the small game season is prohibited. Dogs are prohibited in the field trial area, except as specifically authorized by permit, or during the bird dog training, dove or quail hunting seasons, or during wild hog-dog season for the purpose of hunting wild hogs.

4. through 12. No change.

(5) Blackwater Wildlife Management Area – Hutton Unit.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – October ~~21-24 22-25~~ and ~~25-29 26-30~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~2-4 3-5~~.

3. Quail – November ~~11-12 12-13, 18-19 19-20, 22-23 23-24~~, December ~~11-12 12-13, 16-17 17-18, 25-26 26-27~~ and December ~~30-31 31~~ through January 1.

4. General gun – January ~~13-16 14-17~~ and ~~17-21 18-22~~.

5. Mobility-impaired general gun – January ~~26-28 27-29~~ and February ~~2-4 3-5~~.

6. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~10-11 11-12~~.

7. Spring turkey – March ~~17-19 18-20, March 30 31~~ through April ~~1 2~~ and April ~~13-15 14-16~~.

8. Wild hog-dog – July ~~21-23 15-17, August 18-20 19-21~~ and September ~~15-17 16-18, 2017 2016~~, and May ~~18-20 19-21~~ and June ~~15-17 16-18, 2018 2017~~.

9. through 11. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 2. No change.

3. Taking wildlife with dogs other than bird dogs or retrievers is prohibited, except during the wild hog-dog season and any dog may be used to take small game during the small game season, or as specifically authorized by permit. The take of wild hog with dogs during small game season is prohibited.

4. through 10. No change.

(6) Blackwater Wildlife Management Area – Carr Unit.

(a) Open season: Special-opportunity released quail – November ~~11-17 12-18, 18-24 19-25~~, November ~~25 26~~ through December ~~1 2~~, December ~~2-8 3-9, 9-15 10-16, 16-22 17-23, 23-29 24-30~~, December ~~30 31~~ through January ~~5 6~~, January ~~6-12 7-13, 13-19 14-20, 20-26 21-27~~, January ~~27 28~~ through February ~~2 3~~, February ~~3-9 4-10, 10-16 11-17, 17-23 18-24~~, and February ~~24 25~~ through March ~~2 3~~.

(b) through (d) No change.

(7) Joe Budd Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – December ~~8 9~~ through January ~~7 8~~ (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).

2. Archery and muzzleloading gun – January ~~12-28 13-29~~ (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).

3. Small game – October ~~7 4~~ through December ~~3 4~~ (Saturdays and Sundays only).

4. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~10-11 11-12~~.

5. Spring turkey – March ~~17 18~~ through April ~~22 23~~ (Saturdays and Sundays only).

6. through 7. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 4. No change.

5. Only bows or muzzleloading guns, and shotguns are allowed for taking turkey during spring turkey season, except shotguns may be used during the youth turkey hunt.

6. through 12. No change.

(8) Point Washington Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~23-26 24-27~~ and December ~~9 10~~ through ~~January 31 February 1~~.

2. Small game – November ~~11-22 12-23~~, November ~~27 28~~ through December ~~8 9~~ and February ~~1 2~~ through March ~~4 5~~.

3. Spring turkey – March ~~17 18~~ through April ~~22 23~~.

4. Archery – October ~~21 22~~ through November ~~19 20~~.

5. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~2-4 3-5~~.

6. Archery and muzzleloading gun – February ~~1-11 2-12~~.

7. through 9. No change.

(b) No change.

(c) Camping: Prohibited, except in designated campsites by permit from the Florida Forest Service.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 2. No change.

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

4. through 7. No change.

(9) Talquin Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~24-26 25-27~~ and December ~~9-31 10~~ through ~~January 1~~ (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).

2. Small game – January ~~5 6~~ through March ~~4 5~~ (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).

3. Archery – October ~~21 22~~ through November ~~19 20~~ (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).

4. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~10-11 11-12~~.

5. Spring turkey – March ~~17 18~~ through April ~~22 23~~ (Saturdays and Sundays only).

6. through 8. No change.

9. Wild hog-still – July 14-16, August 11-13 and September 8-10, 2017, and May 11-13 and June 8-10, 2018.

(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 5. No change.

(10) Ochlockonee River Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery and muzzleloading gun – November ~~24-26 25-27~~ and December ~~9-31 10~~ through January ~~1~~ (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).

2. Small game – January ~~5 6~~ through March ~~4 5~~ (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).

3. Archery – October ~~21 22~~ through November ~~19 20~~ (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).

4. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~10-11 11-12~~.

5. Spring turkey – March ~~17 18~~ through April ~~22 23~~ (Saturdays and Sundays only).

6. No change.

7. Wild hog-still – July 7-9, August 4-6 and September 1-3, 2017, and May 4-6 and June 1-3, 2018.

(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. The take of wild hog with dogs is prohibited.

3. through 6. No change.

(11) Tate’s Hell Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~23-26 24-27~~ and December ~~9 10~~ through January ~~31~~ February ~~1~~.

2. Small game – November ~~11-22 12-23~~, November ~~27 28~~ through December ~~8 9~~ and February ~~1 2~~ through March ~~4 5~~.

3. Archery – October ~~21 22~~ through November ~~19 20~~.

4. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~2-4 3-5~~.

5. Muzzleloading gun and archery – February ~~1-11 2-12~~.

6. through 7. No change.

8. Spring turkey – March ~~17 18~~ through April ~~22 23~~.

9. through 12. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. Deer dogs may be trained from October ~~28 29~~ through November ~~16 17~~.

2. through 6. No change.

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

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – October ~~21-29 22-30~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~2-4 3-5~~.

3. Small game – November ~~11-22 12-23~~, November ~~27 28~~ through December ~~8 9~~, December ~~18-22 19-23~~ and January ~~5-31 6~~ through February ~~1~~.

4. General gun still – November ~~23-26 24-27~~ and December ~~9-17 10-18~~.

5. through 6. No change.

7. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~10-11 11-12~~.

8. Spring turkey – March ~~17-20 18-21~~, March ~~29 30~~ through April ~~1 2~~ and ~~5-8 6-9~~.

9. through 10. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(13) Aucilla Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~4 5~~ through ~~December 31~~ January ~~1~~, except in the Pinhook still hunt area. November ~~4-10 5-11~~, ~~11-17 12-18~~, and ~~18-26 19-27~~ in the Pinhook still hunt area.

2. Small game – January ~~1 2~~ through March ~~4 5~~.

3. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~10-11 11-12~~.

4. Spring turkey – March ~~17 18~~ through April ~~22 23~~.

5. Archery – September ~~16 17~~ through October ~~15 16~~, except in the Pinhook still hunt area. September ~~16-24 17-25~~ and October ~~7-15 8-16~~ in the Pinhook still hunt area.

6. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~21-23 22-24~~.

7. Family hunt – October ~~28-29 29-30~~, in the Pinhook still hunt area only.

8. Wild hog-still – December ~~16-31 17~~ through January ~~8~~, in the Pinhook still hunt area only.

9. Wild hog-dog – July ~~14-16 8-10~~, August ~~11-13 12-14~~, and September ~~1-3 2-4~~, ~~2017 2016~~, and May ~~11-13 12-14~~ and June ~~8-10 9-11~~, ~~2018 2017~~.

10. through 12. No change.

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

14. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. Taking wild hog by the use of dogs is prohibited, except during the wild hog-dog, small game and general gun seasons in the dog hunt area (which includes that portion of the area east of State Road 59 and north of US 98, west of Powell Hammock Road and south of Goose Pasture Road and that portion of the area north of Goose Pasture Road and west of Oneal Tram).

2. through 12. No change.

(14) Flint Rock Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~21 22~~ through November ~~3 4~~.

2. General gun – November ~~4~~ 5 through January ~~21~~ 22.
3. Small game – January ~~22~~ 23 through March ~~4~~ 5.
4. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~10-11~~ 11-12.
5. Spring turkey – March ~~17~~ 18 through April ~~22~~ 23.
6. Archery – September ~~16~~ 17 through October ~~15~~ 16.
7. through 9. No change.
10. Trapping – January ~~22~~ 23 through March 1.
- (b) through (d) No change.
- (15) Pine Log Wildlife Management Area.
  - (a) Open season:
    1. Archery – October ~~21~~ 22 through November ~~12~~ 13.
    2. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~2-4~~ 3-5.
    3. General gun – November ~~23-26~~ 24-27, January ~~20-23~~ 21-24 and January ~~24-28~~ 25-29.
    4. Small game – November ~~11-22~~ 12-23, November ~~27~~ 28 through January ~~19~~ 20 and January ~~29~~ 30 through March ~~4~~ 5.
    5. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~10-11~~ 11-12.
    6. Spring turkey – March ~~17~~ 18 through April ~~8~~ 9.
    7. Raccoon – November ~~11~~ 12 through March ~~4~~ 5.
    8. through 11. 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 as specifically authorized by permit, ~~or~~ when taking raccoon during the raccoon season, or when using any dog to take small game during small game season. The take of wild hog with dogs is prohibited.
    3. through 7. No change.
- (16) Eglin AFB Wildlife Management Area.
  - (a) Open season:
    1. Archery – October ~~21~~ 22 through November ~~22~~ 23 in areas and during days specified by the Installation Commander.
    2. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~2-8~~ 3-9 in areas specified by the Installation Commander.
    3. General gun – November ~~23-26~~ 24-27, December ~~9~~ 10 through February ~~18~~ 19 in areas and during days specified by the Installation Commander.
    4. Archery and muzzleloading gun – February ~~19-25~~ 20-26 in areas and during days specified by the Installation Commander.
    5. Small game – November ~~11~~ 12 through March ~~4~~ 5 in areas and during days specified by the Installation Commander.
    6. No change.
    7. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~10-11~~ 11-12 in areas specified by the Installation Commander.
    8. Spring turkey – March ~~17~~ 18 through April ~~22~~ 23 in areas and during days specified by the Installation Commander.

9. through 11. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish (except as provided below), 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 in areas specified by the Installation Commander. The Installation Commander may specify areas and days where 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 and where persons less than 16 years of age may harvest antlered deer not meeting antler point criteria. Antlerless deer may be taken during established seasons only by permit from the Installation Commander. The take of wild hog is prohibited during small game season.

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 10. No change.

11. A Department of Defense-issued permit is required for all recreational users on the area.

(17) Escambia River Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~23-26~~ 24-27 and December ~~9~~ 10 through January ~~31~~ February 1.

2. Archery – October ~~21~~ 22 through November ~~19~~ 20.

3. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~2-4~~ 3-5.

4. Archery and muzzleloading gun – February ~~1-11~~ 2-12.

5. Small game – November ~~11-22~~ 12-23, November ~~27~~ 28 through December ~~8~~ 9 and February ~~1~~ 2 through March ~~4~~ 5.

6. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~10-11~~ 11-12.

7. Spring turkey – March ~~17~~ 18 through April ~~22~~ 23.

8. through 9. No change.

10. Wild hog-dog – July 14-16, August 11-13 and September 8-10, 2017, and May 11-13 and June 8-10, 2018.

10. renumbered 11. 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 in that portion of the area north of State Road 184 in Santa Rosa County, and north of Cedartown Road and Daffin Road in Escambia County, except that dogs may be used on Parker and Morgan islands at night to take raccoon and any dog may be used to take wild hog during the wild hog-dog season.

3. through 5. No change.

6. Access to improved recreational areas is allowed from sunset to sunrise only for individuals participating in authorized hunting and/or fishing activities, actively launching/retrieving a boat or authorized to camp within the area.

7. During the wild hog-dog season, hunts will begin at 12:01 a.m. on the first day of the hunt and end at 11:59 p.m. on the last day of the hunt.

8. During the wild hog-dog season, wild hog may be taken during the day or at night by the aid of a light with dogs and a firearm. The hunting of wild hog under this provision by display or use of a light from a moving vehicle, boat or animal is prohibited.

(18) Tyndall AFB Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – October ~~21~~ ~~22~~ through November ~~22~~ ~~23~~ during days specified by the Installation Commander.

2. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~2-8~~ ~~3-9~~.

3. General gun – November ~~23-26~~ ~~24-27~~ and December ~~9~~ ~~10~~ through February ~~18~~ ~~19~~ during days specified by the Installation Commander.

4. Supervised youth – October ~~21~~ ~~22~~ through December 31 (only in areas and during days designated by the Installation Commander).

5. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~10-11~~ ~~11-12~~ in areas specified by the Installation Commander.

6. Spring turkey – March ~~17~~ ~~18~~ through April ~~22~~ ~~23~~ during days specified by the Installation Commander.

7. Small game – November ~~11~~ ~~12~~ through March ~~4~~ ~~5~~ during days specified by the Installation Commander.

8. through 10. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. 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 in areas and during days designated by the Installation Commander.

2. through 4. No change.

(19) Choctawhatchee River Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – October ~~21~~ ~~22~~ through November ~~19~~ ~~20~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~2-4~~ ~~3-5~~.

3. General gun – November ~~23-26~~ ~~24-27~~ and December ~~9~~ ~~10~~ through ~~January 31~~ ~~February 1~~ except Holmes Creek Unit and East River Island.

4. Small game – November ~~11-22~~ ~~12-23~~, November ~~27~~ ~~28~~ through December ~~8~~ ~~9~~ and February ~~1~~ ~~2~~ through March ~~4~~ ~~5~~.

5. Archery and muzzleloading gun – February ~~1-11~~ ~~2-12~~. Holmes Creek Unit and East River Island November ~~23-26~~ ~~24-27~~ and December ~~9~~ ~~10~~ through February ~~11~~ ~~12~~.

6. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~10-11~~ ~~11-12~~.

7. Spring turkey – March ~~17~~ ~~18~~ through April ~~22~~ ~~23~~ 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

~~17-19~~ ~~18-20~~ and March ~~30~~ ~~31~~ through April ~~1~~ ~~2~~ 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 ~~1~~ ~~2~~ through March 1 in dog hunt areas.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. No change.

2. Taking wildlife with dogs, other than bird dogs or retrievers, is prohibited in still hunt areas; however, any dog may be used to hunt raccoon during the general gun season and small game season pursuant to paragraph 68A-24.002(2)(b), F.A.C., except in the East River Island area and Holmes Creek Unit. Designated still hunt areas are north of US Highway 90, Holmes Creek Unit (those lands in Washington County lying east of County Road 284) and East River Island (those lands in Township 1 North, Ranges 17 and 18 West which are bounded on the south and east by East River and on the west and north by Choctawhatchee River); also those lands south of US Highway 90 lying north of the pipeline right-of-way and east of the Choctawhatchee River.

3. through 5. No change.

6. Access to improved recreational areas is allowed from sunset to sunrise only for individuals participating in authorized hunting and/or fishing activities, actively launching/retrieving a boat or authorized to camp within the area.

(20) Chipola River Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open seasons, except in the Altha Tract:

1. Archery – October ~~21~~ ~~22~~ through November ~~19~~ ~~20~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~2-4~~ ~~3-5~~.

3. General gun – November ~~23-26~~ ~~24-27~~ and December ~~9~~ ~~10~~ through January 1.

4. Small game – November ~~11-22~~ ~~12-23~~, November ~~27~~ ~~28~~ through December ~~8~~ ~~9~~ and January 2 through March ~~4~~ ~~5~~.

5. Archery and muzzleloading gun – January ~~6-7~~ ~~7-8~~ and ~~13-14~~ ~~14-15~~.

6. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~10-11~~ ~~11-12~~.

7. Spring turkey – March ~~17~~ ~~18~~ through April ~~22~~ ~~23~~.

8. through 11. No change.

12. Wild hog-still – July 14-16, August 11-13 and September 8-10, 2017, and May 11-13 and June 8-10, 2018.

(b) Open seasons in the Altha Tract:

1. Archery – October ~~21-27~~ ~~22-28~~ and October ~~28~~ ~~29~~ through November ~~5~~ ~~6~~.

2. Family hunt – November ~~23-26~~ ~~24-27~~.

3. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~2-4~~ ~~3-5~~.

4. Small game – January ~~6~~ ~~7~~ through March ~~4~~ ~~5~~ (Saturdays and Sundays only).

5. Spring turkey – March ~~17-19~~ ~~18-20~~, March ~~30~~ ~~31~~ through April ~~1~~ ~~2~~ and April ~~13-15~~ ~~14-16~~.

6. through 7. No change.  
 (c) through (d) No change.  
 (e) General regulations:

1. through 4. No change.

5. Access to improved recreational areas is allowed from sunset to sunrise only for individuals participating in authorized hunting and/or fishing activities, actively launching/retrieving a boat or authorized to camp within the area.

(21) Yellow River Wildlife Management Area.

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

1. Archery – October ~~21 22~~ through November ~~19 20~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~2-4 3-5~~.

3. General gun – November ~~23-26 24-27~~ and December ~~9 10~~ through ~~January 31 February 1~~.

4. Small game – November ~~11-22 12-23~~, November ~~27 28~~ through December ~~8 9~~ and February ~~1 2~~ through March ~~4 5~~.

5. Archery and muzzleloading gun – February ~~1-11 2-12~~.

5. Spring turkey – March ~~17 18~~ through April ~~22 23~~.

6. through 8. No change.

9. Youth turkey hunt – March 10-11.

~~(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 through November 20, November 24-27, and December 10 through February 1.~~

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

~~3. Small game – November 12-20.~~

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

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

~~6. Spring turkey – March 18-20, March 31 through April 2, April 7-9 and 21-23.~~

~~7. Fishing and frogging – Throughout the year.~~

~~8. Trapping – Prohibited.~~

~~(b)(e) Legal to Take: All legal game, 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. Antlerless deer may only be taken during the first 30 days of archery season in the Burnt Grocery Creek area. During the youth turkey hunt, one gobbler or bearded turkey may be taken per quota permit.~~

~~(b) renumbered (c) No change.~~

~~(d)(e) General regulations:~~

~~1. No change.~~

~~2. Taking wildlife with dogs, other than bird dogs or retrievers, is prohibited, except that dogs may be used to hunt~~

raccoon and opossum during the general gun and small game seasons and any dog may be used to take small game during the small game season (except in the Burnt Grocery Creek area). The take of wild hog with dogs is prohibited.

3. No change.

4. During the general gun and small game seasons, hunting as specified by paragraph 68A-24.002(2)(b), F.A.C., is allowed, ~~except in the Burnt Grocery Creek area.~~

5. Access to improved recreational areas is allowed from sunset to sunrise only for individuals participating in authorized hunting and/or fishing activities, actively launching/retrieving a boat or authorized to camp within the area.

(22) Econfina Creek Wildlife Management Area.

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

1. Archery – October ~~21 22~~ through November ~~19 20~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~2-4 3-5~~.

3. General gun – November ~~23-26 24-27~~ and December ~~9 10~~ through ~~January 31 February 1~~.

4. Small game – November ~~11-22 12-23~~, November ~~27 28~~ through December ~~8 9~~ and February ~~1 2~~ through March ~~4 5~~.

5. Archery and muzzleloading gun – February ~~1-11 2-12~~.

6. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~10-11 11-12~~.

7. Spring turkey – March ~~17 18~~ through April ~~22 23~~.

8. Raccoon – November ~~11 12~~ through March ~~9 10~~ and April ~~23 24~~ 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 ~~24-26 25-27~~, January ~~12-14 13-15~~, ~~19-21 20-22~~, January ~~26-28 27-29~~ and ~~January 31 through February 2 February 1-3~~.

2. Spring turkey – March ~~17-18 18-19~~, ~~23-25 24-26~~, March ~~30 31~~ through April ~~1 2~~, April ~~6-8 7-9~~, ~~13-15 14-16~~ and ~~20-22 21-23~~.

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 ~~21-27 22-28~~ and October ~~28 29~~ through November ~~5 6~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~2-4 3-5~~.

3. General gun – November ~~23-26 24-27~~, January ~~20-23 21-24~~ and January ~~24-28 25-29~~.

4. Small game – December ~~9-24 10-25~~.

5. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~10-11 11-12~~.

6. Spring turkey – March ~~17-19 18-20~~, March ~~30 31~~ through April ~~1 2~~ and April ~~13-15 14-16~~.

7. through 8. No change.

(d) No change.

(e) Camping: Prohibited, except at designated campsites by permit from the Northwest Florida Water Management District. Through hikers using the Florida National Scenic Trail may camp at designated campsites along the trail without obtaining a camping permit.

(f) General regulations:

1. Vehicles may be operated only on named or numbered roads. During periods open to hunting in the mobility-impaired hunt area, vehicles are not restricted to named or numbered roads but may be operated only by persons authorized to participate in the hunt. From May through September ~~During periods closed to hunting~~, vehicular access is prohibited on Dog Roads 1-8, 10, 13-17, 19, 20-28 and 33-37, Enfinger Road and on numbered roads in the mobility-impaired area.

2. through 10. No change.

11. Access to improved recreational areas is allowed from sunset to sunrise only for individuals participating in authorized hunting and/or fishing activities, actively launching/retrieving a boat or authorized to camp within the area.

11. renumbered 12. No change.

(23) Box-R Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – October 21-27 ~~22-28~~ and October 28 ~~29~~ through November 5 ~~6~~.

2. Small game – November 11-19 ~~12-20~~.

3. Muzzleloading gun – December 2-4 ~~3-5~~.

4. General gun – November 23-26 ~~24-27~~, January 4-7 ~~5-8~~, 11-14 ~~12-15~~ and, 18-21, and 19-22 ~~25-28~~.

5. Wild hog-still – December 9-15 ~~10-16~~.

6. Wild hog-dog – July 14-16 ~~8-10~~, August 11-13 ~~12-14~~ and September 8-10, 2017 9-11, ~~2016~~, and May 11-13 ~~12-14~~ and June 8-10, 2018 9-11, ~~2017~~.

7. Spring turkey – March 17-20 ~~18-21~~, March 29 ~~30~~ through April 1 ~~2~~ and April 12-15 ~~13-16~~.

8. through 9. 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. The bag limit for deer shall be one antlered deer per person, but not more than two per quota permit. Antlerless deer may be taken by antlerless deer permit only. Taking 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 spring turkey season, one gobbler or bearded turkey may be taken per person, but not more than two per quota permit. Gobblers or bearded turkeys may be taken during the spring turkey season from one-half hour before sunrise until sunset. During the wild hog-dog season, only wild hog may be taken. ~~The take of wild~~

~~hog is prohibited during small game season.~~ The take of deer is prohibited during wild hog-still season.

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 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. The take of wild hogs with dogs is prohibited 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. through 12. No change.

(24) Lafayette Creek Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – October 21-27 ~~22-28~~ and October 28 ~~29~~ through November 5 ~~6~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – December 2-4 ~~3-5~~.

3. Family hunt – November 23-26 ~~24-27~~.

4. General gun – January 20-23 ~~21-24~~ and January 24-28 ~~25-29~~.

5. Small game – December 8 ~~9~~ through January 14 ~~15~~ (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).

6. Spring turkey – March 17-19 ~~18-20~~ and March 23 ~~24~~ through April 22 ~~23~~ (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).

7. through 8. No change.

9. Wild hog-still – February 1-28.

9. renumbered 10. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, 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. Only wild hog may be taken during wild hog-still season.

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 3. No change.

4. 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. The take of wild hog with dogs is prohibited.

5. through 6. No change.

(25) Wakulla Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – October 14-16, 20-22, 27-29, and 15 through November 3-5 and 10-12 ~~13~~ (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).

2. Archery and muzzleloading gun – November 24-26 ~~25-27~~, December 8-10 ~~9-11~~, 22-24 ~~23-25~~, January 5-7 ~~6-8~~ and 19-21 ~~20-22~~.

3. Small game – January 22 ~~23~~ through February 18 ~~19~~.

4. Youth turkey hunt – March 10-11 ~~11-12~~.



5. Spring turkey – March ~~17 48~~ through April ~~22 23~~ (Saturdays and Sundays only).

6. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 2. No change.

3. 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. The take of wild hog with dogs is prohibited.

4. through 7. No change.

(26) Perdido River Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – October ~~21 22~~ through November ~~19 20~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~2-4 3-5~~.

3. Family hunt – November ~~23-26 24-27~~ and January ~~5-7 6-8~~.

4. General gun – January ~~13-19 14-20~~ and ~~20-28 21-29~~.

5. Archery and muzzleloading gun – February ~~1-11 2-12~~.

6. Small game – December ~~5 6~~ through January ~~3 4~~.

7. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~10-11 11-12~~.

8. Spring turkey – March ~~17-25 18-26~~ and March ~~26 27~~ through April ~~8 9~~.

9. through 11. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 2. No change.

3. Hunting 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. The take of wild hog with dogs is prohibited.

4. through 7. No change.

(27) Juniper Creek Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Family hunt – November ~~24-26 25-27~~, December ~~24-26~~, December 31 through January 2, January ~~19-21 20-22~~ and February ~~2-4 3-5~~.

2. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~10-11 11-12~~, ~~24-25 25-26~~ and April ~~7-8 8-9~~.

3. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(28) Beavertdam Creek Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – October ~~21 22~~ through November ~~19 20~~.

2. Small game – November ~~11-22 12-23~~, November ~~27 28~~ through December ~~8 9~~ and February ~~1 2~~ through March ~~4 5~~.

3. Family hunt – November ~~23-26 24-27~~.

4. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~2-4 3-5~~.

5. General gun – December ~~9 10~~ through January 31 February 1.

6. Archery and muzzleloading gun – February ~~1-11 2-12~~.

7. Spring turkey – March ~~17-20 18-21~~ and March ~~28 29~~ through April ~~1 2~~.

8. Wild hog-dog – July ~~14-16 8-10~~, August ~~11-13 12-14~~ and September ~~8-10, 2017 9-11, 2016~~, and May ~~11-13 12-14~~ and June ~~8-10, 2018 9-11, 2017~~.

9. through 11. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(29) Escribano Point Wildlife Management Area

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~23-26 24-27~~, January ~~20-23 21-24~~ and January ~~24-28 25-29~~.

2. Archery – October ~~21-27 22-28~~ and October ~~28 29~~ through November ~~5 6~~.

3. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~2-4 3-5~~.

4. Spring turkey – March ~~17-19 18-20~~, March ~~30 31~~ through April ~~1 2~~, April ~~6-8 7-9~~ and ~~20-22 21-23~~.

5. Small game – November ~~11-19 12-20~~.

6. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2017

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, 7-1-17.

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 16, 2016

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: December 8, 2016

## 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:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Spirit-of-the-Wild WMA – allow any dog for hunting small game (quail, rabbit, squirrel and migratory birds) 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; Sections 379.2223, 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:**

**DATES AND TIMES:** During the Commission’s regular meeting February 8 - 9, 2017, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., each day.

**PLACE:** Plantation on Crystal River, 9301 W. Fort Island Trail Crystal River, Florida 34429.

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-15.064 Specific Regulations for Wildlife Management Areas – South Region.

(1) J. W. Corbett Wildlife Management Area.

(a) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 5. No change.

6. Take of wildlife with dogs is prohibited, except during general gun, small game, raccoon and dog training seasons. During small game season, dogs may only be used to take small game ~~only bird dogs, dogs with a shoulder height of 15 inches or less, and raccoon dogs are allowed.~~

7. Roy R. Burnsed Still Hunt Area: Dogs, except dogs used to take small game ~~bird dogs~~ during small game season, are prohibited in the still hunt area, delineated as that portion of the area starting at the junction of the South Grade and the Main Canal, then south on the South Grade to the Indian Trails Outfall Canal, then south, east, and south along the wildlife management area boundary, then west along the L-8

Canal to its junction with the Big Gopher Canal, then northeast along the Big Gopher Canal to its junction with the Tomato Field Grade, then east along the Tomato Field Grade to its junction with the Tomato Field, then along the western boundary of the Tomato Field to its junction with the Main Canal, then northeast along the Main Canal to the point of beginning.

8. through 18. No change.

(2) Hole Land Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – Walk, September 30 through October 15 ~~1-16~~.

2. General gun – Vehicle, October 21 22 through November 5 6 (tracked vehicles).

3. Archery – August 5-27 6-28.

4. Muzzleloading gun – September 2-10 3-11.

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

6. through 7. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 5. No change.

6. Hunting with dogs is allowed only during the general gun-vehicle season, except that bird dogs and retrievers may be used during snipe and waterfowl seasons, and dogs may be used to take small game during small game season.

7. through 20. No change.

(e) No change.

(3) Everglades and Francis S. Taylor Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – Walk, September 30 through October 15 ~~1-16~~, Conservation Areas 3A North and 2A (north of the East/West Airboat Trail) only.

2. General gun – Vehicle (airboats and tracked vehicles only), October 21 22 through November 5 6, in Conservation Areas 3A North, 3A South, 2, and the Francis S. Taylor Wildlife Management Area.

3. Archery – August 5-27 6-28, Conservation Area 3A North only.

4. Muzzleloading gun – September 2-10 3-11, in Conservation Area 3A North only.

5. Small game – November 6 7 though March 4 5.

6. through 7. No change.

(b) through (c). No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 11. No change.

12. Hunting with dogs is allowed only during the general gun-vehicle season, except that bird dogs and retrievers may be used during snipe and waterfowl seasons, and dogs may be used to take small game during small game season.

13. through 27. No change.

(e) No change.

(4) Rotenberger Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – Walk, September 30 through October 15 ~~1-16~~.

2. General gun – Vehicle (tracked vehicles only), October 21 22 through November 5 6 (tracked vehicles).

3. Archery – August 5-27 6-28.

4. Muzzleloading gun – September 2-10 3-11.

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

6. through 7. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 7. No change.

8. Hunting with dogs is allowed only during the general gun-vehicle season, except that bird dogs and retrievers may be used during snipe and waterfowl seasons, and dogs may be used to take small game during small game season, the duck and coot season established by Rule 68A-13.003, F.A.C., and during the snipe season established by Rule 68A-13.008, F.A.C.

9. through 20. No change.

(e) No change.

(5) Big Cypress Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. through 3. No change.

4. Muzzleloading gun – October 7-22 8-23, except in the Deep Lake Unit.

5. Spring turkey – March 3 4 through April 8 9.

6. through 7. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. Hunting with dogs (other than bird dogs and waterfowl retrievers) is prohibited, except that during small game season dogs may be used for hunting small game. Hunting deer or wild hog with dogs is prohibited. All dogs are prohibited in the Loop unit. The possession of dogs (other than ~~bird dogs and waterfowl retrievers~~) for hunting purposes) is prohibited except as authorized by National Park Service regulations. Leashed dogs may not be used for trailing wounded game.

2. through 20. No change.

(6) Okaloacoochee Slough Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – August 5-11 6-12 and 12-20 13-21.

2. Muzzleloading gun – September 2-4 3-5 and 9-11 10-12.

3. Family Hunt – September 16-17 17-18.

4. General gun – September 23-26 24-27 and September 27 28 through October 1 2.

5. Small game – November 11 12 through December 24 25.

6. Spring turkey – March ~~3-6~~ 4-7 and ~~7-11~~ 8-12.
7. through 9. No change.
- (b) through (c) No change.
- (d) General regulations:
  1. Hunting with dogs is prohibited except ~~bird dogs and retrievers~~ may be used during small game season for taking small game.
  2. through 7. No change.
- (7) Fisheating Creek Wildlife Management Area.
  - (a) Open season:
    1. Archery – August ~~18-20~~ 19-21 and ~~25-27~~ 26-28 west of US Highway 27 only.
    2. Muzzleloading gun – September ~~8-10~~ 9-11 and ~~15-17~~ 16-18 west of US Highway 27 only.
    3. General gun – September ~~29~~ 30 through October ~~1~~ 2 and October ~~13-15~~ 14-16 west of US Highway 27 only.
    4. Youth Turkey Hunt – February ~~24-25~~ 25-26 west of US Highway 27 only.
    5. Spring turkey – March ~~3-6~~ 4-7, ~~9-12~~ 10-13, ~~16-19~~ 17-20, ~~23-26~~ 24-27 and March ~~30~~ 31 through April ~~2~~ 3 west of US Highway 27 only.
    6. Special-opportunity spring turkey – March ~~3-9~~ 4-10 and ~~17-23~~ 18-24 east of US Highway 27 only.
    7. Wild hog-still– November ~~18-19~~ 19-20 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 ~~5-20~~ 6-21.
      2. Muzzleloading gun – September ~~2-4~~ 3-5 and ~~9-11~~ 10-12.
      3. General gun – October ~~7-10~~ 8-11, ~~11-15~~ 12-16 and ~~16-22~~ 17-23.
      4. Small game – November ~~4~~ 5 through December ~~24~~ 25.
      5. Spring turkey – March ~~3-6~~ 4-7 and ~~7-11~~ 8-12.
      6. through 7. No change.
    - (b) through (c) No change.
    - (d) General regulations:
      1. Hunting with dogs is prohibited except ~~bird dogs and retrievers~~ may be used to take small game during the small game season.
      2. through 8. No change.
  - (9) Dinner Island Ranch Wildlife Management Area.
    - (a) Open season:
      1. Archery – August ~~4-7~~ 5-8, ~~11-14~~ 12-15, ~~18-21~~ 19-22 and ~~25-28~~ 26-29.
      2. Muzzleloading gun – September ~~8-10~~ 9-11.
      3. General gun – September ~~16-18~~ 17-19, ~~22-24~~ 23-25 and September ~~29~~ 30 through October ~~1~~ 2.

4. Small game – October ~~28~~ 29 through the Sunday prior to the youth turkey hunt.
5. Family hunt – October ~~7-8~~ 8-9 and ~~14-15~~ 15-16.
6. Youth Turkey Hunt – February ~~24-25~~ 25-26.
7. Spring turkey – March ~~3-5~~ 4-6, ~~10-12~~ 11-13 and ~~March 31 through April 2~~ 1-3.
8. through 10. No change.
- (b) through (c) No change.
- (d) General regulations:
  1. Hunting with dogs is prohibited except bird dogs or retrievers may be used during ~~small game and~~ migratory bird seasons for taking ~~small game and~~ migratory game birds and dogs may be used to take small game during small game season on the posted dove field during established dove hunts.
  2. through 9. No change.
- (10) Spirit-of-the-Wild Wildlife Management Area.
  - (a) Open season:
    1. Archery – August ~~4-7~~ 5-8, ~~11-14~~ 12-15, ~~18-21~~ 19-22 and August ~~25-28~~ 26-29.
    2. Muzzleloading gun – September ~~8-10~~ 9-11.
    3. General gun – September ~~16-18~~ 17-19, ~~22-24~~ 23-25, and September ~~29~~ 30 through October ~~1~~ 2.
    4. Small game – October ~~28~~ 29 through the Sunday prior to the youth turkey hunt.
    5. Youth Turkey Hunt – February ~~24-25~~ 25-26.
    6. Spring turkey – March ~~3-5~~ 4-6, ~~10-12~~ 11-13 and ~~March 31 through April 2~~ 1-3.
    7. through 9. No change.
    - (b) through (c) No change.
    - (d) General regulations:
      1. Hunting with dogs is prohibited except bird dogs or retrievers may be used during ~~small game and~~ migratory bird seasons for taking ~~small game and~~ migratory game birds and dogs may be used to take small game during small game season.
      2. through 7. No change.
  - (11) Allapattah Flats Wildlife Management Area.
    - (a) Open season:
      1. Archery – September ~~9-12~~ 10-13, ~~16-19~~ 17-20, September ~~23-26~~ 25-27 and September 30 through October ~~3~~ 4-4.
      2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~14-16~~ 15-17.
      3. Family hunt – October ~~28-31~~ 29 through ~~November 1~~.
      4. General gun – November ~~4-8~~ 5-9.
      5. Small game – November ~~11~~ 12 through the second Sunday in January.
      6. Spring turkey – March ~~3-6~~ 4-7 and ~~7-11~~ 8-12.
      7. through 8. No change.
      - (b) through (c) No change.
      - (d) General regulations:
        1. through 4. No change.

5. Taking wildlife with dogs is prohibited, except bird dogs or retrievers may be used during ~~the small game and migratory bird seasons~~ for taking ~~small game and migratory game birds~~ and dogs may be used to take small game during small game season.

6. through 8. No change.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2017

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, 7-1-17.

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 16, 2016

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: December 8, 2016

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

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

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

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

Guana River WMA – remove the existing WMA rules related to waterfowl hunting in Lake Ponte Vedra and authorize waterfowl quota hunts in the lake by establishing the Guana River - Lake Ponte Vedra Public Small Game Hunting Area through executive order.

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

Lake George WMA, Dexter Mary Farms Unit – allow any dog for hunting small game (quail, rabbit, squirrel and migratory birds) during small game season.

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

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

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

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

Ocala WMA – require a quota permit for the entire general gun season on the Pipeline Unit (5,000 permits, exemptions allowed); allow trapping in that portion of the Pipeline Unit south of S.R. 40 and west of S.R. 19 during the statewide trapping season; allow any dog for hunting small game (quail, rabbit, squirrel and migratory birds) during small game season.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tiger Bay WMA, Rima Ridge Unit – allow any dog for hunting small game (quail, rabbit, squirrel and migratory birds) during small game season.

Tosohatchee WMA – add gray squirrel as legal to hunt during the archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun and wild hog-dog seasons.

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 ; Sections 379.2223, 375.313, FS.

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

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

**DATES AND TIMES:** During the Commission’s regular meeting February 8 - 9, 2017, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., each day.

**PLACE:** Plantation on Crystal River, 9301 W. Fort Island Trail Crystal River, Florida 34429

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

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

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~4-5~~ ~~5-6~~ and November ~~6~~ ~~7~~ through ~~December 31~~ ~~January 1~~.

2. Small game – January ~~1~~ ~~2~~ through March ~~4~~ ~~5~~.

3. Spring turkey – March ~~17~~ ~~18~~ through April ~~22~~ ~~23~~.

4. Archery – September ~~16-17~~ ~~17-18~~ and September ~~18~~ ~~19~~ through October ~~15~~ ~~16~~.

5. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~21-23~~ ~~22-24~~.

6. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~10-11~~ ~~11-12~~.

7. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(2) Ocala Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~11~~ ~~12~~ through January ~~7~~ ~~8~~ (Pipeline, Lake Delancy and Hopkins Prairie units only).

2. General gun dog – November ~~11~~ ~~12~~ through ~~19~~ ~~20~~ (Church Lake Unit only).

3. General gun still – November ~~25~~ ~~26~~ through December ~~3~~ ~~4~~ (Church Lake Unit only).

4. Small game – December ~~4~~ ~~5~~ through March ~~4~~ ~~5~~ (Church Lake Unit only) and January ~~8~~ ~~9~~ through March ~~4~~ ~~5~~ (Pipeline, Lake Delancy and Hopkins Prairie units only).

5. Archery – September ~~23~~ ~~24~~ through October ~~22~~ ~~23~~.

6. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~27-29~~ ~~28-30~~, in the Church Lake, Hopkins Prairie and Lake Delancy units only.

7. Fox, opossum, bobcat and raccoon – November ~~11~~ ~~12~~ through April ~~15~~ ~~16~~.

8. No change.

9. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~10-11~~ ~~11-12~~ (Lake Delancy Unit only).

10. Spring turkey – March ~~22-25~~ ~~23-26~~, March ~~29~~ ~~30~~ through April ~~1~~ ~~2~~, April ~~5-8~~ ~~6-9~~ and ~~12-15~~ ~~13-16~~.

11. No change.

12. Trapping – December 1 through March 1, ~~except in that portion of the Pipeline Unit south of S.R. 40 and west of S.R. 19.~~

13. through 14. No change.

(b) Legal to take:

1. No change.

2. Furbearing animals – During the November ~~11~~ ~~12~~ 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 ~~5~~ ~~6~~ through April ~~15~~ ~~16~~ 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 ~~8~~ ~~9~~ through April ~~15~~ ~~16~~, 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 any dog may be used to take small game~~ ~~bird dogs and retrievers are allowed~~ during small game, ~~and bird dogs and retrievers are allowed~~ during 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 ~~8~~ ~~9~~ through April ~~15~~ ~~16~~ 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 ~~18-26~~ ~~19-27~~ and November ~~27~~ ~~28~~ through January ~~14~~ ~~15~~.

2. Spring turkey – March ~~17-25~~ ~~18-26~~ and March ~~26~~ ~~27~~ through April ~~22~~ ~~23~~.

3. Archery – October ~~14~~ ~~15~~ through November ~~12~~ ~~13~~.

4. No change.

5. Trapping – January ~~15~~ ~~16~~ through March 1.

6. Wild hog-dog – April ~~27-29~~ ~~28-30~~.

7. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~10-11~~ ~~11-12~~.

8. through 9. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(4) Richloam Wildlife Management Area – Baird Unit.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – October ~~28-31~~ and ~~29~~ through November ~~1~~, November ~~1-5~~ ~~2-6~~ and ~~6-12~~ ~~7-13~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – November ~~18-20~~ ~~19-21~~.

3. General gun – January ~~15-18~~ ~~16-19~~ and ~~19-23~~ ~~20-24~~.

4. Wild hog-still – January ~~24-26~~ ~~25-27~~.

5. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~10-11~~ ~~11-12~~.

6. Spring turkey – March ~~17-19~~ ~~18-20~~, ~~23-25~~ ~~24-26~~ and March ~~30~~ ~~31~~ through April ~~1~~ ~~2~~.

7. Small game – February ~~3~~ ~~4~~ through March ~~4~~ ~~5~~.

8. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(5) Three Lakes Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~4-5~~ ~~5-6~~ and November ~~6~~ ~~7~~ through ~~December 31~~ ~~January 1~~.

2. Small game – January ~~1~~ ~~2~~ through March ~~4~~ ~~5~~.

3. Spring turkey – March ~~17~~ ~~18~~ through April ~~22~~ ~~23~~.

4. Archery – September ~~16-17~~ ~~17-18~~ and September ~~18~~ ~~19~~ through October ~~15~~ ~~16~~.

5. No change.

6. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~21-23~~ ~~22-24~~.

7. General gun for mobility impaired – October ~~27-29~~ ~~28-30~~.

8. General gun-dog – December ~~7-10~~ ~~8-11~~ and ~~December 28-31~~ ~~29~~ through January ~~1~~.

9. through 10. No change.

11. Raccoon – January ~~12-14~~ ~~13-15~~, ~~19-21~~ ~~20-22~~ and ~~26-28~~ ~~27-29~~ (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 ~~10-11~~ ~~11-12~~.

(b) through (d) No change.

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

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~29~~ ~~30~~ through October ~~1~~ ~~2~~ and October ~~6-8~~ ~~7-9~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~27-29~~ ~~28-30~~.

3. General gun – November ~~17-19~~ ~~18-20~~ and ~~24-26~~ ~~25-27~~.

4. Small game – December ~~9-31~~ ~~10~~ through January ~~1~~.

5. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~10-11~~ ~~11-12~~.

6. Spring turkey – March ~~17-19~~ ~~18-20~~, March ~~30~~ ~~31~~ through April ~~1~~ ~~2~~ and April ~~13-15~~ ~~14-16~~.

7. No change.

8. Wild hog-still – December ~~1-3~~ ~~2-4~~ and January ~~5-7~~ ~~6-8~~, ~~26-28~~ ~~27-29~~ and February ~~23-25~~ ~~24-26~~.

9. through 10. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(7) Tiger Bay Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~4-12 5-13~~ and November 13 14 through December 31 ~~January 1~~.

2. Archery – September ~~16 17~~ through October 15 16.

3. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~21-23 22-24~~.

4. Small game – January 1 2 through March 4 5.

5. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~10-11 11-12~~.

6. Spring turkey – March ~~17-20 18-21~~, March 29 30 through April 2 3 and April ~~12-15 13-16~~.

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 bird dogs and dogs with a shoulder height of 15" or less may be used for hunting small game and any dog may be used to take small game during small game season.

4. through 9. No change.

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

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~11-19 12-20~~.

2. Archery – September 23 24 through October 8 9.

3. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~27-29 28-30~~.

4. Small game – November 23 24 through December 31 ~~January 1~~.

5. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~10-11 11-12~~.

6. Spring turkey – March ~~17-19 18-20~~, March 30 31 through April 1 2 and April ~~13-15 14-16~~.

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 bird dogs and dogs with a shoulder height of 15" or less may be used for hunting small game and any dog may be used to take small game during small game season.

4. through 5. No change.

(9) Tosohatchee Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – October ~~5-8 6-9~~ and ~~12-15 13-16~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~26-29 27-30~~ and November ~~2-5 3-6~~.

3. General gun – November ~~16-19 17-20~~ and ~~24-26 25-27~~.

4. Spring turkey – March ~~17-19 18-20~~, March 30 31 through April 1 2 and April ~~13-15 14-16~~.

5. Wild hog-dog – January ~~12-18 13-19~~ and February ~~9-15 10-16~~.

6. No change.

(b) Legal to take: Antlered deer, antlerless deer, turkey, wild hog, fish, frogs, gray squirrel and coyote. No other

wildlife species 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 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. A limit of one antlerless and one antlered deer per quota permit is established. Only wild hog and gray squirrel may be taken during the wild hog-dog season.

(c) through (d) No change.

(10) Seminole Ranch Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – October ~~6-8 7-9~~ and ~~13-15 14-16~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~27-29 28-30~~ and November ~~3-5 4-6~~.

3. General gun – November ~~17-19 18-20~~.

4. Small game – November ~~25-26 26-27~~, December ~~2-3 3-4~~, ~~9-10 10-11~~ and January ~~6-7 7-8~~.

5. Spring turkey – March ~~17-19 18-20~~, ~~23-25 24-26~~ and March ~~30 31~~ through April 1 2.

6. Wild hog-dog – January ~~27-28 28-29~~ and January 29 30 through February 2 3.

7. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 4. No change.

5. Hunting with 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 ~~bird dogs may be used~~ during small game season. During the wild hog-dog season, no more than 3 free-running dogs per quota permit shall be allowed.

6. through 10. No change.

(11) Jumper Creek Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~16 17~~ through October 15 16.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~21-23 22-24~~.

3. General gun – November ~~4-12 5-13~~ and November 13 14 through December 31 ~~January 1~~.

4. Small game – January 1 2 through March 4 5.

5. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~10-11 11-12~~.

6. Spring turkey – March ~~17 18~~ through April 22 23.

7. through 8. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(12) Rock Springs Run Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~29 30~~ through October 1 2 and October ~~6-8 7-9~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~21-23 22-24~~ and ~~27-29 28-30~~.

3. General gun – November ~~10-12 11-13~~ and ~~17-19 18-20~~.



4. Small game – December ~~2-3~~ ~~3-4~~, ~~9-10~~ ~~10-11~~ and January ~~6-7~~ ~~7-8~~.

5. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. Hunting with dogs is prohibited except any dog may be used to take small game ~~bird dogs~~ during small game season.

2. through 7. No change.

(13) Guana River Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

~~1. Duck, light goose and coot – Lake Ponte Vedra shall be open during 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.~~

~~1.2.~~ General gun – November ~~17-19~~ ~~18-20~~ and ~~24-26~~ ~~25-27~~.

~~2.3.~~ Muzzleloading gun – October ~~21-23~~ ~~22-24~~ and ~~27-29~~ ~~28-30~~.

~~3.4.~~ Archery – October ~~6-8~~ ~~7-9~~ and ~~13-15~~ ~~14-16~~.

~~4.5.~~ Small game – December ~~1-3~~ ~~2-4~~, ~~8-10~~ ~~9-11~~, January ~~5-7~~ ~~6-8~~, ~~12-14~~ ~~13-15~~, ~~19-21~~ ~~20-22~~ and ~~26-28~~ ~~27-29~~.

~~5.6.~~ Spring turkey – March ~~23-25~~ ~~24-26~~ and March ~~30~~ ~~31~~ through April ~~1~~ ~~2~~.

7. through 8. renumbered 6. through 7. No change.

(b) through (e) No change.

(14) Half Moon Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – October ~~6-8~~ ~~7-9~~ and ~~13-15~~ ~~14-16~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~27-29~~ ~~28-30~~.

3. General gun – November ~~11-13~~ ~~12-14~~ and ~~17-19~~ ~~18-20~~.

4. Small game – December ~~1-3~~ ~~2-4~~, ~~8-10~~ ~~9-11~~ and ~~15-17~~ ~~16-18~~.

5. Wild hog-still – January ~~12-14~~ ~~13-15~~, ~~19-21~~ ~~20-22~~ and ~~26-28~~ ~~27-29~~.

6. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~10-11~~ ~~11-12~~.

7. Spring turkey – March ~~17-19~~ ~~18-20~~, ~~23-25~~ ~~24-26~~ and March ~~30~~ ~~31~~ through April ~~1~~ ~~2~~.

8. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(15) Caravelle Ranch Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~23~~ ~~24~~ through October ~~1~~ ~~2~~.

2. Supervised small game – October ~~7-15~~ ~~8-16~~.

3. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~27-29~~ ~~28-30~~.

4. General gun – November ~~11-14~~ ~~12-15~~ and ~~15-19~~ ~~16-20~~.

5. No change.

6. Small game – November ~~23~~ ~~24~~ through January ~~7~~ ~~8~~ (Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).

7. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~10-11~~ ~~11-12~~ (south of the Cross Florida Barge Canal only).

8. Spring turkey – March ~~17-20~~ ~~18-21~~ and ~~21-25~~ ~~22-26~~.

9. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(16) Lake George Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~16~~ ~~17~~ through October ~~15~~ ~~16~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~27-29~~ ~~28-30~~ and November ~~3-5~~ ~~4-6~~.

3. General gun – November ~~11-14~~ ~~12-15~~, ~~15-19~~ ~~16-20~~ and ~~20-26~~ ~~21-27~~.

4. Small game – November ~~27~~ ~~28~~ through March ~~4~~ ~~5~~.

5. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~10-11~~ ~~11-12~~.

6. Spring turkey – March ~~17-20~~ ~~18-21~~, March ~~29~~ ~~30~~ through April ~~1~~ ~~2~~ and April ~~12-15~~ ~~13-16~~.

7. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 2. No change.

3. Hunting with dogs is prohibited, except bird dogs and retrievers may be used during the general gun season and any dog may be used to take small game ~~small game seasons and dogs with a shoulder height of 15 inches or less may be used to hunt rabbit~~ during small game season.

4. No change.

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

(a) Open season:

1. Small game – November ~~25~~ ~~26~~ through December ~~10~~ ~~11~~ and December ~~23~~ ~~24~~ through January ~~7~~ ~~8~~.

2. Special-opportunity spring turkey – March ~~17-23~~ ~~18-24~~, March 31 through April ~~6~~ ~~7~~ and April ~~14-20~~ ~~15-21~~.

3. No change.

4. Archery – September ~~23~~ ~~24~~ through October ~~8~~ ~~9~~.

5. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~27-29~~ ~~28-30~~.

6. General gun – November ~~11-19~~ ~~12-20~~.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. The use of dogs is prohibited except that any dog may be used to take small game during the small game season, ~~other than bird dogs and dogs with a shoulder height of 15 inches or less during the small game season is prohibited~~.

2. through 9. No change.

(e) No change.

(18) Seminole Forest Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~23-26~~ ~~24-27~~ and September ~~27~~ ~~28~~ through October ~~1~~ ~~2~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~27-29~~ 28-30.
3. General gun – December ~~2-5~~ 3-6 and ~~6-10~~ 7-11.
4. Small game – January ~~13-28~~ 14-29 (Saturdays and Sundays only).
5. Spring turkey – March ~~17-21~~ 18-22 and March ~~24-28~~ 25-29.
6. General gun for mobility-impaired – October ~~20-22~~ 21-23.
7. No change.
  - (b) through (c) No change.
  - (d) General regulations:
    1. Hunting with dogs is prohibited except any dog may be used to take small game ~~bird dogs may be used~~ during the small game season.
      2. through 9. No change.
    - (19) Triple N Ranch Wildlife Management Area.
      - (a) Open season:
        1. Wild hog-still – January ~~26-28~~ 27-29, February ~~2-4~~ 3-5, ~~9-11~~ 10-12 and ~~16-18~~ 17-19.
        2. Special-opportunity deer – October ~~14-20~~ 15-21 and October ~~28~~ 29 through November ~~3~~ 4.
        3. Small game – November ~~25~~ 26 through January ~~21~~ 22.
        4. Special-opportunity spring turkey – March ~~17-23~~ 18-24, ~~March 31 through~~ April ~~6~~ 7 and April ~~14-20~~ 15-21.
        5. through 6. No change.
      - (b) through (d) No change.
    - (20) Etoniah Creek Wildlife Management Area.
      - (a) Open season:
        1. Archery – September ~~23~~ 24 through October ~~8~~ 9.
        2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~21-23~~ 22-24 and October ~~27-29~~ 28-30.
        3. General gun – November ~~9-12~~ 10-13, ~~16-19~~ 17-20 and ~~23-26~~ 24-27.
        4. Small game – November ~~27~~ 28 through the first weekend in January.
        5. Spring turkey – March ~~17-20~~ 18-21, ~~23-26~~ 24-27 and March ~~30~~ 31 through April ~~1~~ 3.
        6. No change.
      - (b) through (c) No change.
      - (d) General regulations:
        1. Hunting with dogs is prohibited except any dog may be used to take small game ~~bird dogs and dogs with a shoulder height of 15 inches or less may be used~~ during the small game season.
          2. through 4. No change.
        - (21) Little Big Econ Wildlife Management Area.
          - (a) Open season:
            1. Archery – September ~~29~~ 30 through October ~~5~~ 6, October ~~6-12~~ 7-13 and ~~13-21~~ 14-22.
            2. Muzzleloading gun – November ~~3-5~~ 4-6 and ~~10-12~~ 11-13.

3. General gun – November ~~17-19~~ 18-20, ~~24-26~~ 25-27 and December ~~1-3~~ 2-4.
4. Small game – December ~~9-24~~ 10-25.
5. Spring turkey – March ~~17-20~~ 18-21, ~~22-25~~ 23-26 and March ~~29~~ 30 through April ~~1~~ 2.
6. through 7. No change.
  - (b) through (c) No change.
  - (d) General regulations:
    1. Hunting with dogs is prohibited, except that any dog may be used to take small game ~~bird dogs may be used~~ during the small game season and waterfowl retrievers may be used during the September duck seasons.
      2. through 4. No change.
    - (22) Lake Panasoffkee Wildlife Management Area.
      - (a) Open season:
        1. Special-opportunity spring turkey – March ~~22-25~~ 23-26, April ~~3-6~~ 4-7 and ~~19-22~~ 20-23.
        2. Special-opportunity archery – September ~~21-24~~ 22-25, October ~~3-6~~ 4-7, ~~12-15~~ 13-16, ~~24-27~~ 25-28, November ~~2-5~~ 3-6, ~~14-17~~ 15-18, December ~~5-8~~ 6-9 and ~~14-17~~ 15-18.
        3. Wild hog-still – January ~~12-14~~ 13-15.
        4. Wild hog-dog – January ~~26-28~~ 27-29 and February ~~23-25~~ 24-26.
        5. Small game – February ~~2-4~~ 3-5 and ~~9-11~~ 10-12.
        6. through 7. No change.
      - (b) through (d) No change.
    - (23) Ross Prairie Wildlife Management Area.
      - (a) Open season:
        1. Archery – September ~~22-24~~ 23-25.
        2. Supervised small game – October ~~14-20~~ 15-21, November ~~18-24~~ 19-25, December ~~16-22~~ 17-23 and January ~~13-19~~ 14-20.
        3. Spring turkey – March ~~23-25~~ 24-26.
        - (b) through (c) No change.
        - (d) General regulations:
          1. through 2. No change.
          3. Hunting with dogs is prohibited except any dog may be used to take small game during small game season, ~~bird dogs and dogs with a shoulder height of 15" or less may be used for hunting small game~~.
          4. through 6. No change.
        - (24) Buck Lake Wildlife Management Area.
          - (a) Open season:
            1. Archery – September ~~23~~ 24 through October ~~1~~ 2 and October ~~7-13~~ 8-14.
            2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~27-29~~ 28-30.
            3. General gun – November ~~11-14~~ 12-15 and ~~16-20~~ 17-21.
            4. Small game – December ~~2-17~~ 3-18.
            5. Spring turkey – March ~~17-20~~ 18-21 and ~~22-26~~ 23-27.

6. Wild hog-still – December ~~29~~ ~~30~~ through January ~~28~~ ~~29~~.

7. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. Hunting with dogs is prohibited except any dog may be used to take small game ~~bird dogs may be used~~ during the small game season.

2. through 6. No change.

(25) Fort Drum Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Special-opportunity deer – October ~~28~~ ~~29~~ through November ~~3~~ ~~4~~.

2. Small game – December ~~9-24~~ ~~10-25~~.

3. Special-opportunity spring turkey – March ~~17-23~~ ~~18-24~~, ~~March 31 through April 6~~ ~~1-7~~ and ~~April 14-20~~ ~~15-21~~.

4. Wild hog-still – November ~~10-12~~ ~~11-13~~, ~~17-19~~ ~~18-20~~, ~~24-26~~ ~~25-27~~; January ~~30~~ ~~31~~ through February ~~1~~ ~~2~~ and February ~~6-8~~ ~~7-9~~.

5. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(26) Gores Landing Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~23~~ ~~24~~ through October ~~8~~ ~~9~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~27-29~~ ~~28-30~~.

3. General gun – November ~~11-19~~ ~~12-20~~.

4. Small game – December ~~2-17~~ ~~3-18~~.

5. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~10-11~~ ~~11-12~~.

6. Spring turkey – March ~~17-20~~ ~~18-21~~ and ~~21-25~~ ~~22-26~~.

7. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. No change.

2. Hunting with dogs is prohibited except any dog may be used to take small game ~~bird dogs and retrievers may be used~~ during the small game season.

3. through 4. No change.

(27) Seminole Forest Wildlife Management Area – Lake Tracy Unit.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~21-24~~ ~~22-25~~ and September ~~28~~ ~~29~~ through October ~~1~~ ~~2~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~26-29~~ ~~27-30~~.

3. General gun – November ~~9-12~~ ~~10-13~~.

4. Wild hog-still – November ~~17-19~~ ~~18-20~~, December ~~15-17~~ ~~16-18~~ and January ~~12-14~~ ~~13-15~~.

5. Small game – January ~~5-7~~ ~~6-8~~, ~~19-21~~ ~~20-22~~ and ~~26-28~~ ~~27-29~~.

6. Spring turkey – March ~~17-19~~ ~~18-20~~ and ~~23-25~~ ~~24-26~~.

7. through 8. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. Hunting with dogs is prohibited, except any dog may be used to take small game ~~bird dogs and dogs with a shoulder height of 15 inches or less may be used~~ during small game season ~~to take small game~~ and waterfowl retrievers may be used to take ducks during special September duck season.

2. through 6. No change.

(28) Upper St. Johns River Marsh Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~16~~ ~~17~~ through October ~~15~~ ~~16~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~21-29~~ ~~22-30~~.

3. General gun – November ~~4~~ ~~5~~ through January ~~14~~ ~~15~~.

4. Small game – January ~~15~~ ~~16~~ through March ~~4~~ ~~5~~.

5. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~10-11~~ ~~11-12~~.

6. Spring turkey – March ~~17~~ ~~18~~ through April ~~22~~ ~~23~~.

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 ~~18-19~~ ~~19-20~~. 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 ~~4~~ ~~5~~ through ~~December 31~~ ~~January 1~~.

(c) through (d) No change.

(29) Dunns Creek Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~23~~ ~~24~~ through October ~~8~~ ~~9~~ and November ~~18-26~~ ~~19-27~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~28~~ ~~29~~ through November ~~5~~ ~~6~~.

3. General gun – December ~~7-10~~ ~~8-11~~.

4. Wild hog-still – January ~~20-28~~ ~~21-29~~.

5. Spring turkey – March ~~17-19~~ ~~18-20~~, March ~~30~~ ~~31~~ through April ~~1~~ ~~2~~ and April ~~13-15~~ ~~14-16~~.

6. through 7. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(30) Salt Lake Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~23~~ ~~24~~ through October ~~1~~ ~~2~~ and October ~~2-8~~ ~~3-9~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~27-29~~ ~~28-30~~.

3. General gun – November ~~11-14~~ ~~12-15~~ and ~~15-19~~ ~~16-20~~.

4. Small game – December ~~8-10~~ ~~9-11~~, ~~15-17~~ ~~16-18~~; January ~~5-7~~ ~~6-8~~, ~~12-14~~ ~~13-15~~; February ~~9-11~~ ~~10-12~~, ~~16-18~~ ~~17-19~~.

5. Wild hog-dog – January ~~18-21~~ ~~19-22~~.

6. Spring turkey – March ~~17-20~~ ~~18-21~~ and ~~21-25~~ ~~22-26~~.

7. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(31) Matanzas Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~23-29~~ ~~24-30~~, September 30 through October 8 ~~1-9~~ and October 9-15 ~~10-16~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~27-29~~ ~~28-30~~ and November ~~3-5~~ ~~4-6~~.

3. Family hunt – November ~~11-12~~ ~~12-13~~.

4. General gun – November ~~13-19~~ ~~14-20~~.

5. Wild hog-still – December ~~2-8~~ ~~3-9~~ and 9-17 ~~10-18~~.

6. Small game – January ~~8-23~~ ~~9-24~~.

7. Spring turkey – March ~~17-20~~ ~~18-21~~, March ~~29~~ ~~30~~ through April ~~1~~ ~~2~~ and April ~~5-8~~ ~~6-9~~.

8. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. Hunting with dogs other than bird dogs or retrievers is prohibited except any dog may be used to take small game during small game season. The take of wild hog with dog is prohibited.

2. through 4. No change.

(32) Lake Monroe Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. through 2. No change.

3. Furbearers – During the zonal antlered deer season only except that bobcat and otter may be taken only after December 1 ~~November 30~~.

4. through 5. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. No change.

2. Hunting with dogs is prohibited except bird dogs and retrievers may be used during the small game and migratory game bird seasons and any dog may be used to take small game during small game season.

3. No change.

(33) Charles H. Bronson Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – ~~October~~ September ~~29~~ ~~30~~ through October ~~5~~ ~~6~~, October ~~6-12~~ ~~7-13~~ and 13-21 ~~14-22~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~27-29~~ ~~28-30~~ and November ~~3-5~~ ~~4-6~~.

3. General gun – November ~~10-12~~ ~~11-13~~, ~~17-19~~ ~~18-20~~ and December ~~1-3~~ ~~2-4~~.

4. Small game – December ~~9-17~~ ~~10-18~~ and January ~~6-12~~ ~~7-13~~.

5. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~10-11~~ ~~11-12~~.

6. Spring turkey – March ~~17-20~~ ~~18-21~~, ~~23-26~~ ~~24-27~~ and March ~~30~~ ~~31~~ through April ~~2~~ ~~3~~.

7. through 8. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. Hunting with dogs other than bird dogs or retrievers is prohibited except that any dog may be used to take small game during the small game season.

2. through 5. No change.

(34) Marshall Swamp Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~16-22~~ ~~17-23~~, ~~23-29~~ ~~24-30~~, September 30 through October 6 ~~1-7~~, and October 7-13 ~~8-14~~ and 14-22 ~~15-23~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – November ~~3-5~~ ~~4-6~~.

3. General gun – November ~~17-19~~ ~~18-20~~, ~~24-26~~ ~~25-27~~ and December ~~1-3~~ ~~2-4~~.

4. No change.

5. Spring turkey – March ~~17-19~~ ~~18-20~~, ~~23-25~~ ~~24-26~~ and March ~~30~~ ~~31~~ through April ~~1~~ ~~2~~.

6. through 7. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. Hunting with dogs other than bird dogs or retrievers for the take of small game is prohibited except that any dog may be used to take small game during the small game season.

2. through 7. No change.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2017

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, ~~7-1-17~~.

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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 16, 2016

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT  
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**FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION  
 COMMISSION**

**Freshwater Fish and Wildlife**

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:  
 68A-17.005 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:

North Central Region

Fort White WEA – extend the small game season from 14 to 30 days by adding one 16-day hunt in February; and allow any dog for hunting small game (quail, rabbit, squirrel and migratory birds) during small game season.

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

South Region

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

John C. and Mariana Jones/Hungryland WEA – allow any dog for hunting small game (quail, rabbit, squirrel and migratory birds) during small game season.

John G. and Susan H. DuPuis Jr. WEA – allow any dog for hunting small game (quail, rabbit, squirrel and migratory birds) during small game season; remove rule prohibiting hunting within ¼ mile of primitive campgrounds; and clarify that only mobility-impaired hunters may harvest antlerless deer during the mobility-impaired season.

Southern Glades WEA – allow any dog for hunting small game (quail, rabbit, squirrel and migratory birds) during small game season; remove rule prohibiting hunting with a firearm within 500 yards of any building or structure; and prohibit hunting within 100 yards of 232nd Avenue.

Southwest Region

Lake Wales Ridge WEA, Royce Unit – improve hunting opportunity by beginning the third small game season hunt one week earlier and expanding this hunt from 3-days (Friday through Sunday) to 4-days (Friday through Monday, overlapping the Birthday of Marting Luther King, Jr.).

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 n; Sections 379.2223, 375.313, FS.

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

DATES AND TIMES: During the Commission’s regular meeting February 8 - 9, 2017, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., each day.

PLACE: Plantation on Crystal River, 9301 W. Fort Island Trail Crystal River, Florida 34429.

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-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 ~~22-24~~ ~~23-25~~ and October ~~13-15~~ ~~14-16~~.
- b. General gun – November ~~17-19~~ ~~18-20~~.
- c. Small game – December ~~8-10~~ ~~9-11~~, ~~22-24~~ ~~23-25~~, opening 3 days prior to the third Monday in January and closing 3 days thereafter January 20-22 and February 2-4 27-29.
- d. Wild hog-still – May ~~5-6~~ ~~6-7~~ and ~~12-13~~ ~~13-14~~.
- e. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~10-11~~ ~~11-12~~.
- f. Spring turkey – March ~~17-19~~ ~~18-20~~ and March ~~30~~ ~~31~~ through April ~~1~~ ~~2~~.
- g. No change.
2. through 3. No change.
- (g) through (k) No change.
- (2) North Central Region.
- (a) Santa Fe Swamp – Bradford County.
1. Open season:
- a. Archery – September ~~22~~ ~~23~~ through October ~~20~~ ~~21~~.
- b. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~21-23~~ ~~22-24~~.
- c. Archery and muzzleloading gun – November ~~4~~ ~~5~~ through ~~December 31~~ ~~January 1~~.
- d. Spring turkey – March ~~17~~ ~~18~~ through April ~~22~~ ~~23~~.
- e. through f. No change.
2. through 3. No change.
- (b) Fort White Mitigation Park – Gilchrist County.
1. Open season:
- a. Archery season – October ~~21-25~~ ~~22-26~~, October ~~28~~ ~~29~~ through November ~~1~~ ~~2~~ and November ~~11-15~~ ~~12-16~~.
- b. Small game – November ~~18~~ ~~19~~ through December ~~1~~ ~~2~~ and February ~~3-18~~.
- c. Youth spring turkey – March ~~10-11~~ ~~11-12~~.
- d. Spring turkey – March ~~17-21~~ ~~18-22~~ and ~~24-28~~ ~~25-29~~.
- e. through g. No change.
2. through 3. No change.
4. General regulations:
- a. through b. No change.
- c. Possession of any animal is prohibited except that a dog on a leash may be used to trail wounded game, any dog may be used to take small game ~~bird dogs are allowed for hunting~~ during the small game season and raptors may be used during the falconry season.
- d. through f. No change.
- (c) Suwannee Ridge – Hamilton County.
1. Open season:
- a. Mobility-impaired general gun – October ~~13-15~~ ~~14-16~~, ~~27-29~~ ~~28-30~~, November ~~3-5~~ ~~4-6~~ and December ~~15-17~~ ~~16-18~~.
- b. Mobility-impaired spring turkey – March ~~23-25~~ ~~24-26~~ and April ~~13-15~~ ~~14-16~~.
2. through 3. No change.
- (d) through (e) No change.
- (f) Lafayette Forest Wildlife and Environmental Area.
1. Open seasons:
- a. Archery season – September ~~23-27~~ ~~24-28~~ and September ~~29~~ ~~30~~ through October ~~3~~ ~~4~~ and ~~6-10~~ ~~7-11~~.
- b. Muzzleloading gun season – October ~~21-23~~ ~~22-24~~.
- c. Family hunt – November ~~4-5~~ ~~5-6~~ and ~~11-12~~ ~~12-13~~.
- d. Wild hog-still – January ~~20-24~~ ~~21-25~~ and ~~27-31~~ ~~January 28 through February 1~~.
- e. Small game – February ~~3-18~~ ~~4-19~~.
- f. Youth spring turkey – March ~~10-11~~ ~~11-12~~.
- g. Spring turkey – March ~~17-19~~ ~~18-20~~ and ~~23-25~~ ~~24-26~~.
- h. through j. No change.
2. No change.
3. General regulations:
- a. through c. No change.
- d. Hunting with dogs ~~other than bird dogs or waterfowl retrievers~~ is prohibited during the small game season, except by persons hunting as specified in paragraph 68A-24.002(2)(b), F.A.C. and any dog may be used to take small game.
- e. through h. No change.
- (g) Watermelon Pond Wildlife and Environmental Area.
1. Open seasons:
- a. Archery season – October ~~14-22~~ ~~15-23~~.
- b. Small game – November ~~18~~ ~~19~~ through December ~~3~~ ~~4~~ and December ~~16~~ ~~17~~ through January ~~7~~ ~~8~~.
- c. Youth spring turkey – March ~~10-11~~ ~~11-12~~.
- 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 ~~28~~ ~~29~~ through October ~~1~~ ~~2~~, October ~~12-15~~ ~~13-16~~ and ~~26-29~~ ~~27-30~~.
- b. Family hunt – November ~~2-5~~ ~~3-6~~.
- c. Archery and muzzleloading gun – November ~~23-26~~ ~~24-27~~, November 30 through December ~~3~~ ~~4~~ and ~~December 14-17~~ ~~15-18~~.
- d. Small game – December ~~29-31~~ ~~30 through January 1~~, January ~~12-14~~ ~~13-15~~, ~~26-28~~ ~~27-29~~, February ~~9-11~~ ~~10-12~~ and ~~23-25~~ ~~24-26~~.
- e. through h. No change.
3. through 4. No change.
- (4) South Region.

- (a) Southern Glades – Dade County.
1. Open season:
    - a. Archery – July ~~29 30~~ through August ~~27 28~~.
    - b. Muzzleloading gun – September ~~8-10 9-11~~.
    - c. General gun – September ~~16 17~~ through October ~~15 16~~ and November ~~20-26 21-27~~.
    - d. Small game – November ~~27 28~~ through February ~~25 26~~.
    - e. through g. No change.
  2. No change.
  3. General regulations:
    - a. Dogs are prohibited except dogs may be used for hunting small game during small game season and waterfowl retrievers and bird dogs may be used during the duck, coot, and snipe seasons.
    - b. No change.
    - c. Hunting is prohibited within 100 yards of 232<sup>nd</sup> avenue. The take of wildlife with a firearm east of the C-109 road; or within 500 yards of the Dade Work Camp, or any building or structure is prohibited.
    - d. through j. No change.
- (b) John G. and Susan H. Dupuis Jr. – Palm Beach and Martin counties.
1. Open season:
    - a. Archery – September ~~8-10 9-11, 15-17 16-18~~ and ~~22-24 23-25~~.
    - b. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~6-8 7-9, 13-15 14-16~~ and ~~20-22 21-25~~.
    - c. General gun for mobility-impaired – October ~~28-29 29-31~~.
    - d. General gun – November ~~3-5 4-6~~ and ~~10-12 11-13~~.
    - e. Wild hog-still – November ~~14-16 15-17, November 28-30 29 through December 1,~~ 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 ~~6-8 7-9, 16-18 17-19~~ and ~~23-25 24-26~~.
    - g. Small game – December ~~2 3~~ through January ~~21 22~~.
    - h. through j. No change.
  2. Legal to take: All legal game, gobblers or bearded turkeys (during spring season only), wild hog, fish and furbearers (except otter). 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 (except spotted fawns) may be taken during the archery and general gun for the mobility-impaired seasons. The bag limit for deer shall be one per quota permit, except during the general gun for mobility-impaired season when one (1) antlered and one (1) antlerless deer may be taken per quota permit. Only mobility-impaired hunters may take antlerless

deer during the general gun for mobility-impaired season. One gobbler (or bearded turkey) may be taken per spring turkey quota permit. The take of deer is prohibited during the wild hog season.

3. No change.
  4. General regulations:
    - a. through b. No change.
    - c. Taking wildlife with dogs is prohibited except ~~bird dogs and retrievers~~ are permitted for hunting small game during the small game season.
    - d. through l. No change.
    - m. ~~The take of wildlife with a firearm within 1/4 mile of the hiking trail campsites is prohibited.~~
- (c) CREW – Collier and Lee Counties.
1. Open season:
    - a. Archery – August ~~5-13 6-14~~.
    - b. Muzzleloading gun – September ~~2-4 3-5~~.
    - c. General gun – November ~~18-26 19-27~~.
    - d. Small game – December ~~2-31 3 through January 1,~~
    - e. Spring turkey – March ~~3-6 4-7~~ and ~~7-11 8-12~~.
    - f. through h. No change.
  2. through 3. No change.
  4. General regulations:
    - a. No change.
    - b. Take of wildlife with dogs is prohibited except bird dogs or retrievers may be used during general gun season and any dog may be used to take small game during small game season seasons.
    - c. through k. No change.
    - (d) No change.
    - (e) John C. and Mariana Jones/Hungryland – Palm Beach and Martin Counties.
      1. Open season:
        - a. Archery – September ~~9-12 10-13, 16-19 17-20,~~ September ~~23-26 24-27~~ and September 30 through October 3 1-4.
        - b. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~14-16 15-17~~.
        - c. General gun – October ~~28-30 29-31,~~ November ~~4-6 5-7~~ and ~~11-13 12-14~~.
        - d. Small game – November ~~18 19~~ through December ~~17 18~~.
        - e. Spring turkey – March ~~17 18~~ through April ~~1 2~~ (Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays only).
        - f. through h. No change.
      2. through 3. No change.
      4. General regulations:
        - a. through e. No change.
        - f. Taking wildlife with dogs is prohibited except bird dogs and retrievers may be used for taking ~~small game and~~ migratory birds during small game season and dogs may be used during small game season to take small game.

g. through i. No change.

(5) No change.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2017

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, 7-1-17.

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 16, 2016

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: December 8, 2016

### Section III

## Notice of Changes, Corrections and Withdrawals

### DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

#### Florida Real Estate Commission

RULE NO.: 61J2-3.009  
 RULE TITLE: Continuing Education for Active and Inactive Broker and Sales Associate Licensees

#### 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. 42 No. 195, October 6, 2016 issue of the Florida Administrative Register.

61J2-3.009 Continuing Education for Active and Inactive Broker and Sales Associate Licensees

(1)(a) No change.

(b) through (e) No change.

(f) The Commission shall approve any specialty course, seminar or conference in the real estate practice area provided by a public or private school, firm, association, organization, person, corporation, sponsor or provider. “Specialty” courses on real estate practices shall be approved for no less than 2 hours and for not more than 8 hours of instruction of 50 minutes each. Courses shall not be approved for fractional hours. The Commission will approve the course for 24 months. ~~A school or provider must submit the course materials and end-of course examinations to the Commission for evaluation at least 60 days prior to use and receive approval before it may offer the course.~~ Approval or denial of a “specialty” course will be based on its compliance with the criteria established in Section 475.182(1), F.S. ~~Thereafter, it is the responsibility of the school or provider offering the Commission approved courses to keep the course materials current and accurate, as changing times and laws require, and obtain approval from the Commission at least 60 days before implementing any significant changes to the course during its approval period. The school or provider must also submit a copy of the continuing education course, and access to the course, in the format in which the course will be offered to the student. All Core Law continuing education courses shall be resubmitted for evaluation prior to every second renewal.~~

(g) A school or provider must submit the course materials and end-of-course examinations to the Commission for evaluation at least 60 days prior to use and receive approval before it may offer the course. The school or provider must also submit a copy of the continuing education course, and access to the course, in the format in which the course will be offered to the student. Thereafter, it is the responsibility of the school or provider offering the Commission-approved courses to keep the course materials current and accurate, as changing times and laws require. Classroom and distance education courses may be submitted for renewal no more than 120 days prior to the course expiration date.

(h) All Core Law continuing education courses shall be resubmitted for evaluation prior to every second renewal. Classroom and distance education courses may be submitted for renewal no more than 120 days prior to the course expiration date.

(i) If a school or provider develops a new version of course materials or new end-of-course examinations during the approval period, the end-of-course examinations and a summary of the changes must be submitted to the Commission at least 60 days prior to use and receive approval before it may offer the course.

(2)(a) No change.

(b) Licensees must take the 3-hour Core Law course once during each renewal period. A licensee who takes the 3-hour



Core Law course in each year of the renewal period shall be allowed a total of 3 hours of Core Law education and 3 hours of specialty education toward the 14 hour requirement. Beginning October 1, 2017, licensees must also take the 3-hour Ethics and Business Practices course once during each licensure renewal period. Licensees who complete the Core Law course and Ethic and Business Practices course will receive 6 hours credit toward the 14 hour requirement. The “specialty” course hours must total at least 8 hours.

- (3) No change.
- (4)(a) No change.

(b) A copy of the distance education course materials and a copy of each form of the end-of-course examinations that will be distributed to students shall be submitted to the Commission for evaluation and approval at least 60 days prior to use. Examinations must test the course material. The provider must submit the course materials and a minimum of five end-of-course examinations for each course to the Commission for evaluation and approval at least 60 days prior to its use. ~~The Commission will issue an acknowledgement of receipt and status report to the course provider within 30 days after submission of the course and examinations.~~ Thereafter, it is the responsibility of the provider offering the Commission-approved courses to keep the course material current and accurate, ~~and notify the Commission at least 60 days before implementing any significant changes to the course during its approval period. Examinations must test the course material.~~ If the Commission does not approve the course, the provider may resubmit the course, with the mandated changes for re-evaluation. If a provider develops a new version of course materials or new end-of-course examinations during the approval period, the end-of-course examinations and a summary of the changes must be submitted to the Commission at least 60 days prior to use and receive approval before it may offer the course.

- (c) through (e) No change.
- (5) through (7) No change.

Rulemaking Authority 455.2123, ~~475.01(1)(d), (e), (2)~~, 475.05, 475.42(1)(c) FS. Law Implemented 455.2123, 475.04, 475.17, 475.182, 475.183, 475.451 FS. History—New 1-1-80, Amended 8-24-80, 10-19-83, 9-16-84, Formerly 21V-3.09, Amended 10-13-88, 6-17-91, 12-29-91, 12-8-92, 6-28-93, Formerly 21V-3.009, Amended 2-2-94, 11-13-94, 5-13-96, 12-30-97, 10-25-98, 3-7-99, 1-18-00, 9-17-00, 1-12-04, 7-10-06, 11-3-15, \_\_\_\_\_.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Lori Crawford, Executive Director, Florida Real Estate Commission, 400 N. Robinson Street, Suite N801, Orlando, Florida 32801.

Section IV  
Emergency Rules

NONE

Section V  
Petitions and Dispositions Regarding Rule  
Variance or Waiver

NONE

Section VI  
Notice of Meetings, Workshops and Public  
Hearings

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
The Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Florida Coastal Office announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Thursday, January 26, 2017, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

PLACE: Mangrove Hall, Anne Kolb Nature Center, Broward County Parks and Recreation, 751 Sheridan Street, Hollywood, FL 33019

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:  
The Coral Reef Conservation Program is holding the first annual Research & Academic Learning Exchange. The meeting is meant to foster relationships between local stakeholders by providing a communication exchange among universities, non-government organizations, and other partner organizations. The meeting will include short presentations on current research efforts relevant to the northern part of the Florida Reef Tract, from Miami-Dade County to Martin County. RSVP is appreciated but not required. Please RSVP to Meghan.Balling@dep.state.fl.us.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Meghan Balling by e-mail: Meghan.Balling@dep.state.fl.us or by phone: (305)795-1221.

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: Meghan Balling at (305)795-1221. 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).

**SOUTH FLORIDA COMMUNITY CARE NETWORK**

The South Florida Community Care Network, LLC d/b/a Community Care Plan announces a workshop to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: December 20, 2016, 9:00 a.m.;  
CANCELLED

PLACE: Broward Health Corporate - Spectrum Building,  
1700 NW 49th Street, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:  
The workshop for the Members of Community Care Plan and the Board of North Broward Hospital District d/b/a Broward Health Board to discuss general matters relating to the operations of South Florida Community Care Network is cancelled.

For more information, you may contact: F. Philip Blank, Esq.,  
counsel for South Florida Community Care Network, LLC, at  
phil@blanklaw.com or (850)508-4683

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**FLORIDA COMMISSION ON ACCESS TO CIVIL JUSTICE**

The Executive Committee of the Florida Commission on Access to Civil Justice announces a telephone conference call to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Friday, January 13, 2017, 3:00 p.m. –  
4:00 p.m., Eastern

PLACE: Telephone Conference: 1(888)376-5050, participant  
code: 2311661132

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:  
The Committee will continue to discuss the topics covered at the last meeting, specifically the establishment of the Council of Business Partners.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting:  
Francisco-Javier Digon-Greer, 1(800)342-8060, ext. 5793,  
flaccessjustice@flabar.org. The agenda will be ready two days  
prior to the meeting.

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 2 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Francisco-Javier Digon-Greer, 1(800)342-8060, ext. 5793, flaccessjustice@flabar.org. 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: Francisco-Javier Digon-Greer,  
1(800)342-8060, ext. 5793,  
flaccessjustice@flabar.org.

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**Section VII  
Notice of Petitions and Dispositions  
Regarding Declaratory Statements**

**DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:  
33-208.001 Personnel - General

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Florida Department of Corrections has issued an order disposing of the petition for declaratory statement filed by inmate Rexford Tweed, DC# 116365 on November 02, 2016. The following is a summary of the agency’s disposition of the petition:

As an inmate of the Florida Department of Corrections, Rexford Tweed, DC# 116365, may only participate in administrative proceedings that are brought pursuant to Sections 120.54(3)(c) and (7), Florida Statutes. Pursuant to Section 120.81(3), Florida Statutes, the Petitioner lacks standing to bring a Petition for Declaratory Statement, and the Department lacks jurisdiction to issue a declaratory statement in this case.

A copy of the Order Disposing of the Petition for Declaratory Statement may be obtained by contacting: Valerie Robinson, 501 South Calhoun Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399, valerie.robinson@fdc.myflorida.com, (850)717-3605.

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**Section VIII  
Notice of Petitions and Dispositions  
Regarding the Validity of Rules**

Notice of Petition for Administrative Determination has been filed with the Division of Administrative Hearings on the following rules:

**NONE**

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Notice of Disposition of Petition for Administrative Determination has been filed with the Division of Administrative Hearings on the following rules:

**NONE**

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**Section IX  
Notice of Petitions and Dispositions  
Regarding Non-rule Policy Challenges**

**NONE**

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Section X  
Announcements and Objection Reports of  
the Joint Administrative Procedures  
Committee

NONE

Section XI  
Notices Regarding Bids, Proposals and  
Purchasing

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

University of Florida

Advertisement for Construction Management Services

The University of Florida Board of Trustees announces that CM-At-Risk services will be required for the project listed below:

Project: UF-UF-221, Norman Hall Rehabilitation and College of Education Center Addition

Gainesville, Florida

The project consists of the exterior rehabilitation and interior renovation of historic Norman Hall in addition to infrastructure upgrades for the University of Florida, College of Education. Norman Hall, originally known as P.K. Yonge Laboratory School, is a historic academic building on campus of the University of Florida. It was designed by architect Rudolph Weaver and constructed in 1932. It was added to the U.S. National Register of Historic Places in 1990. The program includes the rehabilitation of the 80,000 GSF Norman Hall which include upgrades to the building MEPF systems, the building envelope and glazing systems, ADA and other items to bring the building into current code compliance. Also, a new 6,800 GSF (approximate) stand-alone College of Education Center will be designed and built which may include a suite of offices, a small meeting room in addition to a large meeting room suitable for hosting guest speakers for seminar series, large professional development and continuing education events, and student organization activities. In addition, the interior of the Norman Educational Library (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> levels) will be renovated to enhance the indoor air quality, ADA and code compliance, technology, and aesthetics.

The estimated construction budget for the entire project is approximately \$24M. The project will be delivered using the Construction Manager-At-Risk method and construction shall be fast tracked to begin in Summer of 2017. GOLD LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification by the U.S. Green Building Council is mandatory. Platinum is preferred.

The contract for Construction Management Services will consist of two phases; pre-construction and construction. Pre-construction services will begin at the Conceptual Schematic Design stage and will include production of cost studies and estimates, value engineering, analysis of the design documents for constructability, coordination, detailing, materials, and systems, development and maintenance of the construction schedule, production of detailed jobsite management plans, development of strategies for the procurement of trade contracts, development of waste management strategies, and development of a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) proposal based on 100% Construction Documents. If the GMP proposal is accepted and executed, the construction phase will be implemented. In this phase, the construction manager becomes the single point of responsibility for performance of the construction of the project and shall publicly bid trade contracts. Failure to negotiate an acceptable fixed fee for phase one of the contract, or failure to arrive at an acceptable GMP budget within the time provided in the agreement, may result in the termination of the Construction Manager's contract.

Applicants will need to have knowledge of and proven track records for working on other historic building preservation projects and will be evaluated on the basis of their past performance, experience, personnel, references, bonding capacity, workload, and responses to questions posed both in the shortlist and interview phases. The Selection Committee may reject all proposals and stop the selection process at any time.

At the time of application, the applicant (Firm – not individual license) must be licensed to practice as a general contractor in the State of Florida and, if the applicant is a corporation, must be chartered by the Florida Department of State to operate in Florida. The selected applicant will also be required to provide insurance coverage for General Liability, Automobile Liability, Workers' Compensation, and Builder's Risk.

Applicants desiring to provide construction management services for the project shall submit a proposal only after thoroughly reviewing the facilities program, Project Fact Sheet, and other background information. The proposal shall be prepared as specified in the CMQS Instructions and shall include:

1. A Letter of Application that concisely illustrates the applicant's understanding of the scope of services, schedule, and other goals and considerations as outlined in the Project Fact Sheet and facilities program.
2. Company information and signed certification.
3. A completed, project-specific "CM Qualifications Supplement" (CMQS) proposal. Applications on any other form will not be considered.

4. Resumes, LEED accreditation, and other pertinent credentials for all proposed staff.
5. Proof of the applicant’s corporate status in Florida (if applicable) and a copy of the applicant firm’s current contracting license from the appropriate governing board.
6. Proof of applicant’s bonding capacity and liability insurance coverage.

If the applicant is a corporation, it must be chartered by the Florida Department of State to operate in Florida. As required by Section 287.133, Florida Statutes, an applicant may not submit a proposal for this project if it is on the convicted vendor list for a public entity crime committed within the past 36 months. The selected construction manager must warrant that it will neither utilize the services of, nor contract with, any supplier, subcontractor, or consultant in excess of \$15,000.00 in connection with this project for a period of 36 months from the date of their being placed on the convicted vendor list. Incomplete proposals will be disqualified. Submittal materials will not be returned.

Additional information to assist the applicant in preparing a complete proposal – including the project-specific CMQS forms, instructions, Project Fact Sheet, facilities program, UF Design Services Guide, UF Design and Construction Standards, standard University of Florida Agreement for CM Services, and other project and process information – can be found on the Planning Design & Construction website.

Finalists may be provided with supplemental interview requirements and criteria as needed.

Provide electronic copy of your proposal as prescribed in the Project Fact Sheet. Submittals must be received in the Planning Design & Construction office by 3:00 PM local time on Wednesday, January 18, 2017. Facsimile (FAX) submittals are not acceptable and will not be considered.

UF Planning Design & Construction  
 245 Gale Lemerand Drive / P.O. Box 115050  
 Gainesville, FL 32611-5050  
 Telephone: (352)273-4000  
 Internet: [www.facilities.ufl.edu](http://www.facilities.ufl.edu)

**FLORIDA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION**  
 Invitation to Bid 2016-09, Website Content Management System (ITB 2016-05 REBID)

The Florida Housing Finance Corporation invites all qualified Respondents to submit proposals for consideration in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in this Invitation to Bid (ITB) 2016-09, relating to the procurement of a Website Content Management System.

Responses shall be accepted until 2:00 p.m. (Eastern Time), January 11, 2017, to the attention of the Contracts Manager, Florida Housing Finance Corporation, 227 North Bronough Street, Suite 5000, Tallahassee, Florida 32301-1329.

For questions or additional information, please contact: Jenny Marshall at (850)488-4197 or [Jenny.Marshall@floridahousing.org](mailto:Jenny.Marshall@floridahousing.org). To obtain a copy of the ITB, which outlines selection criteria and applicant’s responsibilities, please submit your request to the attention of Jenny Marshall, or you can download the ITB from the Florida Housing Finance Corporation website at: <http://www.floridahousing.org/BusinessAndLegal/Solicitations/InvitationsToBid>. Any modifications that occur to the ITB will be posted at the website and may result in an extension of the deadline.

**FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**PINE MEADOWS CONSERVATION AREA HABITAT ENHANCEMENT**

BIDS ARE REQUESTED FROM QUALIFIED, CERTIFIED/REGISTERED CONTRACTORS BY THE FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION FOR: Hydrologic restoration and routine maintenance activities.

BID NO: FWC 16/17-61

BID NAME: PINE MEADOWS CONSERVATION AREA HABITAT ENHANCEMENT

PROJECT LOCATION: 2000 Pine Meadows Golf Course Road, Eustis, FL 32726

FOR: The intent of this invitation to bid is to obtain complete pricing to perform hydrologic restoration and routine maintenance activities at Pine Meadows Conservation Area (PMCA), Lake County, in accordance with the specifications in this invitation to bid and the Construction Plans in accordance with Chapter 255, F.S.

SEALED BIDS WILL BE RECEIVED, PUBLICLY OPENED AND READ ALOUD ON:

DATE & TIME: January 12, 2017 @ 3:00 P.M. EST

PLACE: Fl. Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Purchasing Office, Suite 100  
 2590 Executive Center Circle  
 Tallahassee, Florida 32301  
 Phone: (850)488-6551

BID DOCUMENTS: Can be downloaded from the Vendor Bid System at the link below:

[http://www.myflorida.com/apps/vbs/vbs\\_www.main\\_menu](http://www.myflorida.com/apps/vbs/vbs_www.main_menu)  
 Search by bid number FWC 16/17-61

PURCHASING MANAGER: (Direct questions to the following)

Bryan Tucker, Procurement Manager  
 Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission  
 Tallahassee Purchasing Office  
 2590 Executive Center Circle East, Suite 100  
 Tallahassee, Florida 32301  
 Phone: (850)617-9614

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**Section XII  
Miscellaneous**

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
Office of the Secretary

**Florida State Clearinghouse**

The state is coordinating reviews of federal activities and federally funded projects as required by Section 403.061(42), F.S. This includes Outer Continental Shelf activities and other actions subject to federal consistency review under the Florida Coastal Management Program. A list of projects, comments and deadlines, and the address for providing comments, are available at: <https://fldep.dep.state.fl.us/clearinghouse/>. For information, call (850)717-9076. This public notice fulfills the requirements of 15 CFR 930.

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**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.

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