

Section I
Notices of Development of Proposed Rules
and Negotiated Rulemaking

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Board of Pharmacy

RULE NO.: 64B16-28.802
 RULE TITLE: Special-Parenteral, Enteral and Compounding Pharmacies

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: To review the necessity of creating a new rule for classification or sub classification and permitting of special pharmacies. This includes the topic of compounding.

SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED: Special-Parenteral, Enteral and Compounding Pharmacies.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 465.005, 465.022 FS.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 465.0196 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: Mark Whitten, Executive Director, Board of Pharmacy, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin C04, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3254

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

FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

RULE NO.: 68-1.009
 RULE TITLE: Delegations of Authority to the Executive Director

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose of rule development is to update the rule with the most recent version of the delegations of authority from the Commission to the Executive Director, which are incorporated by reference into the rule. The Commission will consider a possible change in delegations at its February 13-14, 2013 meeting in Orlando, Florida. The effect of this rule development effort is to maintain transparency to the public with respect to Commission operation.

SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED: The rule development will address the Commission's delegations of authority to the Executive Director.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: Art. IV, Sec. 9, Florida Constitution.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: Art. IV, Sec. 9, Florida Constitution.

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: Harold "Bud" Vielhauer, General Counsel, Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, 620 South Meridian Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1600, (850)487-1764

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

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

Division of State Fire Marshal

RULE NO.: 69A-60.003
 RULE TITLE: Standards of the National Fire Protection Association, NFPA 1, the Fire Code, Florida 2009 Edition, Adopted

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: To discuss whether a Florida-specific amendment to NFPA 1-18.4.5 was omitted from the 2010 Edition of the Florida Fire Prevention Code and should be reconsidered.

SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED: Minimum fire flow requirements.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 633.01(1), 633.022, 633.0215, 633.025, 633.027 F.S.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 633.01, 633.022, 633.0215, 633.025, 633.027 F.S.

A RULE DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP WILL BE HELD AT THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE SHOWN BELOW:

DATE AND TIME: January 24, 2013, Begins 10 minutes after adjournment of the Florida Fire Code Advisory Council meeting which begins at 3:00 p.m.

PLACE: Daytona Beach Ocean Center, Room 102B, 101 North Atlantic Avenue, Daytona Beach, Florida 32118

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: Belinda Chukes, Division of State Fire Marshal, Bureau of Fire Prevention, 200 East Gaines Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0342, (850)413-3619, Fax: (850)414-6119. 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 DEVELOPMENT AND A COPY OF THE PRELIMINARY DRAFT, IF AVAILABLE, IS: Casia Sinco, Chief, Bureau of Fire Prevention, (850)413-3620; casia.sinco@myfloridacfo.com

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

Section II Proposed Rules

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

RULE NO.: 62-620.100
RULE TITLE: Scope/Applicability/References
PURPOSE, EFFECT AND SUMMARY: The proposed amendment adopts by reference the modifications to the testing procedures approved for analysis and sampling under the Clean Water Act in Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 136 (40 CFR 136) revised as of May 18, 2012. This proposed amendment adopts the revision made to 40 CFR 136 in the Federal Register at 77 FR 29757.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 403.061, 403.087, 403.0885, 403.8055 FS.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 403.061, 403.087, 403.088, 403.0885 FS.

THIS RULEMAKING IS UNDERTAKEN PURSUANT TO SECTION 403.8055, F.S. WRITTEN COMMENTS MAY BE SUBMITTED WITHIN 21 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE TO: Catherine Murray, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Water Resource Management, Bob Martinez Center, 2600 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, FL 32399-2400; catherine.m.murray@dep.state.fl.us; (850)245-8613

SUBSTANTIALLY AFFECTED PERSONS MAY WITHIN 14 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE, FILE AN OBJECTION TO THIS RULEMAKING WITH THE AGENCY. THE OBJECTION SHALL SPECIFY THE PORTIONS OF THE PROPOSED RULE TO WHICH THE PERSON OBJECTS AND THE SPECIFIC REASONS FOR THE OBJECTION.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

- 62-620.100 Scope/Applicability/References.
- (1) through (2) No change.
- (3) No change.
- (a) through (i) No change.
- (j) 40 CFR 136, which contains guidelines for establishing test procedures for the analysis of pollutants, amended May 18, 2012, at 77 FR 29757 (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-02215>).
- (k) through (z) No change.

(4) No change.

Rulemaking Authority 403.061, 403.087, 403.0885, 403.8055 FS. Law Implemented 403.061, 403.087, 403.088, 403.0885 FS. History—New 11-29-94, Amended 12-24-96, 3-2-00, 10-22-00, 10-23-00, 6-1-01, 8-25-03, 12-8-03, 12-23-04, 2-7-06, 3-13-06, 6-19-06, 7-10-06, 10-16-07, 11-28-07, 2-17-09, 3-15-10,_____.

FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Freshwater Fish and Wildlife

RULE NO.: 68A-1.004
RULE TITLE: Definitions

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose of the proposed rule amendment is to better manage fish and wildlife resources by allowing the use of trapping devices to take nuisance moles and pocket gophers, and defining wild hog as a game animal only on Commission managed lands and only for the purpose of license requirements. The effect of the proposed rule amendment will be to enable the public to better manage wildlife damage and the agency to better manage public hunting and safety on managed lands.

SUMMARY: The proposed rule amendment would amend the definition of steel trap to allow the use of mole and pocket gopher traps without a permit; define wild hogs as game only on Commission managed lands and only for the purpose of license requirements; and provide a non-substantive technical change.

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 DATES, TIME AND PLACE SHOWN BELOW:

DATES AND TIME: During the Commission’s regular meeting February 13-14, 2013, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., each day

PLACE: SeaWorld Park, 7007 SeaWorld Drive, Orlando, FL 32821

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-1.004 Definitions.

The following definitions are for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of the rules of the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission relating to wild animal life and freshwater aquatic life. As used herein, the singular includes the plural. The following shall be construed respectively to mean:

(1) through (37) No change.

(38) Game mammals – Deer, gray squirrel, rabbits, and non-native species generally considered game such as elk, antelope and buffalo. Wild hog are game only where they occur on Commission managed lands and only for the purpose of license requirements.

(39) through (45) No change.

(46) Non-game fish – All freshwater fish species, except grass carp, not listed in subsection 68A-1.004(32) ~~68A-1.004(36)~~, F.A.C., as freshwater game fish.

(47) through (77) No change.

(78) Steel trap – Any mechanical device (other than a snare ~~or a device, household mousetraps or devices~~ commonly used to take nuisance moles, pocket gophers or household and lawn-nuisance rodents) that is designed and used to take wildlife by seizing and holding a part of the body.

(79) through (92) No change.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: As soon as possible following Commission action.

Rulemaking Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. Law Implemented Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. History—New 8-1-79, Amended 6-15-81, 11-17-81, 6-21-82, 7-1-83, 7-1-84, 7-1-85, Formerly 39-1.04, Amended 6-1-86, 5-10-87, 10-8-87, 3-1-88, 4-13-88, 4-27-89, 4-11-90, 7-1-92, 4-20-93, 3-1-94, 7-1-94, 4-1-96, 11-23-97, 7-1-98, 6-23-99, Formerly 39-1.004, Amended 7-1-00, 5-1-01, 5-1-03, 7-1-04, 5-26-05, 7-1-06, 4-1-07, 7-1-08, 10-23-08, 7-1-10, 11-8-10, 1-1-11, _____.

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: 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: December 6, 2012

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: January 8, 2013

FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Freshwater Fish and Wildlife

RULE NO.:	RULE TITLE:
68A-4.008	Taking Wildlife on Roads and Rights-of-Way Prohibited

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose of the proposed rule amendment is to revise the taking of wildlife on roads and right of ways prohibitions to allow falconers the ability to trap raptors on public rights of way. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) and FWC currently share regulatory authority and permitting responsibilities related to falconry in Florida. The Service is relinquishing permitting responsibilities to states, Indian Tribes and U.S. territories with “certified” (by the Service) falconry regulations. Florida must have certified rules in place by January 1, 2014 in order for falconry to continue in the state. During the revision of the falconry rules we identified a connection to trapping raptors on public rights of way in which our current rule prohibits.

SUMMARY: The proposed rule amendment would modify the section in order to allow the trapping of raptors inside the guidelines of the Falconry rule on public rights of way.

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 DATES, TIME AND PLACE SHOWN BELOW:

DATES AND TIME: During the regular meeting of the Commission, February 13-14, 2013, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., each day

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THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Jason Marlow, Investigator II, Division of Law Enforcement, Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, 620 South Meridian Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1600

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

68A-4.008 Taking Wildlife on Roads and Rights-of-Way Prohibited.

(1) It shall be unlawful to take or attempt to take wildlife (except for the collection of amphibians or reptiles without the use of a gun and the take of raptors per Rule 68A-9.005, F.A.C.) on, upon or from the right-of-way of any federal, state or county-maintained road whether paved or otherwise. Taking or attempting to take wildlife (except for the collection of amphibians and reptiles without the use of a gun and the take of raptors per Rule 68A-9.005, F.A.C.) while such wildlife is on or upon the right-of-way of any federal, state or county-maintained road whether paved or otherwise, is prohibited.

(2) through (3) No change.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013.

Rulemaking Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const., 379.1025 FS. Law Implemented Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. History—New 7-1-83, Formerly 39-4.08, Amended 6-11-87, 6-7-88, 6-15-89, Formerly 39-4.008, Amended 5-1-03, 3-25-12, 7-1-13.

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: Jason Marlow, Investigator II, Division of Law Enforcement, 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: September 5, 2012

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: January 8, 2012

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 better manage fish and wildlife resources by establishing a written authorization requirement, issuance criteria, and appropriate guidelines for special events that the public may wish to conduct on Commission managed lands. The effect of the proposed rule amendment will be to enable the public to conduct special events on Commission managed lands that may otherwise be prohibited while limiting liability to the Commission and protecting fish, wildlife, natural and cultural resources.

SUMMARY: The proposed rule amendment would require written authorization for special events on lands where the Commission is landowner or lead land manager; define a special event as one that is in violation of Commission rules, requires Commission resources (personnel or equipment), requires additional infrastructure, or would have significant impacts on cultural or natural resources; and would allow the Commission to impose such reasonable conditions to assure that the use or activity authorized will limit liability to the Commission and protect fish, wildlife, natural and cultural resources.

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; 379.354 FS.

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

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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-9.004 Permits for Hunting or Other Recreational Use on Wildlife Management Areas.

(1) through (2) No change.

(3) On those lands where the Commission is the landowner or lead managing agency, written authorization is required for special events that are in violation of Commission rules, require Commission resources (personnel or equipment), require additional infrastructure, or would have significant impacts on natural resources, cultural resources or public use. A special event is an organized occasion that includes, but is not limited to, events such as sport competitions, recreational events and fundraisers. The Commission shall issue a written

authorization when the applicant proposes natural or cultural resource related activities that do not unduly impact the resource, interfere with other users, or impose significant costs to the Commission. The Commission shall impose upon a Special Use Authorization issued pursuant to this subsection such reasonable conditions as are necessary to assure that the use or activity authorized will limit liability to the agency and protect fish, wildlife, natural and cultural resources.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013.

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, 375.591 FS. History—New 8-1-79, Amended 6-4-81, 6-21-82, Formerly 39-9.04, Amended 6-2-86, 11-1-89, 7-16-98, 5-13-99, Formerly 39-9.004, Amended 7-1-00, 5-29-01, 7-22-01, 6-2-02, 7-28-02, 5-1-03, 7-7-03, 10-12-03, 5-12-04, 7-15-04, 6-1-05, 4-3-08, 4-1-09, 7-20-09, 7-1-10, 5-5-11, 8-11-11, 5-2-12, 7-1-13.

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NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE: 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: December 6, 2012

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: January 8, 2013

FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Freshwater Fish and Wildlife

RULE NO.: 68A-9.005
RULE TITLE: Falconry

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose of the proposed rule amendment is to revise the falconry rules to ensure that the sport is continued in the state of Florida. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) and FWC currently share regulatory authority and permitting responsibilities related to falconry in Florida. The Service is relinquishing permitting responsibilities to states, Indian Tribes and U.S. territories with "certified" (by the Service) falconry regulations. Florida must have certified rules in place by January 1, 2014 in order for falconry to continue in the state.

SUMMARY: The proposed rule amendment would modify the section in order to meet Federal guidelines, and the needs of the state and our constituents. Some of the major modifications include: issuance of permit from FWC only; the addition of definitions; increase species for apprentice class (Merlin); criteria for lapsed or revoked permits; issuance to a new resident or visitor to the U.S.; housing at facilities not owned by permittee; care of raptors; restriction of the take of American kestrels to the fall season; no take of burrowing owls; take of raptors on rights of way; propagation; exhibition of raptors; release of raptors; establishment of electronic reporting system for change in inventory to replace the current paper reporting system. The permit would be at no cost. The federal permit which is set to expire is currently \$100.

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE RATIFICATION:

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The Agency has determined that the proposed rule is not expected to require legislative ratification based on the statement of estimated regulatory costs or if no SERC is required, the information expressly relied upon and described herein: Permittees will no longer be required to pay \$100 for the federal permit and there will be no cost for the permit at the state level.

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

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

LAW IMPLEMENTED: Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution.

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THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Jason Marlow, Investigator II, Division of Law Enforcement, Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, 620 South Meridian Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1600

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

(Substantial rewording of Rule 68A-9.005 follows. See Florida Administrative Code for present text.)

68A-9.005 Falconry.

(1) No person may possess any raptor for falconry purposes without a permit from the executive director, or as otherwise provided herein. No falconry permit will be issued to any person failing to qualify on a written examination prior to initial application, nor to any person under the age of 14. Raptor housing facilities and falconry equipment will be inspected and approved by Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission (hereafter FWC) personnel prior to the issuance of an initial falconry permit. No raptor may be taken, possessed or transported in violation of this section.

(2) Definitions – For the purposes of this subchapter, the following definitions apply:

(a) “Aylmeri Jess” means a jess in which the anklet and jess are separate pieces. The anklet (around the leg of the bird) has a hole or grommet and the jess (the strap hanging from the anklet) is a separate piece with a button at one end that is threaded through the anklet.

(b) “Brancher” means a young raptor that has left the nest but is not yet capable of flight.

(c) “Captive-bred” means raptors, including eggs, hatched in captivity from parents that mated or otherwise transferred gametes in captivity.

(d) “Eyas” means a young raptor not yet capable of sustained flight such as a nestling or fledgling.

(e) “Falconry” means caring for, training, and transporting raptors for the pursuit of game and the hunting of game with raptors. Falconry includes the taking of raptors from the wild.

(f) “Giant Hood” means a ventilated box used to contain a falconry raptor for travel.

(g) “Hacking or Hack” means the temporary release of a raptor held for falconry to the wild so that it must survive on its own.

(h) “Haggard” means a wild adult raptor.

(i) “Hybrid” means the offspring of birds listed as two or more distinct species in 50 C.F.R. 10.13 or offspring of birds recognized by ornithological authorities as two or more distinct species listed in 50 C.F.R. 10.13.

(j) “Imprint” means a bird that is hand raised in isolation from the sight of other raptors from two weeks of age until it is fully feathered.

(k) “Passage” means a first-year raptor capable of sustained flight that is no longer dependent upon parental care and/or feeding.

(l) “Raptor” means all birds of the orders Falconiformes, Accipitriformes, and Strigiformes, commonly called falcons, hawks, eagles, ospreys, kites, harriers, and owls.

(m) “Resident facility” means a facility approved by FWC for the housing of raptors.

(n) “Service” means the Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Department of Interior.

(o) “Sponsor” means a Master or General (with at least two years of experience at the general level) falconer with a valid permit.

(3) Examination and classifications:

Written exams are given at each FWC regional office. The applicant must contact the regional office nearest his or her location to schedule a date and time to take the exam. At the time of exam, the applicant must submit the completed Application For Falconry Permit, FWCDLE 630IV (01/13), which is adopted and incorporated herein by reference. The applicant will be notified in writing of his or her exam results. An applicant who scores at least 80 percent on the exam and meets the requirements will be classified as follows:

(a) Apprentice

1. Permittee shall be at least 14 years old. A parent or legal guardian must sign the application of any applicant under 18 years of age and will be held legally responsible for the permittee’s activities.

2. Permittee shall be sponsored by a holder of a valid General or Master falconry permit for the first two years in which an Apprentice falconry permit is held. A letter must be provided, at the time of application from a Master or General falconer with a valid Florida falconry permit who has at least two years of experience at the General falconry level, stating that he or she will assist you, as necessary, in:

a. Learning about the husbandry and training of raptors held for falconry, and

b. Learning about relevant wildlife laws and regulations, and

c. Deciding what species of raptor is appropriate for you to possess while an Apprentice.

3. A sponsor may not have more than three apprentices at any one time.

4. Permittee may take and possess one wild-caught red-tailed hawk (*Buteo jamaicensis*), red-shouldered hawk (*Buteo lineatus*), broad-winged hawk (*Buteo platypterus*), or Merlin (*Falco columbarius*).

5. Permittee may not obtain more than one raptor for replacement during any 12-month period.

6. Permittee may fly any captive bred raptor possessed by a General or Master falconer in the presence of the General or Master falconer.

(b) General.

1. Permittee shall be at least 18 years old and must have practiced falconry with raptors at the apprentice level or equivalent for at least 2 years including maintaining, training, flying, and hunting raptors for at least 4 months in each year.

2. Permittee may possess no more than 3 raptors.

3. Permittee may not obtain more than two wild raptors for replacement birds during any 12-month period.

4. Permittee may take and possess any species of Falconiform, Accipitriform, or Strigiform except a bald eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*), a golden eagle (*Aquila chrysaetos*), a white-tailed eagle (*Haliaeetus albicilla*), or a Stellar’s sea eagle (*Haliaeetus pelagicus*).

5. Permittee may possess captive-bred individuals or hybrids of the species he/she is allowed to possess.

(c) Master.

1. Permittee shall have at least five years’ experience in the practice of falconry at the general level or equivalent including maintaining, training, flying, and hunting raptors for at least 4 months in each year.

2. Permittee may take and possess any species of Falconiform, Accipitriform or Strigiform except for a bald eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*).

3. Permittee may possess no more than 5 wild raptors (no more than 3 of which may be golden eagles (*Aquila chrysaetos*)) and any number of captive-bred raptors but they must be used in the pursuit of game and hunting.

4. Permittee may possess any captive-bred individuals or hybrids of the species he/she is allowed to possess.

5. Permittee may not obtain more than two wild raptors for replacement birds during any 12-month period.

6. Permittee may possess a golden eagle (*Aquila chrysaetos*), white-tailed eagle (*Haliaeetus albicilla*), or a Stellar’s sea eagle (*Haliaeetus pelagicus*) as authorized provided:

a. Permittee shall demonstrate no less than one (1) year of substantial practical experience (to consist of no less than 1000 hours) in the care, feeding, husbandry, handling and/or flying large raptors of the following species: eagle (all species), goshawk (*Accipiter gentilis*), ferruginous hawk (*Buteo regalis*), Eurasian eagle owl (*Bubo bubo*), great horned owl (*Bubo virginianus*).

b. For purposes of demonstrating compliance, applicants shall submit documentation of such experience to include:

(I) A description of the specific experience acquired, including the species of raptors handled.

(II) The dates and times the experience was obtained and the specific location(s) where acquired.

(III) Additional documentation may include records of prior permits for the keeping of large raptors, employment records, and any other competent documentation of the requisite experience.

(IV) References of no less than two (2) individuals, no more than one of which may be a relative of the applicant, having personal knowledge of the applicant's stated experience. One of these references must be a permitted falconer. These references must provide a concise history of the applicant's experience with large raptors, which can include, but is not limited to, handling of raptors held by zoos, rehabilitating large raptors, or scientific studies involving large raptors. Each letter must also assess the applicant's ability to care for eagles and fly them in falconry.

c. A permittee may possess up to 3 eagles, which count toward the 5 wild birds he/she is allowed to possess.

(4) Permit conditions:

(a) Permittee must have a valid and legible falconry permit in his or her immediate possession when away from the state-approved falconry facility, hereafter referred to as "resident facility," and conducting activities related to the possession of the permit. These activities include trapping, transporting, working with, hunting with, or flying the falconry raptors.

(b) A permit is valid when issued and expires December 31 of the third calendar year after it is issued unless a different effective period is specified.

(c) Permittee must notify the FWC, Division of Law Enforcement, 620 South Meridian Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399-1600, in writing within five business days if the location of permittee's raptor resident facility is changed.

(5) Reinstatement of a lapsed, suspended or revoked falconry permit and issuance of a permit to a new resident or visitor to the United States:

(a) A falconry permit which has lapsed for fewer than 5 years may be reinstated at the level held previously with proof of certification at that level.

(b) A falconry permit which has lapsed for 5 years or longer may be reinstated at the level held previously with proof of certification at that level and successful completion of the falconry exam with a score of at least 80 percent.

(c) The resident facility and equipment must be inspected and approved by FWC personnel prior to the re-issuance of a permit that has lapsed longer than 2 years and before the permittee may possess a falconry bird.

(d) Any person whose falconry permit has been suspended or revoked, regardless of suspension or revocation period, may be reinstated at the level held previously with proof of certification at that level and successful completion of the falconry exam with a score of at least 80 percent, so long as they otherwise qualify for the permit. The resident facility and equipment must be inspected and approved by FWC personnel prior to the re-issuance of a permit.

(e) New residents seeking a permanent falconry permit or foreign visitors to the United States seeking a temporary Florida falconry permit must successfully complete the falconry exam with a score of at least 80 percent or better to

demonstrate knowledge of Florida's falconry laws and regulations. It will be at the discretion of the FWC to determine the classification level to which the permittee will be classified based on documentation on the permittee's past experience and any previously held falconry permits.

(6) Facilities and equipment:

(a) Before a falconry permit is issued the applicant's resident facility shall be inspected and certified by FWC personnel as meeting one or multiple of the following standards:

1. Outdoor (weathering) facilities shall be fenced and covered with netting, wire or roof. The enclosed area shall be large enough to ensure the bird can not strike the fence when flying from a perch. Adequate perches and protection from excessive sun, wind and inclement weather shall be provided for each bird.

2. Indoor facilities or mews shall be large enough to allow easy access for caring for the raptors housed in a facility. Multiple raptors may be housed together. Raptors that are compatible with each other may be housed together unteathered. Raptors that are not compatible with each other must be teathered or separated by a partition. There shall be a suitable perch for each raptor and the mew must be large enough to permit flight of unteathered raptors, or if teathered to fully extend it's wings or bate (attempt to fly while teathered) without damaging it's feathers or contacting other raptors in the mew. There shall be at least one window protected by vertical bars spaced narrower than the width of the bird's body, wooden or plastic lattice, or heavy duty netting, and a secure door that can be easily closed. The floor of the mews shall permit easy cleaning and shall be well drained.

3. Permittee may keep a falconry raptor or raptors inside a place of residence if the raptor is provided a suitable perch or perches. Permittee is not required to modify windows or other openings of the structure. Raptors kept in the home must be teathered unless being moved into or out of the location in which they are kept. Raptors kept in these conditions must have access to outdoor facility of acceptable design which provides a suitable perch, water and protection from predators both wild and domestic, or raptors must be weathered outdoors under direct supervision to provide for protection from predators both wild and domestic.

4. An eyas may be kept in any suitable container or enclosure until it is capable of flight.

(b) Resident facilities on property not owned by the permittee:

1. Resident facilities must meet the standards in this rule: and

2. Permittee must submit to FWC a signed and dated statement showing that the permittee and the property owner agree that the falconry facilities, equipment, and raptors may be inspected without advance notice by FWC personnel at any reasonable time of day.

(c) Equipment: minimum standards – The applicant shall possess:

1. Jesses – one pair of Aylmeri jesses or similar type, constructed of pliable, high-quality leather or suitable synthetic material.

2. Leashes and swivels – one flexible, weather-resistant leash and one strong swivel of acceptable falconry design. Snap-type swivels, such as harness snaps, are not considered adequate.

3. Bath container – one suitable container two to six inches deep and wider than the length of the raptor.

4. Outdoor perches – one weathering area of acceptable design for each raptor.

5. Weighing device – a scale graduated to increments of not more than 1/2 ounce.

(7) Temporary holding facilities:

A raptor may be transported or held in temporary facilities for a period not to exceed 60 days. Such facilities shall be provided with an adequate perch and protected from extremes in temperatures, excessive disturbance and wild or domestic predators.

(8) Care of Falconry Raptors:

(a) A permittee must keep all raptors held under his or her falconry permit in humane and healthful conditions. All facilities and equipment shall be kept in a serviceable, safe and sanitary manner. Clean water shall be provided for bathing and drinking. Tethering areas shall be free of obstructions that might entangle the raptor, and must provide protection from wild or domestic predators.

(b) Falconry raptors may be temporarily teathered outside in the open during daylight hours only if they are under watch by the permittee or another person.

(c) Care of falconry raptors by someone other than the permittee:

1. A falconer may care for raptor(s) that are registered under another falconers permit for up to 120 consecutive calendar days at either his/her resident facility if the facility is appropriate to possess the species, or at the resident facility of the other falconer. If the falconer providing temporary care to the raptor(s) is of the appropriate classification level, he/she may fly the raptor(s) in whatever way authorized by the permittee, including hunting. This authorization may be extended with FWC Division of Law Enforcement approval.

2. The falconer providing temporary care must have a signed and dated statement from the other falconer including information about the time period he/she is allowed to keep the raptor and must have a copy of the original Migratory Bird Acquisition And Disposition Report, 3-186A form that shows the other falconer as the possesor of the raptor(s).

3. A person who does not hold a falconry permit may care for falconry raptor(s) at the permittee's resident facilities for 45 consecutive days. The person caring for the falconry raptor(s)

may not fly them for any reason. This authorization may be extended with FWC, Division of Law Enforcement approval in extenuating circumstances.

1. The rehabilitator must provide written documentation that identifies the raptor(s) and explains that the falconer is assisting in the raptor's rehabilitation.(d) A General or Master falconer may assist a permitted migratory bird rehabilitator to condition raptors in preparation for their release to the wild. The raptors may be maintained at the falconer's resident facility.

2. The raptors will remain under the migratory bird rehabilitator's permit.

3. The raptors will be released to the wild or returned to the rehabilitator within the 180 time frame the rehabilitator is authorized to possess the bird. Any release will be coordinated with the rehabilitator.

(9) Inspections:

(a) A FWC representative shall inspect the applicant's facility for keeping the raptor prior to the issuance of a falconry permit and shall report the conditions observed. Periodic inspections shall be made thereafter, and the inspector shall make written reports thereof to the executive director. Refusal to permit inspection of facilities may result in denial of issuance or revocation of the raptor permit.

(b) In the event an inspection report indicates mistreatment or lack of adequate facilities to properly care for any raptor and if, following notice, the permittee fails to correct the deficiency within 48 hours, the executive director may revoke the falconry permit and confiscate any raptors in possession.

(10) Marking:

(a) A falconer may not possess a peregrine falcon (*Falco peregrinus*), a gyrfalcon (*Falco rusticolus*), a goshawk (*Accipiter gentilis*), or a Harris's hawk (*Parabuteo unicinctus*) for falconry purposes unless the bird is banded with a seamless numbered band, or a permanent nonreusable band provided by the Service. The permittee may also implant an ISO (International Organization for Standardization) – compliant (134.2 kHz) microchip at his or her expense.

(b) A raptor bred in captivity must be marked with a seamless metal band. The permittee may also implant an ISO-compliant (134.2 kHz) microchip at his or her expense.

(c) The alteration, counterfeiting or defacing of a band is prohibited, except that a permittee may remove the rear tab on a band and may smooth any imperfect surface provided that the integrity of the marker and its number are not altered.

(d) For bands that cause problems or exceptions to the above requirements, a request for variance from rule may be made in writing to FWC Division of Law Enforcement, 620 South Meridian Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399-1600.

(11) Capturing, releasing, and transporting raptors:

(a) Capturing:

1. A permittee may not intentionally capture a raptor species that he/she is not allowed to possess depending on the classification level. Captured birds not allowed by classification level must be released immediately.

2. Raptors removed from the wild are always considered wild raptors.

3. Up to two young birds not yet capable of flight (eyases) or capable of flight but still associated with the nest (branchers) may only be taken by a general or master falconer. The season is year round. When taking an eyas, the permittee must leave at least one young bird in the nest or aerie.

4. First year (passage) birds may be taken only during the period of August 15 through February 15.

5. A raptor wearing falconry equipment or otherwise identifiable as a falconry bird may be retrapped at any time.

a. The raptor does not count against the permittee's possession or take limit while in temporary custody.

b. The raptor must be returned to the owner if the owner is known and may lawfully possess it. If the owner cannot be determined or cannot possess the raptor, the falconer must contact FWC to determine disposition of the raptor.

c. A falconer can retrap a bird he or she has lost at any time.

d. A banded peregrine falcon (*Falco peregrinus*) may not be taken from the wild.

e. A captured raptor marked with a research band or marking, or a transmitter must be reported to the Federal Bird Banding Laboratory at (800) 327-2263.

6. Only a great horned owl (*Bubo virginianus*) or an American kestrel (*F.s. sparverius*) may be taken when over one year old.

7. The (*F.s. sparverius*) subspecies of the American kestrel for falconry may be taken during the period of September 15 through January 15.

8. Take of the southeastern American kestrel (*F.s. paulus*) for falconry will require an imperiled species intentional take permit, unless take is permitted by the Service pursuant to subsection 68A-27.007(1), F.A.C.

9. Pursuant to federal and state requirements for threatened species, a General or Master falconer may take no more than one raptor of a federally threatened species and one raptor of state threatened species from the wild each year. The falconer must obtain a federal and/or state endangered species permit before taking the raptor.

10. A raptor injured due to trapping efforts may be kept under the falconer's permit as authorized by his or her classification level, and must be immediately treated by a veterinarian or given to a permitted wildlife rehabilitator.

11. A permittee is not authorized to capture, release, or hunt on public lands if it is prohibited on those lands or on private property without permission from the landowner or custodian. The take of falconry birds from public right of ways is permitted pursuant to subsection 68A-4.008(1), F.A.C.

12. A resident of a state other than Florida who holds a valid falconry permit in their state of residence may take raptors in Florida, and possess and transport raptors so taken, under authority of a permit issued by the executive director. A request for raptor take permits from nonresidents shall include a copy of the applicant's falconry permit; a list of the species, number, and age of raptors proposed to be taken; a list of all other raptors held under the applicant's falconry permit; and a description of the general area where raptors are proposed to be taken. Permit issuance will be based on consideration of the population status of the species requested; whether or not the species requested is listed by FWC or the Service as threatened, endangered, or of special concern; the number of raptors to be taken; and the permit class of the applicant. Applicants for nonresident raptor take permits shall adhere to the restrictions on take and possession limits for Florida residents as provided in this rule section, and shall submit to FWC, Division of Law Enforcement, 620 South Meridian Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399-1600, a list of all raptors taken and the location(s) where they were captured within 10 days of take.

13. The take of peregrine falcons (*Falco peregrinus*) is prohibited except as authorized by permit from the executive director and consistent with the most recent U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Final Environmental Assessment and Management Plan for Peregrine Falcons, August 2008 (incorporated herein by reference). The FWC shall randomly select applications and issue permits annually. Priority for receiving a permit shall be given to Florida residents. Only one application may be submitted per applicant each year.

14. Applicants for permits to take imperiled species must follow guidelines outlined in paragraph 68A-27.007(2)(a), F.A.C.

15. The take of burrowing owls (*Athene cunicularia*) for falconry is prohibited.

(b) Releasing:

1. No permittee may release a species that is not native to Florida into the wild. The raptor must be transferred to another qualified falconry permittee or another person or entity licensed or permitted to possess the species.

2. Hybrid raptors may not be permanently released into the wild. When flown free, a hybrid raptor must have at least two attached radio transmitters to increase the likelihood of recovery.

3. A captive-bred raptor may only be released if the species is native to Florida and if the permittee is given permission by the Executive Director. The permittee must make the request in writing to: FWC, Division of Law

Enforcement, 620 South Meridian Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399-1600. If permitted to release the raptor, the permittee must hack the bird to the wild at an appropriate time of year at an appropriate location. This release must be reported to the Service and FWC within 10 business days.

4. A General or Master falconer is allowed to hack a falconry bird as a method of training.

(c) Transporting: When a permittee is transporting a raptor for hunting, he/she must ensure that the bird has a suitable perch and is protected from extreme temperatures, wind, and excessive disturbance. A "giant hood" or similar container is acceptable for transporting or housing a raptor when away from the resident facilities.

(12) Transferring raptors:

(a) A permittee may transfer a wild raptor to another falconry permittee in the State without special authorization. A permittee may trade or transfer a wild raptor to another permittee in an interstate transaction if allowed by the recipient's State, but no money or other consideration may be involved in the transaction.

(b) A permittee may purchase, barter, or offer to sell, purchase, or barter a captive-bred raptor marked with a seamless band to another permittee who is authorized to possess it.

(c) Permittee may acquire a raptor of any age of a species that he or she is allowed to possess directly from a rehabilitator. Transfer to that permittee is at the discretion of the rehabilitator. A raptor acquired from a rehabilitator will count as one of the raptors the permittee is allowed to take from the wild that year.

(d) Transfer of falconry birds for propagation purposes

1. A wild falconry bird may be transferred to a raptor propagation permit after the bird has been used in falconry for at least 2 years and 1 year for a sharp-shinned hawk (*Accipiter striatus*), Cooper's hawk (*Accipiter cooperii*), merlin (*Falco columbarius*), or American kestrel (*F.s. sparverius*) or less than one year if the bird has been injured and has been determined by a veterinarian or rehabilitator that it can no longer be flown in falconry. The transfer must be reported to the Service pursuant to subsection (13)(a) of this rule. Both parties must report the transfer / acquisition. If the bird is transferred due to injury, a copy of the certification of injury from a veterinarian or a rehabilitator must also be provided.

2. Captive-bred falconry raptors may be transferred to another permit that is authorized to possess that species of bird. The transfer must be reported to the Service within 10 days via form 3-186A.

3. Raptors held for falconry purposes may be used in captive propagation with a Raptor Propagation Permit from the Service. The falconry raptor does not need to be transferred to the propagation permit if it is used for fewer than 8 months in a year in captive propagation. If the bird is permanently

transferred to propagation, then the bird must also be transferred to that permit and banded as in 50 C.F.R. part 21.30.

(13) Reporting and Record Keeping.

(a) Any acquisition, transfer, release, rebanding, microchipping, escape, death or theft must be reported by the permittee within 10 days by entering the required information in the electronic database at <http://permits.fws.gov/186A> or under special circumstances by submitting the Service's Migratory Bird Acquisition And Disposition Report, 3-186A (rev. 9/2010), which is adopted and incorporated herein by reference. The paper form may be submitted to FWC, Division of Law Enforcement 620 South Meridian St, Tallahassee, FL 32399-1600. FWC will promptly enter the data on the paper form into the Service's 3-186A system.

(b) A lost or removed band must be reported to the Service within 5 days, and upon rebanding the raptor, the required information must be reported to the Service immediately pursuant to subsection (13)(a) of this rule.

(c) Capture of a raptor wearing falconry equipment or otherwise marked must be reported to FWC within 5 days.

(d) Record of acquisition must be retained by the falconer. The records shall be legibly written or reproducible in English and shall be maintained for five years from the date of expiration of the permit. Records of transfer, loss, or death must be retained for 5 years after the transfer loss or death.

(14) Miscellaneous rules for Falconry

(a) Feathers and disposition of carcasses of falconry birds that die:

1. Feathers may not be bought, sold or bartered. Feathers that are molted or feathers from deceased falconry raptors except Golden eagles (*Aquila chrysaetos*) may be retained and exchanged by permittees only for imping purposes. Feathers may be donated to Native Americans or other qualified permittees or institutions.

2. Carcasses of Golden eagles (*Aquila chrysaetos*) and all parts thereof, must be sent to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Eagle Repository, Rocky Mountain Arsenal, Building 128, Commerce City, Colorado 80022.

3. Carcasses of any other species of falconry raptor or feathers may be kept or donated to any person or institution authorized by the Service to acquire and possess such parts or feathers or exempt from such authorization. If the falconry raptor was banded or had a microchip implanted prior to its death the body may be mounted for use in conservation education programs. The band must stay with the body and if implanted with a microchip the microchip must remain in place.

4. Feathers or carcasses not retained or donated must be burned, buried or otherwise destroyed within 10 days.

(b) A nonresident falconer may possess and transport a raptor or raptors used for falconry purposes in Florida with no additional authorization, provided that he or she carries a falconry permit that is valid for his or her state of residence.

(c) A resident or non-resident falconer must possess a valid Florida Hunting License and all other applicable licensing appropriate to the desired hunting activity while hunting in Florida.

(d) Regardless of differences in laws between states, a permittee must adhere to the laws listed in this rule when practicing falconry in Florida.

(e) Falconers must also comply with the Service's regulations regarding the use and possession of raptors that are not mentioned in this rule.

(f) In practicing falconry, a permittee must ensure that his or her activities do not cause the take of Federally or State listed Threatened or Endangered species.

(g) Prey killed by a falconry bird without intent by the permittee including an animal taken outside of the regular hunting season may be fed on by the falconry raptor but the animal may not be taken into the possession of the falconer. Federally or State listed Threatened or Endangered species accidentally taken by a falconry raptor must be reported immediately to the Service and FWC, including the location of the accidental take.

(h) A permittee may participate in the take of a bird for which a depredation order is in place, but may not be paid for doing so.

(i) Master and General class falconers may conduct abatement activities with raptors possessed for falconry purposes in accordance with a valid Abatement Permit issued by the Service.

(j) If a permittee dies, a surviving spouse, executor, administrator, or other legal representative may transfer any bird held by that permittee to another authorized permittee within 90 days of the death of the falconer. After 90 days, the disposition of a bird held under the permit is at the discretion of the FWC.

(k) A permitted falconer who wish to sell captive bred raptors or exhibit wildlife must obtain a valid Exhibition and Sale License.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013.

Rulemaking Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. Law Implemented Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. History—New 8-1-79, Amended 6-21-82, 7-1-84, Formerly 39-9.05, Amended 4-14-92, 7-1-94, Formerly 39-9.005, Amended 1-19-10, 7-1-13.

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: Jason Marlow, Investigator II, Division of Law Enforcement, 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: September 5, 2012

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: January 8, 2013

FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Freshwater Fish and Wildlife

RULE NO.: 68A-9.006 RULE TITLE: Wildlife Rehabilitation Permit

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose of the proposed rule amendment is to revise the wildlife rehabilitation permit rule to allow the expertise of a falconer to assist in the rehabilitation of raptors. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) and FWC currently share regulatory authority and permitting responsibilities related to falconry in Florida. The Service is relinquishing permitting responsibilities to states, Indian Tribes and U.S. territories with “certified” (by the Service) falconry regulations. Florida must have certified rules in place by January 1, 2014, in order for falconry to continue in the state. During the revision of the falconry rules we identified additionally affected rules in which there is a connection to wildlife rehabilitators and falconers. Falconers possess expertise in preparing raptors for release to the wild that can be utilized by rehabilitators. They also provide an opportunity to allow transfer of certain raptors to falconers for care and use.

SUMMARY: The proposed rule amendment would modify the section in order to meet Federal guidelines for transferring raptors from a rehabilitator to a falconer, in addition to meeting the needs of the state and our constituents. Some of the modifications include: allowance of a rehabilitator to give temporary possession of a raptor to a falconer to allow for care and preparation for release back to the wild; allowance for transfer of a raptor to the falconer.

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, Sections.

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

DATES AND TIME: During the regular meeting of the Commission, February 13-14, 2013, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., each day

PLACE: SeaWorld Park, 7007 SeaWorld Drive, Orlando, FL 32821

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: Jason Marlow, Investigator II, Division of Law Enforcement, Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, 620 South Meridian Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1600

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

68A-9.006 Wildlife Rehabilitation Permit.

(1) through (4) No change.

(5) Standards for Wildlife Rehabilitation.

(a) through (e) No change.

(f) Wildlife shall be cared for at the facility listed in the wildlife rehabilitator permit, except under the following circumstances:

1. The volume of wildlife needing care is beyond the capacity of the permittee's facilities; or

2. When continuous care of wildlife is required; or

3. Insufficient space is available for volunteers to work with the number of wildlife requiring treatment; or

4. When a raptor has been temporarily given to a General or Master Falconer in order to condition the raptor in preparation for its release to the wild.

Under these conditions, volunteer workers may care for specimens off-premise on a temporary basis. Each permittee is authorized to have up to ten (10) volunteers to aid in the off-premise rehabilitation of wildlife. A current listing of the names and addresses of off-premise volunteers shall be kept by the permittee. Upon submission of biannual permit renewal information to the Commission, permittees shall submit a listing of all off-premise volunteers who have assisted the facility during the permit period. Volunteers keeping migratory birds off-premise shall record their daily work time in a log book on a daily basis. Those volunteers who care for native mammals only are not required to record daily work time. All volunteers are responsible for maintaining a log of the animals cared for off-premise, to include a record of treatment, condition, and disposition. Volunteers shall possess a copy of the rehabilitation permit when temporarily possessing wildlife off-premise. The permittee shall be fully responsible for the volunteer's treatment and possession of the wildlife.

(g) Permittees may Transfer Raptors to a General or Master Falconer.

1. A permittee may temporarily transfer raptors to an individual who holds a valid General or Master Falconry permit for the falconer to assist in conditioning the raptors for release to the wild. For falconers assisting the permittee:

a. The permittee must provide the falconer with a letter or form that identifies the bird and explains that the falconer is assisting in its rehabilitation.

b. The falconer does not need to meet the rehabilitator facility standards. The falconer must meet the facility standards of a falconer.

c. The falconer does not have to add the raptor possessed for rehabilitation purposes to his or her falconry permit; it will remain under the permit of the rehabilitator.

d. Upon coordination with the permittee, the falconer must release all releaseable raptors to the wild or return them to the permittee for release within the 180-day timeframe in which the permittee is authorized to possess the birds, unless the Commission authorizes the falconer to retain and condition a bird for longer than 180 days, or unless the permittee transfers the bird to the falconer to hold under his/her falconry permit.

2. Permittees may transfer raptors to a General or Master Falconer in order to add the raptor to the falconer's permit.

a. The falconer may acquire a raptor of any age of a species that he/she is permitted to possess directly from a rehabilitator. Transfer to the falconer is at the discretion of the rehabilitator.

b. The transfer would be required to be reported pursuant to 68A-9.005(13)(a) F.A.C.

c. If the falconer acquires a bird from a rehabilitator, it will count as one of the raptors the falconer is authorized to take from the wild that year.

~~(h)(e)~~ All wildlife shall be kept in accordance with general requirements governing captive wildlife, pens and caging set forth in Rules 68A-6.004, 68A-6.0041, ~~and~~ 68A-6.0023, and 68A-9.005, F.A.C.

(h) through (m) renumbered (i) through (n) No change.

(6) through (7) No change.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013.

Rulemaking Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. Law Implemented Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. History—New 11-6-94, Formerly 39-9.006, Amended 8-27-09, 7-1-13.

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NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE: Jason Marlow, Investigator II, Division of Law Enforcement, 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: September 5, 2012

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: January 8, 2013

FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Freshwater Fish and Wildlife

RULE NO.:	RULE TITLE:
68A-12.002	General Methods of Taking Game; Prohibitions

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose of the proposed rule amendment is to better manage hunting opportunities in Florida by allowing additional choices of methods of take. The effect of the proposed rule amendment will be to allow hunters to use air guns for the harvest of rabbits and gray squirrel.

SUMMARY: The proposed rule amendment would allow hunters to harvest rabbits and gray squirrel with air guns.

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 DATES, TIME AND PLACE SHOWN BELOW:

DATES AND TIME: During the Commission’s regular meeting February 13-14, 2013, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., each day

PLACE: SeaWorld Park, 7007 SeaWorld Drive, Orlando, FL 32821

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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-12.002 General Methods of Taking Game; Prohibitions.

(1) through (2) No change.

(3) Game birds, crows or game mammals may be taken with any of the following:

(a) through (b) No change.

(c) Air guns may be used to take gray squirrel and rabbit only.

(c) through (e) renumbered (d) through (f) No change.

(4) through (9) No change.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013.

Rulemaking Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. Law Implemented Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. History—New 8-1-79, Amended 6-4-81, 11-17-81, 6-21-82, 7-1-83, 7-1-84, 7-1-85, Formerly 39-12.02, Amended 6-1-86, 4-11-90, 4-14-92, 4-20-93, 3-1-94, 3-30-95, 4-1-96, 12-28-98, Formerly 39-12.002, Amended 7-1-05, 7-1-06, 7-1-08, 10-23-08, 1-1-11, 7-1-13.

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NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE: 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: December 6, 2012

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: January 8, 2013

FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Freshwater Fish and Wildlife

RULE NO.:	RULE TITLE:
68A-13.004	Open Season for Taking and Bag Limits for Non-Migratory Game and Issuance of Antlerless Deer Permits

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose of the proposed rule amendment is to adjust management Zone D to include that portion of Wakulla County located south of U.S. Highway 98, east of Spring Creek and west of the Wakulla and St. Marks Rivers. The effect of the proposed rule amendment will be to enable the St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge staff to better manage public hunting opportunities.

SUMMARY: The proposed rule amendment would adjust management Zone D to include that portion of Wakulla County located south of U.S. Highway 98, east of Spring Creek and west of the Wakulla and St. Marks Rivers.

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.

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DATES AND TIME: During the Commission’s regular meeting February 13-14, 2013, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., each day

PLACE: SeaWorld Park, 7007 SeaWorld Drive, Orlando, FL 32821

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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 Open Season for Taking and Bag Limits for Non-Migratory Game and Issuance of Antlerless Deer Permits. The open season and bag limits 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) No change.
- (2) Open seasons:
 - (a) Antlered deer:
 - 1. through 2. No change.
 - 3. Zone C comprised of the counties of Alachua, Baker, Bradford, Brevard, Citrus, Clay, Columbia, DeSoto (north of State Road 70), Dixie, Duval, Flagler, Gadsden (east of U.S. Highway 27), Gilchrist, Hamilton, Hardee, Hernando (north of State Road 50), Highlands (north of State Road 70), Hillsborough (south of State Road 60), Indian River, Jefferson, Lafayette, Lake, Leon (east of U.S. Highway 27, east of State

Road 61 and east of U.S. Highway 319), Levy, Madison, Manatee (north of State Road 70), Marion, Nassau, Okeechobee (north of State Road 70), Orange (north of State Road 50 and east of U.S. Highway 17), Osceola (east of U.S. Highway 17, north and east of County Road 525, east of the western shoreline of Lake Tohopekaliga, east of C-35 canal, east of the western shoreline of Cypress Lake, east of C-36 canal and east of the eastern shoreline of Lake Hatchineha), Pinellas (south of State Road 60), Polk (south of State Road 60), Putnam, St. Johns, St. Lucie (north of State Road 70), Seminole, Sumter (north of State Road 50), Suwannee, Taylor, Union, Volusia and Wakulla (east of U.S. Highway 319, north and east of U.S. Highway 98 and east of the Wakulla and St. Marks Rivers Spring-Creek Highway): Opening the first Saturday in November closing 78 days thereafter.

4. Zone D comprised of the counties of Bay, Calhoun, Escambia, Franklin, Gadsden (west of U.S. Highway 27), Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, Leon (west of U.S. Highway 27, west of State Road 61 and west of U.S. Highway 319), Liberty, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, Wakulla (west of U.S. Highway 319, south of U.S. Highway 98 and west of the Wakulla and St. Marks Rivers Spring-Creek Highway), Walton and Washington: Opening the fourth Thursday in November and closing 3 days thereafter and reopening the second Saturday in December and closing 71 days thereafter.

(b) through (h) No change.

(3) No change.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013.

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.

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NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE:
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: December 6, 2012

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: January 8, 2013

FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Freshwater Fish and Wildlife

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

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose of the proposed rule amendment is to better protect natural resources and increase camper satisfaction by allowing the inclusion of permit provisions with camping permits on Wildlife Management Areas that allow camping by permit. The effect of the proposed rule amendment will be to enable the Commission to manage camping opportunities and protect fish, wildlife, cultural and natural resources.

SUMMARY: The proposed rule amendment would allow permit conditions to be included as necessary (on areas where camping permits are required by specific area rule) to protect natural and cultural resources in campgrounds, minimize conflicts among area users in the campground, maintain public safety, ensure compliance with health department county codes and offer a fair opportunity to obtain a campsite.

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.

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

LAW IMPLEMENTED: Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution; 379.2223, 379.354 FS.

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

DATES AND TIME: During the Commission’s regular meeting February 13-14, 2013, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., each day
PLACE: SeaWorld Park, 7007 SeaWorld Drive, Orlando, FL 32821

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

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

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

(1) through (2) No change.

(3) Permit exceptions: Persons exempted by Section 379.353 ~~379.354~~, F.S., those persons who possess a gun on Osceola, Ocala and Apalachicola Wildlife Management Areas for the exclusive purpose of shooting at a Commission authorized shooting range, persons in possession of a special-use permit; persons engaging in activities pursuant to Rule 68A-25.032 or 68A-25.042, F.A.C.; or persons hunting, fishing or frogging on lands owned by the United States of America, Department of Defense, are excepted from wildlife management area stamp requirements.

(4) through (7) No change.

(8) Camping:

(a) On those areas where Commission camping permits are required by specific area rule, those permits will be issued by the Commission unless denial is either necessary to protect natural and cultural resources in campgrounds, minimize conflicts among area users in the campgrounds, maintain public safety, ensure compliance with health department county codes, and to offer a fair opportunity to obtain a campsite or as appropriate based on Rule 68A-5.004, F.A.C.

(b) Commission camping permit conditions will be included as necessary to protect natural and cultural resources in campgrounds, minimize conflicts among area users in the campgrounds, maintain public safety, ensure compliance with health department county codes, and to offer a fair opportunity to obtain a campsite.

(c)(~~a~~) Camping during periods open to hunting season shall be limited to designated ~~campgrounds~~ ~~campsites~~ except as provided by specific area ~~under special rules or permit conditions~~ for particular wildlife management areas. Camping is ~~allowed~~ ~~permitted~~ during ~~periods~~ closed to hunting season unless prohibited by specific area regulations or permit condition.

~~(d)(b)~~ When camping is ~~allowed~~ ~~permitted~~ on any wildlife management area, authorized camping equipment may be taken on the area after 8 a.m. one day before the opening of each season and shall be removed from the area before 6 p.m. one day following the close of each season unless otherwise provided by specific area regulations or permit condition.

(9) through (16) No change.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: As soon as possible following Commission action.

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

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NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE: 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: December 6, 2012

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: January 8, 2013

FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Freshwater Fish and Wildlife

RULE NO.:

RULE TITLE:

68A-15.005

Quota Permits; Antlerless Deer Permits; Special-Opportunity Permits

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose of the proposed rule amendment is to better manage fish and wildlife resources by allowing a different guest of a quota permit holder to participate in the hunt each day; require unused permits to be returned 10 days prior to the hunt to receive reinstatement of preference points; and delete the sunset provision prohibiting transferability of permits and allowing for guest permits. The

effect of the proposed rule amendment will be to enable the Commission to better manage hunting on Commission managed lands.

SUMMARY: The proposed rule amendment would allow for a different guest of a quota permit holder to obtain a guest permit on different days of a single hunt, but continue to limit this to one guest per day; require unused permits to be returned 10 days prior to the hunt to receive reinstatement of preference points; and delete the sunset provision prohibiting transferability of permits and allowing for guest permits.

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE RATIFICATION:

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LAW IMPLEMENTED: Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution.

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

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

68A-15.005 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) through (c) No change.

(d) Guest Permits.

1. Applicants issued a quota permit ~~Guest permits may be issued for nontransferable archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun, wild hog, mobility-impaired or spring turkey quota hunts may complete a FWC guest permit and take a guest hunter, provided that: Only one guest permit may be issued for each quota permit.~~

a. Only one guest permit may be used by each quota permit holder per day of the hunt.

b.2. Guest permits shall be nontransferable.

c. A guest permit must be completed for each guest hunter that participates in the hunt.

3. All guests must enter and exit the area with the quota permit holder, share the same vehicle, and cannot hunt on the area unless the quota permit holder is present on the area.

2.4. On areas where zone tags are required, the guest hunter must hunt in the same zone as the quota permit holder.

5. The guests may not bring additional hunters on the area.

6. An individual may not apply for more than one guest permit per hunt number.

3.7. Persons who obtain a daily permit at a check station shall not be eligible ~~allowed~~ to take guest hunters ~~additional~~ guests.

4.8. Quota permit holders may only bring one additional person as a guest hunter at any time. ~~one youth under 16 years of age, one youth supervisor, one mentor license holder, one mentor license supervisor or one guest permit holder, except mobility-impaired hunters may bring one non-hunting assistant or as provided by area specific regulation.~~

5. Exempt hunters participating in a hunt that allows quota permit exemptions are not considered to be a quota permit holder’s guest hunter at any time.

6.9. A completed guest permit shall be in the guest hunter’s possession, except y ~~Youth under 16 years of age, a youth supervisor, mentor license holders, and supervisors for mentor license holders and mobility-impaired non-hunting assistants are not required to possess~~ obtain a guest permit.

7. All guest hunters must enter and exit the area with the quota permit holder, share the same vehicle as the quota permit holder, and cannot hunt on the area unless the quota permit holder is present on the area.

~~8.10.~~ The guests and quota permit holder must share a single the bag limit of a single person, as specified under area specific rules. The quota permit holder shall be responsible for both parties complying with the bag limit.

~~11.~~ All applicants, unless exempt from license or permit requirements by Section 379.353(1) and (2)(a), (c), or (e) F.S., must have a valid Management Area Permit, or a license or permit that includes a Management Area Permit, in order to apply for a guest permit.

(e) Application, Selection, and Issuance of Quota Permits.

1. No change.
2. Phase I – Application; Selection; Issuance.
 - a. through c. No change.

d. Applicants with preference points that were awarded a nontransferable quota permit in Phase I and are unable to use the permit, may return the permit to the Commission’s Office of Licensing and Permitting for re-issuance and to have preference points re-instated. In order to have the original preference points re-instated and a preference point awarded for the current year, the returned permit must be received at least 10 days postmarked prior to the first hunt date listed on the permit.

e. Applicants with no preference points that were awarded a nontransferable quota permit in Phase I and are unable to use the permit, may return the permit to the Commission’s Office of Licensing and Permitting for re-issuance. In order to have a preference point awarded for the current year, the returned permit must be received at least 10 days postmarked prior to the first hunt date listed on the permit.

- f. through i. No change.
3. Phase II – Application; Selection; Issuance.
 - a. through d. No change.

e. ~~An applicant that is issued a Nontransferable quota permits issued permits~~ in Phase II and returned is unable to use the permit, may return the permit to the Commission’s Office of Licensing and Permitting at least 10 days prior to the first hunt date listed on the permit shall be reissued for re-issuance.

4. Phase III – Application; Selection; Issuance.
 - a. through c. No change.

d. ~~Applicants that are issued a Nontransferable quota permits issued permits~~ in Phase III and returned are unable to use the permit, may return the permit to the Commission’s Office of Licensing and Permitting at least 10 days prior to the first hunt date listed on the permit shall be reissued for re-issuance.

5. No change.
- (3) through (5) No change.

~~(6) Sunset of Revised Quota System.~~

~~The Commission intends to sunset the rule amendments approved on February 4, 2009 and made effective May 1, 2009 that made changes to the quota hunt permit system prohibiting transferability of permits and allowing for guest permits.~~

~~Therefore, Commission staff shall present at the next regularly scheduled Commission meeting after November 1, 2012 draft rule proposals necessary to repeal those rule amendments unless prior to that deadline the Commission directs staff to prepare draft rules to repeal or amend the deadline in this subsection.~~

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: As soon as possible following Commission action.

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, 6-22-80, 12-29-80, 6-4-81, 8-4-81, 6-21-82, 7-29-82, 7-1-83, 7-5-84, 7-1-85, 9-19-85, Formerly 39-15.05, Amended 5-7-86, 6-10-86, 5-10-87, 6-8-87, 10-8-87, 4-13-88, 6-7-88, 7-1-89, 7-1-90, 9-1-90, 7-1-91, 7-2-91, 7-1-92, 8-23-92, 7-1-93, 7-1-94, 3-30-95, 6-20-95, 8-15-95, 4-1-96, 6-27-96, 9-15-96, 10-20-96, 6-1-97, 8-7-97, 11-23-97, 7-1-98, 7-2-98, 8-11-98, 12-28-98, 5-13-99, Formerly 39-15.005, Amended 12-9-99, 4-30-00, 7-1-01, 8-1-01, 11-1-01, 5-13-02, 10-16-02, 5-1-03, 7-1-03, 9-29-03, 7-1-04, 7-2-04, 8-1-04, 5-1-05, 5-1-06, 6-1-06, 5-1-07, 7-1-08, 5-1-09, 6-1-10, 8-25-10, 7-1-11,_____.

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NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE: 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: December 6, 2012

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: January 8, 2013

FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Freshwater Fish and Wildlife

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

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

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

Arbuckle WMA – change the bag limit for turkey from one gobbler (or bearded turkey) per quota permit to one gobbler (or bearded turkey) per person, but not more than two per quota permit during spring turkey hunts.

Chassahowitzka WMA – change the bag limit for turkey from one gobbler (or bearded turkey) per quota permit to one gobbler (or bearded turkey) per person, but not more than two per quota permit during spring turkey hunts.

Fred C. Babcock/Cecil M. Webb WMA – allow year round use of vehicles on Tucker Grade, Tram Grade and Road 6; adjust the quail season; and establish a raccoon and opossum season during the month of February.

Fred C. Babcock/Cecil M. Webb WMA, Yucca Pens Unit – establish a raccoon and opossum season during the months of February and March; and allow the use of horses year round.

Green Swamp WMA – issue quota permits for the wild hog-dog hunts at the check station; allow three hunters to hunt per each daily quota permit during wild hog-dog season; relocate the check station and campground during the wild-hog dog hunts from the Rock Ridge Road entrance to the Highway 471 entrance; and prohibit the use of dogs for hunting wild hog except during the wild hog-dog hunts.

Green Swamp WMA, West Unit – allow the use of horses during the wild hog-still and small game seasons; and allow the use of archery equipment during the special-opportunity turkey season.

Hickory Hammock – prohibit the use of dogs for hunting wild hog.

Hilochee WMA – allow the use of horses year round; prohibit the use of dogs for hunting wild hog; and change the bag limit for turkey from one gobbler (or bearded turkey) per quota permit to one gobbler (or bearded turkey) per person, but no more than two per quota permit during spring turkey hunts.

Hilochee WMA, Osprey Unit – convert one of the archery hunts to a muzzleloading gun hunt; add antlered deer with at least 3 points on one side as legal to take during the archery and muzzleloading gun hunts; reduce the quota from 40 to 10 (no exemptions) for the archery and muzzleloading gun hunts; allow a bag limit of one antlered deer per person, but not more than two per quota permit during the archery and muzzleloading gun hunts; increase the length of all quota hunts, except youth turkey, from two days to three days; allow the use of horses year-round except during wild hog-dog season; and change the bag limit for turkey from one gobbler (or bearded turkey) per person to one gobbler (or bearded turkey) per person, but no more than two per quota permit during spring turkey hunts.

KICCO WMA – limit vehicle access to those persons with authorization from the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD); require a permit from the SFWMD for camping; prohibit campfires except within fire rings; and prohibit the use of dogs for hunting wild hog during small game season.

Lake Marion Creek WMA – limit vehicle access to those persons with authorization from the South Florida Water Management District; and prohibit the use of dogs for hunting wild hog.

Lower Hillsborough WMA (new) – establish a new wildlife management area (2,775 acres) with the following open seasons: four 3-day family hunts (quota of 5, no exemptions) and two 3-day youth turkey hunts (quota of 5, no exemptions); allow the take of deer, wild hog, turkey, small game, furbearers, fish and frogs; allow a bag limit of two deer per family quota permit; allow a bag limit of one gobbler or bearded turkey per youth turkey quota permit; allow camping by permit only; prohibit hunting with dogs; prohibit vehicles except in parking areas and for access to the camping area by persons with a camping permit; prohibit the use of airboats, tracked vehicles, swamp buggies, all-terrain vehicles, and unlicensed and unregistered motorcycles; prohibit public access from 1.5 hours after sunset until 1.5 hours before sunrise unless camping; require all persons to enter and exit the area at a designated entrance; and prohibit fires except in the camping area.

Upper Hillsborough WMA – prohibit the use of dogs for hunting wild hog except during wild hog-dog season.

Walk-in-the-Water WMA – prohibit the use of dogs for hunting wild hog during small game season; change the bag limit for deer from one deer per day to one deer (antlered or antlerless) per person, but not more than two per quota permit during archery hunts and one antlered deer per person and not more than two per quota permit during muzzleloading gun hunts; and change the bag limit for turkey from one gobbler (or bearded turkey) per quota permit to one gobbler (or bearded turkey) per person, but no more than two per quota permit during spring turkey hunts.

Weekiwachee WMA (new) – establish a new wildlife management area (2,850 acres) with the following open season: five 6-day archery hunts (quota of 10, no exemptions); allow the take of antlered deer, wild hog, bearded turkey or gobbler, small game, furbearers, fish and frogs; allow a bag limit of two antlered deer per quota permit; prohibit camping on the area; prohibit hunting with dogs; prohibit vehicles except in the parking area; prohibit the use of airboats, tracked vehicles, swamp buggies, all-terrain vehicles, unlicensed and unregistered motorcycles, and horses; prohibit public access from 1.5 hours after sunset until 1.5 hours before sunrise; require all persons to enter and exit the area at a designated entrance; and prohibit fires.

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; 375.313 FS.

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

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

DATE AND TIME: During the Commission's regular meeting February 13-14, 2013, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., each day

PLACE: SeaWorld Park, 7007 SeaWorld Drive, Orlando, FL 32821

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

(1) Green Swamp Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November 23 47 through January 19 43.

2. Archery – October 19 43 through November 17 44, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only.

3. Small game – January 25 49 through February 23 47, Saturdays and Sundays only.

4. Wild hog-dog – February 27 through March 2 24-24 and March 6 through 9 February 28 through March 3.

5. Spring turkey – March 15 46 through April 20 24.

6. No change.

(b) No change.

(c) Camping: Allowed by permit only and only within the designated campsites at the Rock Ridge Road and 471 campgrounds. Camping is allowed at both campgrounds during archery, general gun and spring turkey seasons. Camping is allowed only at the Rock Ridge Road campground during the ~~wild hog-dog~~ and fishing and frogging ~~season seasons~~ and only at the 471 campground during the small game and ~~wild hog-dog seasons season~~. Camping permits are non-transferable. Camping along the Green Swamp Hiking Trail (Florida Trail) is prohibited except by written permission from the Southwest Florida Water Management District. Kitchen stoves, refrigerators and freezers, unless contained in mobile campers are prohibited. Lumber, sheet metal or other building materials is prohibited. The alteration, defacing, moving or tampering in any way with official markings of campsites is prohibited. The use or operation of electrical generators powered by an internal combustion engine is prohibited within the campgrounds from 10 p.m. until 4 a.m. A legible copy of the camping permit or the permittee's name and permit number must be visibly affixed to camping shelters. Camping equipment must be removed by 8 p.m. on the last date listed on the camping permit. Only tents, trailers or self-propelled camping vehicles may be used for camping.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 2. No change.

3. Hunters may enter or exit the area at designated ~~entrances access points~~ only and only during hours in which check stations are in operation.

4. Hunting with dogs (other than bird dogs) is prohibited, except ~~that~~ dogs may be used during the wild hog-dog season. The take of wild hog with dogs is prohibited except during the wild hog-dog season. During the wild hog-dog season, no more than 3 free-running dogs per wild hog-dog daily quota permit shall be allowed. During non-hunting periods the possession of dogs shall only be as authorized by the Southwest Florida Water Management District.

5. through 8. No change.

9. During the wild hog-dog season, a daily quota permit allows three hunters to participate in the hunt ~~wild hog-dog quota permit shall allow a hunting group of two persons and a guest, as authorized by Rule 68A 15.005, F.A.C., (3 total) to participate in the hunt.~~

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

(a) Open season:

1. Special-opportunity turkey – March ~~15-18~~ ~~16-19~~, ~~24-27~~ ~~25-28~~, March ~~29~~ ~~30~~ through April ~~1~~ ~~2~~, April ~~7-10~~ ~~8-11~~ and ~~12-15~~ ~~13-16~~.

2. Special-opportunity archery – November ~~9-12~~ ~~3-6~~ and ~~21-24~~ ~~15-18~~.

3. Special-opportunity general gun – January ~~23-26~~ ~~24-27~~, February ~~3-6~~ ~~4-7~~ and ~~12-15~~ ~~13-16~~.

4. Wild hog-still – December ~~20-22~~ ~~14-16~~.

5. Wild hog-dog – January ~~8-10~~ ~~9-11~~.

6. Small game – February ~~21-23~~ ~~22-24~~ and February 28 through March 2-3.

7. through 8. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 2. No change.

3. The use of tracked vehicles, airboats, all-terrain vehicles or unlicensed and unregistered motorcycles is prohibited. The use of horses is prohibited during periods open for hunting, except during wild hog-still and small game seasons.

4. through 5. No change.

6. ~~Only shotguns may be used to take turkey during during the special-opportunity turkey hunts.~~

7. renumbered 6. No change.

~~7.8.~~ The use of dogs, other than bird dogs and dogs with a shoulder height of 15 inches or less during the small game season, is prohibited except that dogs may be used during the wild hog-dog season. The take of wild hog with dogs is prohibited except during the wild hog-dog season. During the wild hog-dog season, no more than three free-running dogs per quota permit shall be allowed. During non-hunting periods the possession of dogs shall only be as authorized by the Southwest Florida Water Management District.

9. through 11. renumbered 8. through 10. No change.

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

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~14-18~~ ~~8-12~~.

2. Bird dog training – Bird dogs may be trained in the bird dog training recreation area September ~~21~~ ~~15~~ through February ~~16~~ ~~10~~ 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 ~~9-17~~ ~~3-11~~.

4. Small game – November ~~18 through December 1~~ ~~12-25~~ and Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays only ~~December 4~~ ~~November 28~~ through January ~~19~~ ~~13~~.

5. Field trial quail – January ~~25-26~~ ~~26-27~~.

6. Raccoon and opossum - During the month of February.

6. renumbered 7. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers. During the archery season the take of turkey is prohibited. After the first two days of archery season, the take of antlerless deer is prohibited. Wild hog may only be taken during archery and general gun seasons with a limit of one per quota permit or one per exempt hunter each season. The take of wild hog with a shoulder height of less than 15 inches is prohibited. Quail shall be taken by daily quail or field trial quail quota permit only with a bag limit of 6 per day. During the raccoon and opossum season, only raccoon and opossum are legal to take.

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. Hunters shall check in and out at a check station when entering and exiting the area and shall check all game taken, except during the raccoon and opossum season.

2. No change.

3. Public access is allowed only from 1.5 hours before sunrise until 1.5 hours after sunset, provided public access to the designated campground is allowed at anytime camping is allowed and public access is allowed at anytime during the raccoon and opossum season.

4. No change.

5. Taking wildlife with dogs during the archery season and general gun season is prohibited.

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

7. through 9. No change.

10. Taking wildlife with a gun is prohibited during bird dog training season while training bird dogs within the bird dog training recreation area.

11. through 13. No change.

14. During the small game season only persons in possession of a daily quail permit shall kill or be in possession of quail. Daily quail permits will be issued on Wednesdays and Saturdays only, beginning the first Saturday following eight days prior to Thanksgiving Day and may continue up to 39 days thereafter. Quail shall be taken by daily quail permit within the zone assigned on the daily quail permit only.

15. through 16. No change.

17. During the raccoon and opossum season, hunting as specified by paragraph 68A-24.002(2)(b), F.A.C. is allowed.

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

- (a) Open season:
1. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~18-20~~ ~~12-14~~.
 2. General gun – November ~~9-17~~ ~~3-11~~.
 3. Small game – November ~~20~~ ~~14~~ through January ~~19~~ ~~13~~ on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays only and the Friday after Thanksgiving Day.
4. Raccoon and opossum – During the months of February and March.
4. renumbered 5. No change.
- (b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers. 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 are legal to take.
- (c) No change.
- (d) General regulations:
1. No change.
 2. All hunters shall check in and out at the designated check station when entering or exiting the area and check all game taken, except during small game season when hunters shall use the Babcock/Webb check station and during the raccoon and opossum season when checking is not required.
 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 anytime.
 4. No change.
 5. Hunting with dogs during the muzzleloading gun and general gun season is prohibited. The use of dogs, other than retrievers, bird dogs and dogs with a shoulder height of 15 inches or less is prohibited, except during the raccoon and opossum season when any dog may be used.
 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 anytime.
 7. No change.
 8. ~~During periods open to hunting, horses are prohibited.~~ During non-hunting periods Horses are allowed on named or numbered roads and designated trails only.
 9. No change.
 10. During the raccoon and opossum season, hunting as specified by paragraph 68A-24.002(2)(b), F.A.C., is allowed.
- (5) Upper Hillsborough Wildlife Management Area.
- (a) Open season:
1. Wild hog-dog – November ~~12-14~~ ~~6-8~~.
 2. Archery – December ~~7-8~~ ~~8-9~~, ~~14-15~~ ~~15-16~~, January ~~4-5~~ ~~5-6~~ and ~~11-12~~ ~~12-13~~.
 3. Muzzleloading gun – January ~~18-19~~ ~~19-20~~, ~~25-26~~ ~~26-27~~, February ~~1-2~~ ~~2-3~~ and ~~8-9~~ ~~9-10~~.
 4. Small game – February ~~15-16~~ ~~16-17~~, ~~22-23~~ ~~23-24~~ and March ~~1-2~~ ~~2-3~~.

5. Spring turkey – March ~~19-20~~ ~~20-21~~, ~~26-27~~ ~~27-28~~, April ~~2-3~~ ~~3-4~~, ~~9-10~~ ~~10-11~~, and ~~16-17~~ ~~17-18~~.

6. No change.

(b) No change.

(c) Camping: Prohibited except at the designated campsite during periods when hunting is allowed or by written permission from the Southwest Florida Water Management District. Only tents, trailers or self-propelled camping vehicles may be used for camping.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 7. No change.

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

10. through 12. renumbered 9. through 11. No change.~~9. Only tents, trailers or self-propelled camping vehicles may be used for camping.~~

(6) Arbuckle Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – October ~~12~~ ~~13~~ through November ~~1~~ ~~2~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~7-15~~ ~~8-16~~.

3. Small game – January ~~4-5~~ ~~5-6~~ and ~~25-26~~ ~~26-27~~.

4. Spring turkey – March ~~18-20~~ ~~19-21~~ and April ~~1-3~~ ~~2-4~~.

5. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game (except turkeys shall be legal to take only during spring turkey season), furbearers and fish. Taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with three or more points, one inch or more in length, is prohibited. Deer bag limit – one per day. During the spring turkey season, the bag limit shall be one gobbler (or bearded turkey) per person, but not more than two per quota permit.

(c) through (d) No change.

(7) KICCO Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~14~~ ~~15~~ through October ~~13~~ ~~14~~, Saturdays and Sundays only.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~19-20~~ ~~20-21~~ and ~~26-27~~ ~~27-28~~.

3. Wild hog-still – November ~~9~~ ~~10~~ through December ~~8~~ ~~9~~, Saturdays and Sundays only.

4. Small game – December ~~14~~ ~~15~~ through January ~~19~~ ~~20~~.

5. Spring turkey – March ~~15~~ ~~16~~ through April ~~13~~ ~~14~~, Saturdays and Sundays only.

6. No change.

(b) No change.

(c) Camping: Prohibited except ~~at designated hunt campsites during periods when hunting is allowed~~ or by persons possessing a special-use license issued by the South Florida Water Management District. ~~Only tents may be used for camping at designated hunt campsites.~~

(d) General regulations:

1. ~~Vehicle access is prohibited except by persons that have obtained a vehicle access authorization from the South Florida Water Management District. Hunters participating in a hunt may operate motor vehicles on named or numbered roads during the archery, muzzleloading gun, spring turkey, and wild hog still seasons. Vehicles shall be operated only on named or numbered roads and~~ must be parked in designated parking areas or within 25 feet of a named or numbered road. The use of tracked vehicles, airboats, all-terrain vehicles or unlicensed and unregistered motorcycles is prohibited. Horses are prohibited except by written permission from the South Florida Water Management District.

2. ~~Except as authorized by the South Florida Water Management District, fires~~ ~~Fires other than campfires at designated campsites~~ are prohibited.

3. No change.

4. Hunting with dogs is prohibited ~~except during the archery, muzzleloading gun and wild hog still seasons. The use of dogs, other than~~ retrievers, bird dogs ~~or and~~ dogs with a shoulder height of 15 inches or less ~~may be used~~ is prohibited during the small game season. The take of wild hog with dogs is prohibited.

5. No change.

6. Vehicular access to the area is prohibited during the period from 1.5 hours after sunset to 1.5 hours before sunrise, except as authorized by the South Florida Water Management District.

7. No change.

(8) Hickory Hammock Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Wild hog-still – September ~~13-15~~ ~~14-16~~, ~~20-22~~ ~~21-23~~ and January ~~10-12~~ ~~11-13~~.

2. Archery – October ~~11-13~~ ~~12-14~~.

3. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~19-21~~ ~~20-22~~ and ~~23-25~~ ~~24-26~~.

4. General gun – November ~~2-4~~ ~~3-5~~.

5. Small game – November ~~11-24~~ ~~12-25~~ and January ~~21~~ through March ~~2~~ ~~3~~.

6. General gun for mobility-impaired – November 30 through December 1 ~~1-2~~.

7. No change.

8. Spring turkey – March ~~20-22~~ ~~21-23~~ and April ~~10-12~~ ~~11-13~~.

9. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. No change.

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

3. through 4. No change.

5. During the mobility-impaired general gun season, certified mobility-impaired hunters with quota permits, a non-hunting assistant and one guest, as authorized by Rule 68A-15.005, F.A.C., may participate in the hunt, but must share the bag limit. ~~All mobility-impaired hunt participants are required to attend a pre-hunt orientation meeting.~~

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

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~28-29~~ ~~29-30~~, September 30 through October 3 ~~1-4~~, October 4-6 ~~5-7~~, 7-10 ~~8-11~~ and 11-13 ~~12-14~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – November 30 through December 1 ~~1-2~~, December 2-5 ~~3-6~~ and 6-8 ~~7-9~~.

3. Wild hog-still – January ~~11-14~~ ~~12-15~~ and ~~15-19~~ ~~16-20~~.

4. Small game – February ~~1-9~~ ~~2-10~~ and February ~~22~~ ~~23~~ through March ~~2~~ ~~3~~.

5. Spring turkey – March ~~25-27~~ ~~26-28~~.

6. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, furbearers and fish. During the archery season the bag limit for deer shall be one deer per person, but not more than two quota permit. During the muzzleloading gun season the bag limit for deer shall be one antlered deer per person, but not more than two per quota permit. Deer bag limit one per day. During the wild hog-still season only wild hog may be taken. The take of turkey is prohibited during the archery season. During the spring turkey season, the bag limit shall be one gobbler (or bearded turkey) per person, but not more than two per quota permit.

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. The use of dogs, other than bird dogs, retrievers ~~or and~~ dogs with a shoulder height of 15 inches or less, is prohibited. The take of wild hog with dogs use of any dog during the wild hog-still season is prohibited.

2. through 6. No change.

(10) Hilochee Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~8-9~~ ~~9-10~~.

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

3. Muzzleloading gun – February ~~21-23~~ ~~15-17~~.

4. Wild hog-still – December 6-8 ~~November 30 through December 2~~, January ~~17-19~~ ~~11-13~~ and 24-26 ~~18-20~~.

5. Small game – January ~~31~~ ~~25~~ through February ~~9~~ ~~3~~.

6. Archery – February ~~14-16~~ ~~8-10~~.

7. No change.

8. Raccoon – August ~~8-2~~ through September ~~29-23~~ (from 1.5 hours before sunset on Thursday until 1.5 hours after sunrise on Sunday).

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish (as provided below), and furbearers. Taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with three or more points, one inch or more in length, is prohibited. During the spring turkey season, the bag limit shall be one gobbler (or bearded turkey) per person, but not more than two per quota permit. During the wild hog-still season, only wild hog may be taken. No person shall kill or possess any largemouth bass from Peat Lake, Little Peat Lake, Stock Lake, Hidden Lake, and Turtle Pond. No person shall take, in any one day, more than 20 bluegill, 10 black crappie, or 6 catfish. No person shall kill or possess any bluegill less than 8 inches total length or black crappie less than 10 inches total length. During the raccoon season, only raccoon and opossum may be taken.

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. No change.

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

3. No change.

4. The use of tracked vehicles, all-terrain vehicles, ~~horses~~ or unlicensed and unregistered motorcycles is prohibited; ~~except that horses are allowed on named and numbered roads or designated trails during periods closed to hunting.~~

5. Horses are allowed on named or numbered roads and designated trails only.

5. through 9. renumbered 6. through 10. No change.

(11) Lake Marion Creek Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – October ~~19-21~~ ~~13-15~~ and ~~25-27~~ ~~19-21~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – November ~~29~~ through December ~~1~~ ~~23-25~~.

3. General gun – January ~~24-26~~ ~~18-20~~ and February ~~7-9~~ ~~1-3~~.

4. Small game – January 3-5 ~~December 28-30~~ and ~~10-12~~ January 4-6.

5. Wild hog-still – December ~~13-15~~ ~~7-9~~ and ~~27-29~~ ~~21-23~~.

6. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~8-9~~ ~~9-10~~.

7. Spring turkey – March ~~15-17~~ ~~16-18~~, ~~28-30~~ ~~March 29-31~~ and April ~~11-13~~ ~~12-14~~.

8. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. No change.

2. ~~During periods when the area is closed to hunting public access other than by foot or bicycle is prohibited, except by persons that have obtained a vehicle access authorization from the South Florida Water Management District, participating in a hunt may operate motor vehicles from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. one day prior to each hunt except small game. During periods open for hunting only persons participating in the hunt may operate motor vehicles on the area and V~~vehicles may only be operated from 1.5 hours before sunrise until 1.5 hours after sunset, except as authorized by the South Florida Water Management District, no motor vehicle access is allowed during small game hunts. Vehicles shall be operated only on named or numbered roads and shall be parked in designated parking areas or within 25 feet of a named or numbered road.

3. No change.

4. Hunting with dogs other than bird dogs and retrievers is prohibited, except that during small game season dogs with a shoulder height of 15 inches or less may be used. The take of wild hog with dogs is prohibited.

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

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~14~~ ~~15~~ through October ~~13~~ ~~14~~ in areas and during days specified by the Installation Commander or a designee.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~19~~ ~~20~~ through November ~~1~~ ~~2~~ in areas and during days specified by the Installation Commander or a designee.

3. General gun – November ~~2~~ ~~3~~ through January ~~19~~ ~~20~~ in areas and during days specified by the Installation Commander or a designee.

4. Small game – November ~~9~~ ~~10~~ through March ~~2~~ ~~3~~ in areas and during days specified by the Installation Commander or a designee.

5. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~8-9~~ ~~9-10~~ in areas and during days specified by the Installation Commander or a designee.

6. Spring turkey – March ~~15~~ ~~16~~ through April ~~20~~ ~~21~~ in areas and during days specified by the Installation Commander or a designee.

7. Antlerless deer – November ~~23-29~~ ~~17-23~~ in areas and during days specified by the Installation Commander or a designee.

8. through 9. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(13) Croom Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~19-21~~ ~~20-22~~.

2. General gun – November ~~2-24~~ ~~3-25~~.

3. Small game – December ~~2~~ ~~3~~ through March ~~2~~ ~~3~~.

4. Spring turkey – March ~~18-20~~ ~~19-21~~, April ~~1-3~~ ~~2-4~~ and ~~15-17~~ ~~16-18~~.

5. Fox, raccoon and bobcat – December ~~12~~ ~~13~~ through March ~~9~~ ~~10~~. 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 ~~14~~ ~~15~~ through October ~~13~~ ~~14~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~19-21~~ ~~20-22~~.

3. General gun – November ~~2~~ ~~3~~ through December ~~29~~ ~~30~~.

4. Wild hog-dog – January ~~10-12~~ ~~11-13~~ and ~~17-19~~ ~~18-20~~.

5. through 6. No change.

7. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~8-9~~ ~~9-10~~.

8. Spring turkey – March ~~21-23~~ ~~22-24~~, April ~~4-6~~ ~~5-7~~ and ~~18-20~~ ~~19-21~~.

9. Raccoon – January ~~30~~ ~~31~~ through February ~~23~~ ~~24~~ and May ~~1-25~~ ~~2-26~~ (from 1.5 hours before sunset on Thursday until 1.5 hours after sunrise on Sunday).

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers (~~except bobcat and otter~~). ~~The taking of bobcat and otter is prohibited.~~ During the spring turkey season the bag limit for turkeys shall be one gobbler (or bearded turkey) per person, but not more than two per quota permit. Only wild hog may be taken during the wild hog-dog season. Waterfowl and coot may be taken on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays only. During the raccoon season, only raccoon and opossum may be taken.

(c) through (d) No change.

(15) Hilochee Wildlife Management Area – Osprey Unit.

(a) Open season:

~~1. Archery – October 6-7 and 13-14.~~

~~1.2. Family hunt – November 15-17~~ ~~10-11~~.

~~2.3. Wild hog-still – November 29 through December 1~~ ~~24-25~~.

~~3.4. Wild hog-dog – December 13-15 and January 10-12~~ ~~5-6 and 26-27~~.

~~4.5. Small game – January 23~~ ~~31~~ through February ~~3~~ ~~11~~.

~~5. Archery – February 14-16.~~

~~6. Muzzleloading gun – February 21-23.~~

~~7.6. Youth turkey hunt – March 8-9~~ ~~9-10~~.

~~8.7. Spring turkey – April 11-13~~ ~~12-13~~ and ~~18-20~~ ~~19-20~~.

~~8. Trapping – Prohibited~~

9. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game (~~except deer~~), fish and furbearers. Taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with three or more points, one inch or more in length, is prohibited. The bag limit for deer shall be one antlered deer per person, but not more than two per quota permit. The take of antlerless deer is prohibited during the archery season. The take of deer is prohibited during the family hunt. Only wild

hog may be taken during the wild hog seasons. Turkey may be taken during the spring turkey season only. During the spring turkey season, the bag limit shall be one gobbler (or bearded turkey) per person, but not more than two per quota permit. No person shall kill or possess any largemouth bass. No person shall take, in any one day, more than 20 bluegill, 10 black crappie, or 6 catfish. No person shall kill or possess any bluegill less than 8 inches total length or black crappie less than 10 inches total length.

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 2. No change.

3. The use of airboats, outboard motors larger than 10 horsepower, tracked vehicles, all-terrain vehicles, ~~horses~~ or unlicensed and unregistered motorcycles is prohibited, ~~except that horses are allowed on named or numbered roads or designated trails during periods closed to hunting.~~

4. Horses are prohibited during wild hog-dog hunts. At other times, horses are allowed on named or numbered roads and designated trails only.

4. through 11. renumbered 5. through 12. No change.

(16) Weekiwachee Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – October 19-24, November 16-21, December 14-19, January 18-23 and February 15-20.

2. Fishing and frogging – Allowed year round.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, bearded turkey or gobbler, fish, frogs and furbearers. The take of antlerless deer is prohibited. The bag limit for deer shall be two antlered deer per quota permit.

(c) Camping: Prohibited.

(d) General regulations:

1. During periods open for hunting, public access is prohibited from 1.5 hours after sunset until 1.5 hours before sunrise. During periods closed to hunting, public access is allowed during daylight hours only.

2. All persons shall enter and exit the area through a designated entrance.

3. The use of airboats, tracked vehicles, swamp buggies, all-terrain vehicles, horses or unlicensed and unregistered motorcycles is prohibited.

4. Bicycles may be ridden only on established roads and firelines.

5. Motorized vehicles are prohibited except in designated parking areas.

6. Hunting with dogs is prohibited.

7. Fires are prohibited.

(17) Lower Hillsborough Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Family hunt – December 13-15, January 17-19, January 31 through February 2 and February 14-16.

2. Youth turkey hunt – March 21-23 and April 4-6.

3. Fishing and frogging – Allowed year round.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers. Antlerless deer may be taken during the family hunts. The bag limit for deer shall be two deer per quota permit. The bag limit for turkey shall be one per quota permit.

(c) Camping: Prohibited except by permit from Southwest Florida Water Management District.

(d) General regulations:

1. During periods open for hunting, public access is prohibited from 1.5 hours after sunset until 1.5 hours before sunrise, except in the designated camping area. During periods closed to hunting, public access is allowed during daylight hours only, except in the designated camping area.

2. All persons shall enter and exit the area through a designated entrance.

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

4. Motorized vehicles are prohibited except in designated parking areas and persons with a camping permit may drive directly to the designated camping area.

5. Hunting with dogs is prohibited.

6. Fires are prohibited except in the designated camping area.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013.

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.

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: 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: December 6, 2012

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: January 8, 2013

FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Freshwater Fish and Wildlife

RULE NO.:	RULE TITLE:
68A-15.062	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 – allow the harvest of furbearers during family hunts.

Bayard WMA – change the bag limit for deer from one deer per quota permit to one deer per person, but no more than two per quota permit during archery season and one antlered deer per person, but no more than two per quota permit during muzzleloading gun season.

Big Bend WMA, Snipe Island Unit – change the bag limit for deer from one antlered deer per quota permit per day to one deer (antlered or antlerless) per person per day during archery season; change the bag limit for deer from one antlered deer per quota permit per day to one antlered deer per person per day during muzzleloading gun and general gun seasons; change the bag limit for turkey from one gobbler or bearded turkey per quota permit to one (either sex) per person, but no more than two per quota permit during archery season quota periods; and change the bag limit for turkey from one gobbler or bearded turkey per quota permit to one per person, but no more than two per quota permit during spring turkey season quota periods.

Cary WMA – change the bag limit for deer from one antlered or one antlerless deer per quota permit to one deer per person, but no more than two deer per quota permit during archery season; change the bag limit for deer from one antlered deer per quota permit to one antlered deer per person, but no more than two per quota permit during muzzleloading gun and general gun seasons; change the bag limit for turkey from one gobbler or bearded turkey per quota permit to one per person, but no more than two per quota permit during spring turkey season.

Cedar Key Scrub WMA – allow the use of handguns for hunting.

Citrus WMA – add the special September duck season.

Devil's Hammock WMA – allow the harvest of frogs; allow the harvest of gray squirrel, rabbit, quail, armadillo and migratory birds in season during the family hunt; and allow the harvest of furbearers during the family hunt and archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun and small game seasons.

Flying Eagle WMA – allow the use of horses on designated roads and marked trails during periods open to hunting.

Grove Park WMA – expand the general gun season from 58 to 65 days and begin on opening day of statewide antlered deer season (Zone C).

Hatchet Creek WMA – change the bag limit for deer from one antlered or one antlerless deer per quota permit to one deer per person, but no more than two deer per quota permit during archery season; change the bag limit for deer from one antlered deer per quota permit to one per person, but no more than two per quota permit during muzzleloading gun and general gun seasons; change the bag limit for turkey from one gobbler or bearded turkey per quota permit to one per person, but no more than two per quota permit during spring turkey season.

Holton Creek WMA – allow the harvest of furbearers during general gun mobility-impaired season.

Homosassa WMA – group small game season dates from four hunts (23, 16, 4 and 4 days respectively) into two hunts (24 and 23 days respectively) with no change in the total of 47 days.

Little River WMA – allow the harvest of furbearers.

Lochloosa WMA – allow the use of horses during archery, muzzleloading gun, small game, waterfowl and spring turkey seasons.

Osceola WMA – remove requirement to check harvested deer at a check station; expand the fox, raccoon, opossum and bobcat season from 53 days to 114 days and move from summer to the period concurrent with general gun and small game seasons.

Potts WMA – move the first two small game hunts after statewide antlered deer season (Zone C); allow the use of horses during periods open for hunting except wild hog-dog hunts; and change the bag limit for turkey from one gobbler or bearded turkey per quota permit to one per person, but no more than two per quota permit during spring turkey season.

Raiford WMA – allow public access from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on the day preceding and the day following archery, muzzleloading gun and archery/muzzleloading gun seasons; and allow public access from 1.5 hours before sunrise until 1.5 hours after sunset on the day preceding youth spring turkey and spring turkey hunts.

Ralph E. Simmons Memorial WMA – allow the use of horses on named or numbered roads and designated trails during small game season; change the bag limit for deer from one antlered deer per quota permit to one antlered deer per person, but no more than two per quota permit during muzzleloading gun and general gun seasons.

Thomas Creek WMA, Kings Road Unit – change the bag limit for deer from one antlered or one antlerless deer per quota permit to one deer per person, but no more than two deer per quota permit during archery season; change the bag limit for deer from one antlered deer per quota permit to one antlered deer per person, but no more than two per quota permit during muzzleloading gun and general gun seasons; change the bag limit for turkey from one gobbler or bearded turkey per quota permit to one per person, but no more than two per quota permit during spring turkey season.

Twin Rivers WMA – change the bag limit for deer from one deer per person per hunt to one deer per person, but no more than two per quota permit during archery season; change the bag limit for deer from one deer per person per hunt to one antlered deer per person, but no more than two antlered deer per quota permit during muzzleloading gun and general gun seasons; and change the bag limit for turkey from one turkey per person per hunt to one turkey per person, but no more than two per quota permit during archery and spring turkey seasons. 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; 379.2223, 375.313 FS.

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

DATES AND TIME: During the Commission's regular meeting February 13-14, 2013, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., each day
PLACE: SeaWorld Park, 7007 SeaWorld Drive, Orlando, FL 32821

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

(1) Camp Blanding Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. through 4. No change.

5. Archery – September ~~24-26~~ ~~25-27~~ and October ~~1-3~~ ~~2-4~~, only in the still hunt areas; and the Monday before Thanksgiving and continuing for 55 days thereafter in the archery-only area, which is within the area described by a line beginning at the intersection of County Road 225 and Woodbury Road, then southeast on County Road 225 to State Road 16, then south on State Road 16 and County Road 230 to the Camp Blanding boundary on the east side of County Road 230, then east along the Camp Blanding boundary to Duval Road, then south on Duval Road to Yerkes Road, then west on Yerkes Road to Treat Road, then north on Treat Road to Lightning Strike Road, then west and north on Lightning Strike Road to State Road 230, then west on State Road 230 to the Camp Blanding boundary, then north along the Camp Blanding boundary to State Road 16, then east on the south side of State Road 16 to Lightning Strike Road, then north on Lightning Strike Road to Bessent Road, then north on Bessent Road to the starting point. A disjunct portion of the archery-only area is south of County Road 215, east of Rifle Range Road, north of State Road 16 and west of the Camp Blanding boundary.

6. No change.

7. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~8-10~~ ~~9-11~~ and ~~15-17~~ ~~16-18~~, only in the still hunt areas.

8. No change.

9. Trapping – December 1 through January ~~5~~ ~~6~~, only in the still hunt areas.

(b) through (d) No change.

(2) Cypress Creek Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~8-9~~ ~~9-10~~.

2. Spring turkey – March ~~15-23~~ ~~16-24~~.

3. Archery – September ~~21~~ ~~22~~ through October ~~6~~ ~~7~~.

4. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~19-21~~ ~~20-22~~.

5. through 6. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(3) Gulf Hammock Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~2~~ ~~3~~ through January ~~19~~ ~~20~~.

2. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~8-9~~ ~~9-10~~.

3. Spring turkey – March ~~15~~ ~~16~~ through April ~~20~~ ~~21~~.

4. Archery – September ~~14~~ ~~15~~ through October ~~13~~ ~~14~~.

5. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~19~~ ~~20~~ through November ~~1~~ ~~2~~.

6. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(4) Lochloosa Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~2-15~~ ~~3-16~~, November ~~16~~ ~~17~~ through December ~~1~~ ~~2~~ and December ~~2-29~~ ~~3-30~~.

2. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~8-9~~ ~~9-10~~.

3. Spring turkey – March ~~15~~ ~~16~~ through April ~~20~~ ~~21~~.

4. Archery – September ~~21~~ ~~22~~ through October ~~20~~ ~~21~~.

5. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~25-27~~ ~~26-28~~.

6. No change.

7. Small game – December ~~30~~ ~~31~~ through March ~~2~~ ~~3~~.

8. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 3. No change.

4. ~~The~~ Taking of wildlife by use of a gun on or from the rights-of-way of County Road 325 is prohibited as provided by Rule 68A-4.008, F.A.C.

5. No change.

6. Horses are prohibited during general gun season ~~allowed only during periods closed to hunting~~. Horses may be ridden only on established roads.

(5) Osceola Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~9~~ ~~10~~ through January ~~5~~ ~~6~~.

2. Small game – January ~~6~~ ~~7~~ through March ~~2~~ ~~3~~.

3. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~8-9~~ ~~9-10~~.

4. Spring turkey – March ~~15~~ ~~16~~ through April ~~20~~ ~~21~~.

5. Archery – September ~~21~~ ~~22~~ through October ~~13~~ ~~14~~.

6. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~19-26~~ ~~20-27~~ in the still hunt area and Big Gum Swamp Wilderness only.

7. Fox, raccoon, opossum and bobcat – ~~November 9~~ ~~July 28~~ through ~~March 2~~ ~~September 18~~ in the dog hunt portion of the area ~~only from sunset to sunrise~~.

8. through 9. No change.

10. Trapping – January ~~6~~ ~~7~~ through March 1.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. No change.
2. Deer dogs may be trained from October ~~26~~ 27 through November ~~4~~ 5, except in the still hunt area.
3. ~~The t~~Faking of wildlife by use of a gun on or from the rights-of-way of Interstate 10, County Roads 250, 250A, 229, 127 and 125, Forest Service Road 236 (between US 90 and C.R. 250), and State Road 2 is prohibited as provided by Rule 68A-4.008, F.A.C.
4. No change.
5. ~~All deer taken during the first 16 days of the general gun season must be checked at a check station. No deer shall be dismembered during that period, until checked at a check station.~~
6. through 7. renumbered 5. through 6. No change.
7. ~~8.~~ During the general gun and small game seasons, hunting as specified in paragraph 68A-24.002(2)(b), F.A.C., is allowed, but only in the dog hunt area. A quota permit shall not be required to take fox, raccoon, opossum and bobcat from 1 hour after sunset until 1 hour before sunrise during general gun season.

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

- (a) Open season:
 1. General gun – November ~~2~~ 3 through December ~~29~~ 30.
 2. Archery – September ~~21~~ 22 through October ~~20~~ 21.
 3. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~25-27~~ 26-28.
 4. Small game – December ~~30~~ 31 through February ~~23~~ 24.
 5. through 6. No change.
 7. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~8-9~~ 9-10.
 8. Spring turkey – March ~~15~~ 16 through April ~~20~~ 21.
 9. Trapping – January ~~6~~ 7 through March 1.
- (b) through (c) No change.
- (d) General regulations:
 1. through 5. No change.
 6. ~~The t~~Faking of wildlife by use of a gun on or from the right-of-way of County Road 361 is prohibited as provided by Rule 68A-4.008, F.A.C.
 7. through 8. No change.

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

- (a) Open season:
 1. General gun – November ~~2-10~~ 3-11 and November ~~11~~ 12 through December ~~29~~ 30.
 2. Archery – September ~~21~~ 22 through October ~~20~~ 21.
 3. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~25-27~~ 26-28.
 4. Small game – December ~~30~~ 31 through March ~~2~~ 3.
 5. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~8-9~~ 9-10.
 6. Spring turkey – March ~~15~~ 16 through April ~~20~~ 21.
 7. Trapping – January ~~6~~ 7 through March 1.
 8. through 9. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

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

- (a) Open season:
 1. General gun – November ~~2-10~~ 3-11, ~~11-17~~ 12-18 and November ~~18~~ 19 through December ~~29~~ 30.
 2. Small game – December ~~30~~ 31 through February ~~23~~ 24.
 3. Spring turkey – March ~~15~~ 16 through April ~~20~~ 21.
 4. Archery – September ~~28~~ 29 through October ~~27~~ 28.
 5. through 7. No change.
 8. Trapping – January ~~6~~ 7 through March 1.
- (b) through (d) No change.

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

- (a) Open season:
 1. Archery – September ~~21~~ 22 through October ~~20~~ 21.
 2. General gun – November ~~2-10~~ 3-11 and November ~~11~~ 12 through December ~~29~~ 30.
 3. Spring turkey – March ~~15~~ 16 through April ~~20~~ 21.
 4. Small game – December ~~30~~ 31 through February ~~23~~ 24.
 5. through 6. No change.
 7. Trapping – January ~~6~~ 7 through March 1.
- (b) through (c) No change.
- (d) General regulations:
 1. through 3. No change.
 4. ~~The t~~Faking of wildlife by use of a gun on or from the rights-of-way of County Roads 351 and 361 is prohibited as provided by Rule 68A-4.008, F.A.C.
 5. through 6. No change.

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

- (a) Open season:
 1. Archery – September ~~21~~ 22 through October ~~20~~ 21.
 2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~25-27~~ 26-28.
 3. General gun – November ~~2-10~~ 3-11 and ~~11-24~~ November 12-25.
 4. Small game – December ~~28~~ 29 through January ~~26~~ 27.
 5. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~8-9~~ 9-10.
 6. Spring turkey – March ~~15-23~~ 16-24, ~~24-30~~ 25-31 and March 31 through April 6-7.
 7. Trapping – January ~~4~~ 5 through March 1.
 8. No change.
- (b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers. The bag limit for ~~antlered~~ deer shall be one per person ~~quota permit~~ per day. During archery season quota periods, the bag limit for wild turkey during quota periods shall be one turkey per person, but no more than two turkey gobbler or bearded turkey per quota permit; during non-quota periods, the bag limit shall be one per person. During archery season non-quota periods, the bag limit for wild turkey shall be one turkey per person. During spring turkey season quota periods, the bag limit for wild turkey shall be one gobbler or

bearded turkey per person, but no more than two per quota permit. During spring turkey season non-quota periods, the bag limit for wild turkey shall be one gobbler or bearded turkey per person.

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. The use of airboats ~~airboats~~, all-terrain vehicles, tracked vehicles and unlicensed and unregistered motorcycles is prohibited.

2. through 8. No change.

(11) PotashCorp – White Springs Wildlife Management Area.

(a) No change.

(b) Legal to take: Waterfowl and coots only. ~~Legal shooting hours: Waterfowl and coots may be hunted from~~ From the beginning of shooting hours established pursuant to Rule 68A-13.003, F.A.C., until noon.

(c) through (d) No change.

(12) Raiford Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September 21 ~~22~~ through October 6 ~~7~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October 19-21 ~~20-22~~.

3. Archery and muzzleloading gun – November 2-10 ~~3-11~~.

4. Youth turkey hunt – March 8-9 ~~9-10~~.

5. Spring turkey – March 15-23 ~~16-24~~.

6. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 6. No change.

7. Public access is allowed ~~prohibited~~ ~~except~~ during periods open to hunting, ~~and~~ the weekend prior to each hunting period and from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on the day preceding and the day following archery, muzzleloading gun and archery/muzzleloading gun seasons. Public access is allowed from 1.5 hours before sunrise until 1.5 hours after sunset on the day preceding spring turkey season hunts. Public access is prohibited at all other times. No person shall enter the area during the muzzleloading gun, archery/muzzleloading gun and spring turkey seasons except those hunters possessing Raiford quota permits for the appropriate season and those hunters exempt from quota permit requirements pursuant to Rule 68A-15.005, F.A.C.

(13) Cedar Key Scrub Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November 2-10 ~~3-11~~.

2. Archery – September 21 ~~22~~ through October 6 ~~7~~.

3. Muzzleloading gun – October 19-21 ~~20-22~~.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 3. No change.

4. ~~The t~~Taking of wildlife by use of a gun on or from the rights-of-way of State Road 24 and County Road 347 is prohibited as provided by Rule 68A-4.008, F.A.C.

~~5. Taking wildlife with handguns is prohibited.~~

(14) Andrews Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September 20-22 ~~21-23~~ and 27-29 ~~28-30~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – November 1-3 ~~2-4~~ and 8-10 ~~9-11~~.

3. General gun – November 15-17 ~~16-18~~.

4. Small game – December 27-29 ~~28-30~~, January 3-5 ~~4-6~~, and 10-12 ~~11-13~~.

5. Family hunt – November 30 through December 1 ~~1-2~~ and December 7-8 ~~8-9~~.

6. Youth turkey hunt – March 8-9 ~~9-10~~.

7. Spring turkey – March 21-23 ~~22-24~~ and April 11-13 ~~12-14~~.

8. Supervised deer/hog youth hunt – October 19-20 ~~20-21~~ and 26-27 ~~27-28~~.

9. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers. The bag limit for deer shall be one per quota permit. During the family hunt, only wild hog and furbearers may be taken. During the supervised deer-hog youth hunt, only antlered deer, antlerless deer by antlerless deer permit only, and wild hog may be taken. Wild hog may not be taken during the small game season.

(c) through (d) No change.

(15) Big Shoals Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September 23-28 ~~24-29~~, September 30 through October 5 ~~1-6~~ and October 7-12 ~~8-13~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October 25-27 ~~26-28~~ and November 1-3 ~~2-4~~.

3. Small game – December 16-21 ~~17-22~~ and 23-28 ~~24-29~~.

4. Youth turkey hunt – March 8-9 ~~9-10~~.

5. Spring turkey – March 20-22 ~~21-23~~ and April 10-12 ~~11-13~~.

6. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(16) Twin Rivers Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September 21-27 ~~22-28~~ and September 28 ~~29~~ through October 6 ~~7~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October 19-21 ~~20-22~~.

3. General gun – November 2-5 ~~3-6~~ and 6-12 ~~7-13~~.

4. Small game – November 23 ~~24~~ through December 15 ~~16~~.

5. Youth turkey hunt – March 8-9 ~~9-10~~.

6. Spring turkey – March 21-23 ~~22-24~~ and April 11-13 ~~12-14~~.

7. No change.

(b) Legal to take: ~~Antlered Deer~~, turkey (archery and spring turkey seasons only), gray squirrel, quail, rabbit and fish. The bag limit for deer is one deer per person, but no more than two deer per quota permit during archery season per hunt for each of the following seasons: archery, muzzleloading gun and general gun. The bag limit for deer is one antlered deer per person, but no more than two antlered deer per quota permit during muzzleloading gun and general gun seasons. The bag limit for turkey is one per person, but no more than two per quota permit per hunt during the archery and spring turkey seasons except that the bag limit is only one per quota permit during the youth turkey hunt.

(c) through (d) No change.

(17) No change.

(18) Jennings Forest Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~21-24 22-25~~ and ~~25-27 26-28~~, September ~~29 30~~ through October ~~2 3~~ and October ~~3-6 4-7~~.

2. Supervised small game – October ~~12-20 13-21~~, 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 ~~25-27 26-28~~.

4. Bird dog training – November ~~18 19~~ through December ~~15 16~~ 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 ~~2-5 3-6, 6-9 7-10, 10-13 11-14~~ and ~~14-17 15-18~~.

6. Family hunt – December ~~21-22 22-23~~.

7. Small game – January ~~3 4~~ through February ~~2 3~~, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only.

8. Wild ~~hog hot~~-still – February ~~7-9 8-10, 14-16 15-17~~, May ~~2-4 3-5, 16-18 17-19~~ and June ~~6-8 7-9~~.

9. No change.

10. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~8-9 9-10~~.

11. Spring turkey – March ~~15-17 16-18, 18-20 19-21~~ and ~~21-23 22-24~~.

12. through 13. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 2. No change.

3. Persons shall enter and exit at designated entrances.

3. through 10. renumbered 4. through 11. No change.

~~12-14:~~ During the bird dog training season the take of wildlife with a gun is prohibited, except blank firing pistols firing blanks may be used in the Normandy Unit.

12. renumbered 13. No change.

(19) Holton Creek Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Mobility-impaired general gun – October ~~11-13 12-14, 25-27 26-28~~, November ~~1-3 2-4~~ and December ~~13-15 14-16~~.

2. Mobility-impaired spring turkey – March ~~21-23 22-24~~ and April ~~11-13 12-14~~.

3. No change.

(b) Legal to take: Any deer (except spotted fawns), gobbler or bearded turkey, gray squirrel, rabbit, ~~and~~ fish and furbearers. The bag limit shall be one deer and one turkey per quota permit.

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 5. No change.

6. Persons may enter and exit the area only on Road 1, ~~and~~ the Florida Trail and the Suwannee River.

7. through 10. No change.

(20) Goethe Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~21 22~~ through October ~~13 14~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~25-27 26-28~~.

3. General gun (still hunt) – November ~~2-4 3-5, 5-7 6-8~~ and ~~8-11 9-12~~.

4. General gun (dog hunt) – November ~~15-17 16-18, 18-21 19-22~~ and ~~22-25 23-26~~.

5. Small game – January ~~4-26 5-27~~.

6. Spring turkey – March ~~15-21 16-22, 22-30 23-31~~ and March 31 through April 6 1-7.

7. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(21) Citrus Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – December ~~6-8 7-9~~ and ~~27-29 December 28-30~~.

2. Small game – December ~~30 31~~ through February ~~23 24~~.

3. Muzzleloading gun – November ~~29 30~~ through December ~~1 2~~ and December ~~13-15 14-16~~.

4. Archery – November ~~2-24 3-25~~.

5. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~8-9 9-10~~.

6. Spring turkey – March ~~18-21 19-22~~, April ~~1-4 2-5~~ and ~~15-18 16-19~~.

7. No change.

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

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 8. No change.

9. The tTaking of wildlife by use of a gun on or from rights-of-way of all paved roads is prohibited as provided by Rule 68A-4.008, F.A.C.

10. through 11. No change.

(22) Flying Eagle Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~28~~ ~~29~~ through October ~~1~~ ~~2~~ and October ~~4-8~~ ~~5-9~~.
2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~19-21~~ ~~20-22~~.
3. General gun – November ~~2-5~~ ~~3-6~~ and ~~8-12~~ ~~9-13~~.
4. Small game – November ~~22-24~~ ~~23-25~~ and December ~~13-15~~ ~~14-16~~.
 5. Spring turkey – March ~~15-18~~ ~~16-19~~ and ~~21-25~~ ~~22-26~~.
 6. through 7. No change.
 - (b) through (c) No change.
 - (d) General regulations:
 1. through 4. No change.
 5. The use of all-terrain vehicles, tracked vehicles and unlicensed and unregistered motorcycles is prohibited. ~~The use of horses is prohibited during periods when hunting is allowed. During periods when the area is closed to hunting, H~~horses may be ridden only on designated roads and marked trails.
 6. through 9. No change.
- (23) Potts Wildlife Management Area.
 - (a) Open season:
 1. Spring turkey – March ~~15-18~~ ~~16-19~~ and ~~21-25~~ ~~22-26~~.
 2. Archery – October ~~3-6~~ ~~4-7~~ and ~~9-13~~ ~~10-14~~.
 3. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~25-27~~ ~~26-28~~.
 4. Wild hog-dog – November ~~15-17~~ ~~16-18~~.
 5. Small game – ~~January 31 through February 2, February 14-16 and February 28 through March 2~~ ~~December 7-9, January 4-6 and February 1-3~~.
 6. through 7. No change.
 - (b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers (except bobcat and otter). The bag limit for turkey shall be one gobbler or bearded turkey per person, but no more than two per spring turkey quota permit during spring turkey season. Only wild hog may be taken during the wild hog-dog season.
 - (c) No change.
 - (d) General regulations:
 1. through 2. No change.
 3. The use of all-terrain vehicles, tracked vehicles and unlicensed and unregistered motorcycles is prohibited. The use of horses is prohibited during wild hog-dog hunts ~~periods when hunting is allowed. During periods when the area is closed to hunting, H~~horses may be ridden only on designated roads and designated trails.
 4. through 8. No change.
 - (24) Homosassa Wildlife Management Area.
 - (a) Open season:
 1. Archery – October ~~10-13~~ ~~11-14~~, ~~24-27~~ ~~25-28~~, and October 31 through November ~~3~~ ~~4~~.
 2. Small game – November ~~8~~ ~~10~~ through December ~~1~~ ~~and 2~~, December ~~21~~ ~~22~~ through January ~~12~~ ~~6~~, ~~January 31 through February 3 and February 14-17~~.
 3. Special-opportunity spring turkey – March ~~15-21~~ ~~16-22~~ and March ~~29~~ ~~30~~ through April ~~4~~ ~~5~~.
 4. No change.
 - (b) through (d) No change.
 - (25) Devil's Hammock Wildlife Management Area.
 - (a) Open season:
 1. Archery – September ~~14-17~~ ~~15-18~~, ~~18-22~~ ~~19-23~~ and ~~23-27~~ ~~24-28~~.
 2. Family hunt – October ~~5-6~~ ~~6-7~~ and ~~12-13~~ ~~13-14~~.
 3. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~19-21~~ ~~20-22~~.
 4. General gun – November ~~2-5~~ ~~3-6~~ and ~~6-10~~ ~~7-11~~.
 5. Small game – November ~~16~~ ~~17~~ through December ~~15~~ ~~16~~.
 6. Wild hog-still – January ~~13~~ ~~14~~ through February ~~9~~ ~~10~~.
 7. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~8-9~~ ~~9-10~~.
 8. Spring turkey – March ~~15-18~~ ~~16-19~~ and ~~19-23~~ ~~20-24~~.
 9. No change.
 10. Fishing and frogging – Allowed year-round.
 - (b) Legal to take: All legal game, and fish, frogs and furbearers. The take of deer is prohibited during the family hunt. Only wild hog may be taken during ~~the family hunt and~~ the wild hog-still season.
 - (c) through (d) No change.
 - (26) Mallory Swamp Wildlife Management Area.
 - (a) Open season:
 1. Archery – September ~~14~~ ~~15~~ through October ~~13~~ ~~14~~.
 2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~19-27~~ ~~20-28~~ (still hunt area only).
 3. General gun – November ~~9~~ ~~10~~ through January ~~5~~ ~~6~~.
 4. Small game – January ~~6~~ ~~7~~ through February ~~16~~ ~~17~~.
 5. Wild hog-dog – February ~~21-23~~ ~~22-24~~.
 6. Spring turkey – March ~~15-30~~ ~~16-31~~.
 7. No change.
 8. Trapping – January ~~6~~ ~~7~~ through March 1.
 9. No change.
 - (b) through (d) No change.
 - (27) Middle Aucilla Wildlife Management Area.
 - (a) Open season:
 1. General gun – November ~~2-28~~ ~~3-29~~ and November ~~29~~ ~~30~~ through December ~~29~~ ~~30~~.
 2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~19-27~~ ~~20-28~~.
 3. Small game – December ~~30~~ ~~31~~ through March ~~2~~ ~~3~~.
 4. Archery – September ~~14~~ ~~15~~ through October ~~13~~ ~~14~~.
 5. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~8-9~~ ~~9-10~~.
 6. Spring turkey – March ~~15~~ ~~16~~ through April ~~20~~ ~~21~~.
 7. through 8. No change.
 - (b) through (d) No change.
 - (28) Little River Wildlife Management Area.
 - (a) Open season:
 1. Archery – September ~~21-23~~ ~~22-24~~, ~~28-30~~ ~~September 29 through October 1~~ and October ~~5-7~~ ~~6-8~~.
 2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~19-21~~ ~~20-22~~.

- 3. Small game – November ~~23 24~~ through January ~~5 6~~.
- 4. through 5. No change.
- (b) Legal to take: Antlered deer, rabbit, gray squirrel, quail (only during the first 16 days of the small game season), furbearers and fish.
- (c) through (d) No change.
- (29) Troy Springs Wildlife Management Area.
 - (a) Open season:
 - 1. Small game – November ~~9 10~~ through January ~~5 6~~, except on Sundays, and only in that portion of the area known as the Adams Tract located northeast of US 27, east and south of County Road 251, and southwest of the Suwannee River.
 - 2. No change.
 - (b) through (c) No change.
 - (d) General regulations:
 - 1. through 3. No change.
 - 4. Persons shall enter and exit at designated entrances or via the Suwannee River.
 - 5. through 6. No change.
- (30) Bayard Wildlife Management Area.
 - (a) Open season:
 - 1. Archery – September ~~21 22~~ through October ~~6 7~~ and November ~~9-17 10-18~~.
 - 2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~19-27 20-28~~.
 - 3. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~8-9 9-10~~.
 - 4. through 6. No change.
 - (b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs, and furbearers. The bag limit for deer shall be one deer per person, but no more than two deer per quota permit during archery season and one antlered deer per person, but no more than two antlered deer per quota permit during muzzleloading gun season.
 - (c) through (d) No change.
- (31) Grove Park Wildlife Management Area.
 - (a) Open season:
 - 1. Archery – September ~~14 15~~ through October ~~13 14~~.
 - 2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~19 20~~ through November ~~1 2~~.
 - 3. General gun – November ~~2 10~~ through January ~~5 6~~.
 - 4. Small game – January ~~6 7~~ through March ~~2 3~~.
 - 5. No change.
 - 6. Trapping – December 1 through January ~~5 6~~.
 - 7. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~8-9 9-10~~.
 - 8. Spring turkey – March ~~15 16~~ through April ~~20 21~~.
 - 9. No change.
 - (b) through (c) No change.
 - (d) General regulations:
 - 1. through 2. No change.
 - 3. The tFaking of wildlife by use of a gun on or from the rights-of-way of County Roads 325, 2082, and 346 is prohibited as provided by Rule 68A-4.008, F.A.C.

- 4. through 7. No change.
- (32) Steinhatchee Springs Wildlife Management Area.
 - (a) Open season:
 - 1. Archery – September ~~21 22~~ through October ~~20 21~~.
 - 2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~25-27 26-28~~.
 - 3. General gun – November ~~2-10 3-11~~ and November ~~11 12~~ through December ~~1 2~~.
 - 4. Small game – January ~~11 12~~ through February ~~9 10~~.
 - 5. Wild hog-dog – February ~~14-16 15-17~~ and ~~21-23 22-24~~.
 - 6. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~8-9 9-10~~.
 - 7. Spring turkey – March ~~15-18 16-19, 19-23 20-24~~ and March ~~24 25~~ through April ~~6 7~~.
 - 8. through 9. No change.
 - (b) through (d) No change.
- (33) Nassau Wildlife Management Area.
 - (a) Open season:
 - 1. General gun – November ~~2 3~~ through December ~~29 30~~.
 - 2. Small game – December ~~30 31~~ through March ~~2 3~~.
 - 3. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~8-9 9-10~~.
 - 4. Spring turkey – March ~~15 16~~ through April ~~20 21~~.
 - 5. Archery – September ~~20 21~~ through October ~~18 19~~.
 - 6. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~19 20~~ through November ~~1 2~~.
 - 7. No change.
 - 8. Trapping – January ~~6 7~~ through March 1.
 - (b) through (d) No change.
- (34) Cary Wildlife Management Area.
 - (a) Open season:
 - 1. Archery – September ~~21-23 22-24~~ and ~~27-29 28-30~~.
 - 2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~19-21 20-22~~ and ~~25-27 26-28~~.
 - 3. Family hunt – November ~~2-3 3-4~~.
 - 4. General gun – November ~~8-10 9-11~~ and ~~22-24 23-25~~.
 - 5. Small game – November ~~29 30~~ through January ~~5 6~~ (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).
 - 6. Wild hog-still – January ~~24-26 25-27~~ and February ~~14-16 15-17~~.
 - 7. Spring turkey – March ~~15-17 16-18, 21-23 22-24~~ and ~~28-30 29-31~~.
 - 8. No change.
 - (b) Legal to take: All legal game except that only wild hog, deer and waterfowl may be taken during the family hunt, and the muzzleloading gun and general gun seasons. During the archery season the bag limit for deer shall be one ~~antlered or one antlerless~~ deer per person, but no more than two deer per quota permit. During the family hunt the bag limit shall be one antlered and one antlerless deer per quota permit. During the muzzleloading gun and general gun seasons the bag limit shall be one antlered deer per person, but no more than two antlered deer per quota permit. Only wild hog may be taken

during the wild hog-still season. During the spring turkey season the bag limit for turkey shall be one gobbler or bearded turkey per person, but no more than two per quota permit.

(c) through (d) No change.

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

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~16-24~~ 17-25.
2. Archery – September ~~14-22~~ 15-23.
3. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~19-27~~ 20-28.
4. General gun for mobility-impaired – October ~~5-8~~ 6-9.
5. Family hunt – November ~~2-3~~ 3-4.
6. Small game – December ~~9-22~~ 10-23 and January ~~25~~ 26 through February ~~2~~ 3.
7. No change.
8. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~8-9~~ 9-10.
9. through 10. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers. During the archery and general gun for mobility-impaired seasons and 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 antlered deer per person, but no more than two antlered deer per quota permit. During the general gun for mobility-impaired season ~~hunt~~ only certified mobility-impaired hunters may take antlerless deer.

(c) Camping: During quota hunt periods, camping is allowed only in the Scotts Landing Road campground and only by hunters in possession of a valid quota permit. During the small game season and periods closed to hunting, camping in the Scotts Landing Road campground is allowed only by permit from the Florida Forest Service ~~and~~. ~~During periods closed to hunting,~~ camping at primitive campsites along the St. Mary's River is allowed on a first-come first-served basis.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 5. No change.
6. Horses are prohibited during periods open to hunting except during small game season and when used by mobility-impaired hunters during the general gun for mobility-impaired season. ~~During periods closed to hunting,~~ Horses may be used only on named or numbered roads and designated trails except that mobility-impaired hunters may use horses throughout the area during the weekend and day before the general gun for mobility-impaired season.
7. No change.

(36) Lower Econfina River Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – October ~~5-20~~ 6-24.
2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~26-28~~ 27-29.
3. Small game – January ~~13~~ 14 through February ~~23~~ 24.
4. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~8-9~~ 9-10.
5. Spring turkey – March ~~15-23~~ 16-24.

6. No change.

(b) No change.

(c) Camping is allowed by permit only from the Suwannee River Water Management District.

(d)(e) General regulations:

1. through 4. No change.
 5. Motorized vehicles may be operated only on named or numbered roads. ~~The area east of the Lower Econfina River is open for motorized vehicles only during open hunting seasons.~~
 6. through 7. No change.
- (37) Belmore Wildlife Management Area.
- (a) Open season:
1. Archery – September ~~21-23~~ 22-24, ~~27-29~~ 28-30 and October ~~4-6~~ 5-7.
 2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~19-21~~ 20-22.
 3. Family hunt – November ~~2-3~~ 3-4 and ~~16-17~~ 17-18.
 4. General gun – November ~~7-10~~ 8-11 and ~~20-24~~ 21-25.
 5. Small game – November ~~29~~ 30 through January ~~5~~ 6 (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).
 6. No change.
 7. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~8-9~~ 9-10.
 8. Spring turkey – March ~~15-17~~ 16-18, ~~21-23~~ 22-24 and ~~28-30~~ 29-31.
 9. through 10. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(38) Four Creeks Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~21-23~~ 22-24, ~~27-29~~ 28-30 and October ~~4-6~~ 5-7.
2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~19-21~~ 20-22.
3. Family hunt – November ~~2-3~~ 3-4.
4. General gun – November ~~8-10~~ 9-11, ~~15-17~~ 16-18 and ~~22-24~~ 23-25.
5. Small game – November ~~29~~ 30 through January ~~5~~ 6 (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).
6. Wild hog-still – February ~~6-9~~ 7-10.
7. No change.
8. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~8-9~~ 9-10.
9. Spring turkey – March ~~15-17~~ 16-18, ~~21-23~~ 22-24 and ~~28-30~~ 29-31.
10. through 11. 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 ~~antlered or one antlerless~~ 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 ~~antlered~~ deer per quota permit. Taking antlered deer not having at least one antler with three or more points, each point one inch or more in length, is prohibited.

During the spring turkey season the bag limit for turkey shall be one gobbler or bearded turkey per quota permit. Only wild hog may be taken during the wild hog-still season.

(c) through (d) No change.

(39) Hatchet Creek Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~20-22 21-23, 27-29 28-30~~ and October ~~4-6 5-7~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~19-21 20-22~~.

3. Family hunt – November ~~2-3 3-4~~.

4. General gun – November ~~8-10 9-11~~ and ~~22-24 23-25~~.

5. No change.

6. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~8-9 9-10~~.

7. Spring turkey – March ~~15-17 16-18, 21-23 22-24~~ and ~~28-30 29-31~~.

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 ~~antlered or one antlerless~~ 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 ~~antlered~~ 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, each point one inch or more in length, is prohibited. During the spring turkey season the bag limit for turkey shall be one gobbler or bearded turkey per person, but no more than two per quota permit.

(c) through (d) No change.

(40) Log Landing Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~14 15~~ through October ~~13 14~~ and November ~~1-10 2-11~~ (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).

2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~19-27 20-28~~, November ~~15-24 16-25~~ and December ~~20-29 21-30~~ (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).

3. Small game – November ~~29 30~~ through December ~~15 16~~ and January ~~3 4~~ through February ~~9 10~~ (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).

4. No change.

5. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~8-9 9-10~~.

6. Spring turkey – March ~~15 16~~ through April ~~20 21~~ (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).

7. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

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

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~21-23 22-24~~, September 30 through October ~~2 1-3~~ and October 7-9 8-10.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~19-21 20-22~~.

3. Family hunt – November ~~2-3 3-4~~.

4. General gun – November ~~15-17 16-18~~ and ~~22-24 23-25~~.

5. Small game – November ~~29 30~~ through December ~~4 5~~, December ~~9-11 10-12, 20-22 21-23, 27-29 28-30~~ and January ~~6-8 7-9~~.

6. No change.

7. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~8-9 9-10~~.

8. Spring turkey – March ~~15-17 16-18, 24-26 25-27~~ and March 31 through April 2 1-3.

9. No change.

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

(c) through (d) No change.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013.

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 7-1-83, 11-17-83, 7-5-84, 7-1-85, 2-16-86, 5-7-86, 6-10-86, 11-27-86, 5-10-87, 5-1-88, 6-7-88, 7-1-89, 8-17-89, 7-1-90, 9-1-90, 7-1-91, 7-2-91, 7-1-92, 7-2-92, 8-23-92, 10-22-92, 7-1-93, 7-1-94, 2-9-95, 7-1-95, 7-1-96, 9-15-96, 6-1-97, 7-1-98, 7-2-98, 7-1-99, Formerly 39-15.062, Amended 12-9-99, 7-1-00, 7-1-01, 11-11-01, 6-2-02, 10-16-02, 5-25-03, 7-7-03, 9-29-03, 7-1-04, 8-1-04, 7-1-05, 8-1-05, 7-1-06, 7-2-06, 7-1-07, 7-5-07, 7-1-08, 7-1-09, 7-20-09, 7-1-10, 7-1-11, 7-1-12, ~~7-1-13~~.

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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: December 6, 2012

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: January 8, 2013

FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Freshwater Fish and Wildlife

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

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

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

Apalachicola WMA – Bradwell Unit – change the bag limit for deer from one antlered deer per quota permit to one antlered deer per person, but no more than two per quota permit during muzzleloading gun and general gun hunts; and change the bag limit for turkey from one gobbler (or bearded turkey) per quota permit to one gobbler (or bearded turkey) per person, but no more than two per quota permit during spring turkey hunts.

Aucilla WMA – change the bag limit for deer from one antlered deer per quota permit to one antlered deer per person, but no more than two per quota permit during muzzleloading gun and general gun hunts in the Pinhook still hunt area.

Beaverdam Creek WMA – change the bag limit for turkey from one gobbler (or bearded turkey) per quota permit to one gobbler (or bearded turkey) per person, but no more than two per quota permit during spring turkey hunts.

Blackwater WMA – Hutton Unit – change the bag limit for deer from one antlered deer per quota permit to one antlered deer per person, but no more than two per quota permit during muzzleloading gun and general gun hunts; and change the bag limit for turkey from one gobbler (or bearded turkey) per quota permit to one gobbler (or bearded turkey) per person, but no more than two per quota permit during spring turkey hunts.

Box-R WMA – change the bag limit for deer from one antlered deer per quota permit to one antlered deer per person, but no more than two per quota permit; and change the bag limit for turkey from one gobbler (or bearded turkey) per quota permit to one gobbler (or bearded turkey) per person, but no more than two per quota permit during spring turkey hunts.

Chipola River WMA – change the bag limit for deer from one antlered or one antlerless deer per quota permit to one antlered or one antlerless deer per person, but no more than two per quota permit during archery hunts in the Altha Tract; change the bag limit for deer from one antlered deer per quota permit to one antlered deer per person, but no more than two per quota permit during muzzleloading gun hunts in the Altha Tract; and change the bag limit for turkey from one gobbler (or bearded

turkey) per quota permit to one gobbler (or bearded turkey) per person, but no more than two per quota permit during spring turkey hunts in the Altha Tract.

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; 379.2223, 375.313 FS.

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

DATES AND TIME: During the Commission's regular meeting February 13-14, 2013, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., each day
PLACE: SeaWorld Park, 7007 SeaWorld Drive, Orlando, FL 32821

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 ~~28 through December 1~~ ~~22-25~~ and December ~~14 &~~ through February ~~16~~ ~~40~~ (Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays closed to hunting in Zones A and B, except hunting is allowed the Friday after Thanksgiving).

2. Archery – October ~~26~~ ~~20~~ through November ~~24~~ ~~18~~.

3. No change.

4. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~7-9~~ ~~4-3~~.

5. through 7. No change.

8. Quail (Zone A) – December ~~24~~ ~~18~~ through February 2 ~~January 27~~ (Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays closed to hunting).

9. Spring turkey (Zones B and C) – March ~~15~~ ~~16~~ through April ~~20~~ ~~21~~ (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).

(b) through (d) No change.

(2) Apalachicola Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open seasons:

1. General gun – November ~~28 through December 1~~ ~~22-25~~ and December ~~14 &~~ through February 5 ~~January 30~~.

2. Small game – November ~~9-27~~ ~~10-21~~, December 2-13 ~~November 26 through December 7~~ and February 6 ~~January 31~~ through March ~~2~~ ~~3~~.

3. No change.

4. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~8-9~~ ~~9-10~~.

5. Spring turkey – March ~~15~~ ~~16~~ through April ~~20~~ ~~21~~.

6. Archery – October ~~26~~ ~~20~~ through November ~~24~~ ~~18~~.

7. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~7-9~~ ~~4-3~~.

8. Muzzleloading gun and archery – February 6-16 ~~January 31 through February 10~~.

9. No change.

10. Fox, raccoon, opossum and bobcat – October 1 through March ~~2~~ ~~3~~ 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 6 ~~January 31~~ through March 1.

12. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers. Bearded turkeys or gobblers may be taken from November ~~28 through December 1~~ ~~22-25~~ and from December ~~14-25~~ ~~8-19~~. Killing 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 by quail permit during the quail season. The bag limit for quail on the quail enhancement area is six (6) per quota permit.

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. Bird dogs may be trained from June 1 through March ~~2~~ ~~3~~, except on the quail enhancement area where bird dogs may be trained November 1 through December 31. Deer dogs may be trained from October ~~26~~ ~~27~~ through November ~~14~~ ~~15~~ in that portion of the area open to hunting fox, raccoon, opossum and bobcats.

2. through 8. No change.

(3) Apalachicola Wildlife Management Area – Bradwell Unit.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~28 through December 1~~ ~~22-25~~ and December ~~14-18~~ ~~8-12~~.

2. Archery – October ~~26 through November 1~~ ~~20-26~~ and November 2-10 ~~October 27 through November 4~~.

3. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~7-9~~ ~~4-3~~.

4. Family hunt – December 22-24, January ~~17-19~~ ~~18-20~~ and January 31 through February ~~2~~ ~~4-3~~.

5. Small game – November ~~9-17~~ ~~10-18~~ and December ~~28~~ ~~29~~ through January ~~5~~ ~~6~~.

6. Spring turkey – March ~~15-16~~ ~~16-17~~ and ~~28-30~~ ~~29-31~~.

7. Wild hog-dog – July ~~5-7~~ ~~6-8~~, August ~~2-4~~ ~~3-5~~ and September ~~6-8~~ ~~7-9~~, ~~2013~~ ~~2012~~, and May ~~2-4~~ ~~3-5~~ and June ~~6-8~~ ~~7-9~~, ~~2014~~ ~~2013~~.

8. Wild hog-still – July ~~19-21~~ ~~20-22~~, August ~~16-18~~ ~~17-19~~ and September ~~20-22~~ ~~21-23~~, ~~2013~~ ~~2012~~, and May ~~16-18~~ ~~17-19~~ and June ~~20-22~~ ~~21-23~~, ~~2014~~ ~~2013~~.

9. through 10. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers. 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~~ ~~except that during~~ the family hunt, the bag limit shall be one antlered and one antlerless deer per quota permit. During spring turkey season, the bag limit for turkey shall be one gobbler or bearded turkey per person, but not more than two per quota permit. During the wild hog seasons, only wild hog may be taken.

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 5. No change.

6. During the wild hog-dog season, wild hog may be taken 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.

(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 ~~28 through December 1~~ 22-25 and December ~~21~~ 4-5 through February 12 ~~6~~.

2. Family still hunt (only in that portion of the still hunt area north of State Road 4 and east of County Road 191) – December ~~14-15~~ 8-9.

3. Small game – November ~~9-27~~ 10-21, December 2-20 ~~November 26 through December 14~~ and February 13 ~~7~~ through March 2 ~~3~~.

4. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~8-9~~ 9-10.

5. Spring turkey – March ~~15~~ 16 through April 20 ~~21~~.

6. Archery – October ~~26~~ 20 through November 24 ~~18~~.

7. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~7-9~~ 1-3.

8. Muzzleloading gun and archery – February 20 through March 2 ~~14-24~~.

9. through 13. 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 28 through December 1 ~~22-25~~, December 21 through January 5 ~~15-30~~ and January 20 ~~14~~ through February 12 ~~6~~.

2. General gun still – January 6-19 ~~December 31 through January 13~~.

3. Family still hunt (only in that portion of the dog hunt area north of State Road 4 and east of County Road 191) – December ~~14-15~~ 8-9.

4. Small game – November ~~9-27~~ 10-21, December 2-20 ~~November 26 through December 14~~ and February 13 ~~7~~ through March 2 ~~3~~.

5. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~8-9~~ 9-10.

6. Spring turkey – March ~~15~~ 16 through April 20 ~~21~~.

7. Archery – October ~~26~~ 20 through November 24 ~~18~~.

8. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~7-9~~ 1-3.

9. Muzzleloading gun and archery – February 20 through March 2 ~~14-24~~.

10. Fox, raccoon, opossum and bobcat – May 1 through March 2 ~~3~~, in that portion of the dog hunt area east of Belandville Road.

11. through 14. 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 ~~26~~ 20 through November 24 ~~18~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun and archery – January ~~17-19~~ 18-20.

3. through 5. No change.

6. Quail – February ~~3-4~~ 4-5, ~~5-6~~ 6-7, ~~17-18~~ 18-19 and ~~19-20~~ 20-21.

7. No change.

(d) through (f) No change.

(5) Blackwater Wildlife Management Area – Hutton Unit.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – October ~~26-29~~ 20-23 and October 30 through November 3 ~~24-28~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~7-9~~ 1-3.

3. Quail – November ~~9-10~~ 10-11, ~~16-17~~ 17-18, ~~20-21~~ 21-22, December ~~9-10~~ 10-11, ~~14-15~~ 15-16, ~~23-24~~ 24-25 and ~~28-29~~ 29-30.

4. General gun – January ~~18-21~~ 12-15 and ~~22-26~~ 16-20.

5. Mobility-impaired general gun – January 31 through February 2 ~~25-27~~ and February ~~7-9~~ 1-3.

6. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~8-9~~ 9-10.

7. Spring turkey – March ~~15-17~~ 16-18, ~~28-30~~ 29-31 and April ~~11-13~~ 12-14.

8. Wild hog-dog – July ~~19-21~~ 20-22, August ~~16-18~~ 17-19 and September ~~20-22~~ 21-23, ~~2013~~ 2012, and May ~~16-18~~ 17-19 and June ~~20-22~~ 21-23, ~~2014~~ 2013.

9. through 10. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers except that only quail may be taken during the quail season. Taking quail is prohibited except during the quail season. Taking antlered deer not having at least one antler with three or more points, one inch or more in length, is prohibited. 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, except during the mobility impaired hunts. Two deer (except spotted fawns) may be taken per mobility-impaired quota permit. During the general gun for mobility-impaired season, only mobility-impaired hunters may take antlerless deer. During spring turkey season, the bag limit shall be one gobbler or bearded turkey per person, but not more than two per quota permit. During the wild hog-dog season, only wild hog may be taken.

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 7. No change.

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.

(6) Blackwater Wildlife Management Area – Carr Unit.

(a) Open season: Special-opportunity released quail – November ~~9-15~~ ~~16-22~~ ~~17-23~~, ~~23-29~~ ~~34-30~~, ~~November 30 through December 6~~ ~~4-7~~, ~~December 7-13~~ ~~8-14~~, ~~14-20~~ ~~15-21~~, ~~21-27~~ ~~22-28~~, December ~~28~~ ~~29~~ through January ~~3~~ ~~4~~, January ~~4-10~~ ~~5-11~~, ~~11-17~~ ~~12-18~~, ~~18-24~~ ~~19-25~~, ~~25-31~~ ~~January 26 through February 1~~, February ~~1-7~~ ~~2-8~~, ~~8-14~~ ~~9-15~~, ~~15-21~~ ~~16-22~~ and ~~22-28~~ ~~February 23 through March 1~~.

(b) through (d) No change.

(7) Joe Budd Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – December ~~13~~ ~~7~~ through January ~~12~~ ~~6~~ (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).

2. Archery and muzzleloading gun – January ~~17 through February 2~~ ~~11-27~~ (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).

3. Small game – October ~~5~~ ~~6~~ through December ~~8~~ ~~2~~ (Saturdays and Sundays only).

4. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~8-9~~ ~~9-10~~.

5. Spring turkey – March ~~15~~ ~~16~~ through April ~~20~~ ~~21~~ (Saturdays and Sundays only).

6. Fishing and ~~frogging~~ ~~other recreational use~~ – Allowed when hunting is not allowed.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, turkey of either sex, fish, frogs and furbearers. During small game season, dove (Saturdays only, during phases established by Rule 68A-13.008, F.A.C.), quail and squirrel may be taken. Antlerless deer is any deer, except a spotted fawn, that is without antlers or whose antlers are less than one inch in length visible above the hairline. Taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with three or more points, one inch or more in length, is prohibited. During the last two 3-day hunts of archery season, the take of antlerless deer is prohibited. ~~During the youth turkey hunt, the bag limit shall be one gobbler or bearded turkey per quota permit.~~

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 11. No change.

12. During the archery, archery/muzzleloading gun, small game, youth spring turkey, and spring turkey seasons, access to the area shall be restricted to individuals authorized to participate in the hunt.

(8) Point Washington Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~28 through December 1~~ ~~22-25~~ and December ~~14~~ ~~8~~ through ~~February 5~~ ~~January 30~~.

2. Small game – November ~~9-27~~ ~~10-21~~, ~~December 2-13~~ ~~November 26 through December 7~~ and ~~February 6~~ ~~January 31~~ through March ~~2~~ ~~3~~.

3. Spring turkey – March ~~15~~ ~~16~~ through April ~~20~~ ~~21~~.

4. Archery – October ~~26~~ ~~20~~ through November ~~24~~ ~~18~~.

5. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~7-9~~ ~~1-3~~.

6. Archery and muzzleloading gun – ~~February 6-16~~ ~~January 31 through February 10~~.

7. Migratory game birds – During special September duck, dove and rail and common moorhen seasons established by Rules 68A-13.003 and 68A-13.008, F.A.C.

8. through 9. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(9) Talquin Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~29 through December 1~~ ~~23-25~~ and December ~~14 through January 5~~ ~~8-30~~ (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).

2. Small game – January ~~10~~ ~~4~~ through March ~~2~~ ~~3~~ (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).

3. Archery – October ~~26~~ ~~20~~ through November ~~24~~ ~~18~~ (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).

4. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~8-9~~ ~~9-10~~.

5. Spring turkey – March ~~15~~ ~~16~~ through April ~~20~~ ~~21~~ (Saturdays and Sundays only).

6. through 7. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(10) Ochlockonee River Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery and muzzleloading gun – November ~~29 through December 1~~ ~~23-25~~ and December ~~14 through January 5~~ ~~8-30~~ (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).

2. Small game – January ~~10~~ ~~4~~ through March ~~2~~ ~~3~~ (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).

3. Archery – October ~~26~~ ~~20~~ through November ~~24~~ ~~18~~ (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).

4. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~8-9~~ ~~9-10~~.

5. Spring turkey – March ~~15~~ ~~16~~ through April ~~20~~ ~~21~~ (Saturdays and Sundays only).

6. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(11) Tate’s Hell Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~28 through December 1~~ ~~22-25~~ and December ~~14~~ ~~8~~ through ~~February 5~~ ~~January 30~~.

2. Small game – November ~~9-27~~ ~~10-21~~, ~~December 2-13~~ ~~November 26 through December 7~~ and ~~February 6~~ ~~January 31~~ through March ~~2~~ ~~3~~.

3. Archery – October ~~26~~ ~~20~~ through November ~~24~~ ~~18~~.

4. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~7-9~~ ~~1-3~~.

5. Muzzleloading gun and archery – ~~February 6-16~~ ~~January 31 through February 10~~.

6. through 7. No change.

8. Spring turkey – March ~~15~~ ~~16~~ through April ~~20~~ ~~21~~.

9. through 11. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. Deer dogs may be trained from October ~~26~~ ~~27~~ through November ~~14~~ ~~15~~.

2. through 6. No change.

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

1. Archery – October ~~26~~ through November ~~3~~ ~~20-28~~.(a)

Open season:

2. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~7-9~~ ~~4-3~~.

3. Small game – November ~~9-27~~ ~~10-21~~, ~~December 2-13~~ ~~November 26~~ through ~~December 7~~, December ~~23~~ ~~17-23~~ and January ~~6~~ through ~~February 5~~ ~~6-30~~.

4. General gun still – November ~~28~~ through ~~December 1~~ ~~22-25~~ and December ~~14-22~~ ~~8-16~~.

5. through 6. No change.

7. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~8-9~~ ~~9-10~~.

8. Spring turkey – March ~~15-18~~ ~~16-19~~, ~~27-30~~ ~~28-31~~ and April ~~3-6~~ ~~4-7~~.

9. through 10. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(13) Aucilla Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~2~~ ~~3~~ through December ~~29~~ ~~30~~, except in the Pinhook still hunt area. November ~~2-8~~ ~~3-9~~, ~~9-15~~ ~~10-16~~, and ~~16-24~~ ~~17-25~~ in the Pinhook still hunt area.

2. Small game – December ~~30~~ ~~31~~ through March ~~2~~ ~~3~~.

3. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~8-9~~ ~~9-10~~.

4. Spring turkey – March ~~15~~ ~~16~~ through April ~~20~~ ~~21~~.

5. Archery – September ~~14~~ ~~15~~ through October ~~13~~ ~~14~~, except in the Pinhook still hunt area. September ~~14-22~~ ~~15-23~~ and October ~~5-13~~ ~~6-14~~ in the Pinhook still hunt area.

6. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~19-21~~ ~~20-22~~.

7. Family hunt – October ~~26-27~~ ~~27-28~~, in the Pinhook still hunt area only.

8. Wild hog-still – December ~~14-29~~ ~~15-30~~, in the Pinhook still hunt area only.

9. through 11. No change.

12. Trapping – December ~~30~~ ~~31~~ through March 1.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers. Taking antlered deer not having at least one antler with three or more points, each point one inch or more in length, is prohibited in the Pinhook still hunt area, which is that portion of the area south of US 98. During the archery season in the Pinhook still hunt area the bag limit for deer shall be two deer, only one of which can be antlered, per quota permit. During the family hunt the bag limit shall be one antlered and one antlerless deer per quota permit. During the muzzleloading gun and general gun seasons in the Pinhook still hunt area, the bag limit for deer shall be one antlered deer per person, but not more than two per quota permit.

(c) through (d) No change.

(14) Flint Rock Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~19~~ ~~20~~ through November ~~1~~ ~~2~~.

2. General gun – November ~~2~~ ~~3~~ through January ~~19~~ ~~20~~.

3. Small game – January ~~20~~ ~~21~~ through March ~~2~~ ~~3~~.

4. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~8-9~~ ~~9-10~~.

5. Spring turkey – March ~~15~~ ~~16~~ through April ~~20~~ ~~21~~.

6. Archery – September ~~14~~ ~~15~~ through October ~~13~~ ~~14~~.

7. through 9. No change.

10. Trapping – January ~~20~~ ~~21~~ through March 1.

(b) through (d) No change.

(15) Pine Log Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – October ~~26~~ ~~20~~ through November ~~17~~ ~~11~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~7-9~~ ~~4-3~~.

3. General gun – November ~~28~~ through ~~December 1~~ ~~22-25~~, January ~~25-28~~ ~~19-22~~ and January ~~29~~ through ~~February 2~~ ~~23-27~~.

4. Small game – December ~~10-31~~ ~~4-31~~.

5. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~8-9~~ ~~9-10~~.

6. Spring turkey – March ~~15~~ ~~16~~ through April ~~6~~ ~~7~~.

7. through 8. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(16) Eglin AFB Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – October ~~26~~ ~~20~~ through November ~~27~~ ~~21~~ in areas and during days specified by the Installation Commander.

2. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~7-13~~ ~~4-7~~ in areas specified by the Installation Commander.

3. General gun – November ~~28~~ through ~~December 1~~ ~~22-25~~, December ~~14~~ ~~8~~ through February ~~23~~ ~~17~~ in areas and during days specified by the Installation Commander.

4. Archery and muzzleloading gun – February ~~24~~ through ~~March 2~~ ~~18-24~~ in areas and during days specified by the Installation Commander.

5. Small game – November ~~9~~ ~~10~~ through March ~~2~~ ~~3~~ in areas and during days specified by the Installation Commander.

6. No change.

7. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~8-9~~ ~~9-10~~ in areas specified by the Installation Commander.

8. Spring turkey – March ~~15~~ ~~16~~ through April ~~20~~ ~~21~~ in areas and during days specified by the Installation Commander.

9. through 11. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(17) Escambia River Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~28~~ through ~~December 1~~ ~~22-25~~ and December ~~14~~ ~~8~~ through ~~February 5~~ ~~January 30~~.

2. Archery – October ~~26 20~~ through November ~~24 18~~.
3. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~7-9 1-3~~.
4. Archery and muzzleloading gun – ~~February 6-16 January 31 through February 10~~.
5. Small game – November ~~9-27 10-21~~, ~~December 2-13 November 26 through December 7~~ and ~~February 6 January 31~~ through March ~~2 3~~.
6. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~8-9 9-10~~.
7. Spring turkey – March ~~15 16~~ through April ~~20 21~~.
8. through 10. No change.
- (b) through (d) No change.
- (18) Tyndall AFB Wildlife Management Area.
- (a) Open season:
 1. Archery – October ~~26 20~~ through November ~~27 21~~ during days specified by the Installation Commander.
 2. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~7-13 1-7~~.
 3. General gun – November ~~28 through December 1 22-25~~ and December ~~14 8~~ through February ~~23 17~~ during days specified by the Installation Commander.
 4. Supervised youth – October ~~26 20~~ through December 31 (only in areas and during days designated by the Installation Commander).
 5. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~8-9 9-10~~ in areas specified by the Installation Commander.
 6. Spring turkey – March ~~15 16~~ through April ~~20 21~~ during days specified by the Installation Commander.
 7. Small game – November ~~9 10~~ through March ~~2 3~~ during days specified by the Installation Commander.
 8. through 9. No change.
- (b) through (d) No change.
- (19) Choctawhatchee River Wildlife Management Area.
- (a) Open season:
 1. Archery – October ~~26 20~~ through November ~~24 18~~.
 2. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~7-9 1-3~~.
 3. General gun – November ~~28 through December 1 22-25~~ and December ~~14 8~~ through ~~February 5 January 30~~ except Holmes Creek Unit and East River Island.
 4. Small game – November ~~9-27 10-21~~, ~~December 2-13 November 26 through December 7~~ and ~~February 6 January 31~~ through March ~~2 3~~.
 5. Archery and muzzleloading gun – ~~February 6-16 January 31 through February 10~~. Holmes Creek Unit and East River Island November ~~28 through December 1 22-25~~ and December ~~14 8~~ through February ~~16 10~~.
 6. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~8-9 9-10~~.
 7. Spring turkey – March ~~15 16~~ through April ~~20 21~~ 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 ~~15-17 16-18~~ and ~~28-30 29-31~~ 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 6 January 31~~ through March 1 in dog hunt areas.
- (b) through (d) No change.
- (20) Chipola River Wildlife Management Area.
- (a) Open seasons, except in the Altha Tract:
 1. Archery – October ~~26 20~~ through November ~~24 18~~.
 2. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~7-9 1-3~~.
 3. General gun – November ~~28 through December 1 22-25~~ and December ~~14 8~~ through January 1.
 4. Small game – November ~~9-27 10-21~~, ~~December 2-13 November 26 through December 7~~ and January 2 through March ~~2 3~~.
 5. Archery and muzzleloading gun – January ~~4-5 5-6~~ and ~~11-12 12-13~~.
 6. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~8-9 9-10~~.
 7. Spring turkey – March ~~15 16~~ through April ~~20 21~~.
 8. through 10. No change.
- (b) Open seasons in the Altha Tract:
 1. Archery – October ~~26 through November 1 20-26~~ and ~~November 2-10 October 27 through November 4~~.
 2. Family hunt – November ~~28 through December 1 22-25~~.
 3. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~7-9 1-3~~.
 4. Small game – January ~~4 5~~ through March ~~2 3~~ (Saturdays and Sundays only).
 5. Spring turkey – March ~~15-17 16-18~~, ~~28-30 29-31~~ and April ~~11-13 12-14~~.
 6. through 7. No change.
- (c) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers. During the archery season in the Altha Tract, the bag limit for deer shall be one antlered or one antlerless deer per person, but not more than two per quota permit. During the family hunt, the bag limit shall be one antlered and one antlerless deer per quota permit. During the muzzleloading gun season in the Altha Tract, the bag limit shall be one antlered deer per person, but not more than two per quota permit. The bag limit for ~~During the youth turkey hunt and the spring turkey season in the Altha Tract, the bag limit for turkey shall be one gobbler or bearded turkey per quota permit~~ during the youth turkey hunt and one gobbler or bearded turkey per person, but not more than two per quota permit during the spring turkey season.
- (d) through (e) No change.
- (21) Yellow River Wildlife Management Area.
- (a) Open seasons except in the Grassy Point and Burnt Grocery Creek areas:
 1. Archery – October ~~26 20~~ through November ~~24 18~~.
 2. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~7-9 1-3~~.
 3. General gun – November ~~28 through December 1 22-25~~ and December ~~14 8~~ through ~~February 5 January 30~~.

4. Small game – November ~~9-27~~ ~~10-21~~, December 2-13 ~~November 26 through December 7~~ and February 6 ~~January 31 through March 2~~ 3.

5. Archery and muzzleloading gun – February 6-16 ~~January 31 through February 10~~.

6. Spring turkey – March ~~15~~ ~~16~~ through April ~~20~~ ~~21~~.

7. through 9. No change.

(b) Open seasons in the Grassy Point area (the area south of Weaver River):

1. General gun – November 28 through December 1 ~~22-25~~, January ~~25-28~~ ~~19-22~~ and January 29 through February 2 ~~23-27~~.

2. Archery – October 26 through November 1 ~~20-26~~ and ~~November 2-10~~ ~~October 27 through November 4~~.

3. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~7-9~~ ~~1-3~~.

4. Spring turkey – March ~~15-17~~ ~~16-18~~, ~~28-30~~ ~~29-31~~, April ~~4-6~~ ~~5-7~~ and ~~18-20~~ ~~19-21~~.

5. Small game – November ~~9-17~~ ~~10-18~~.

6. No change.

(c) 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 ~~26~~ ~~20~~ through November ~~24~~ ~~18~~, November 28 through December 1 ~~22-25~~, and December ~~14~~ ~~8~~ through February 5 ~~January 30~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~7-9~~ ~~1-3~~.

3. Small game – November ~~9-17~~ ~~10-18~~.

4. Archery and muzzleloading gun – February 6-16 ~~January 31 through February 10~~.

5. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~8-9~~ ~~9-10~~.

6. Spring turkey – March ~~15-17~~ ~~16-18~~, ~~28-30~~ ~~29-31~~, April ~~4-6~~ ~~5-7~~ and ~~18-20~~ ~~19-21~~.

7. through 8. No change.

(d) through (f) No change.

(22) Econfina Creek Wildlife Management Area.

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

1. Archery – October ~~26~~ ~~20~~ through November ~~24~~ ~~18~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~7-9~~ ~~1-3~~.

3. General gun – November 28 through December 1 ~~22-25~~ and December ~~14~~ ~~8~~ through February 5 ~~January 30~~.

4. Small game – November ~~9-27~~ ~~10-21~~, December 2-13 ~~November 26 through December 7~~ and February 6 ~~January 31 through March 2~~ 3.

5. Archery and muzzleloading gun – February 6-16 ~~January 31 through February 10~~.

6. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~8-9~~ ~~9-10~~.

7. Spring turkey – March ~~15~~ ~~16~~ through April ~~20~~ ~~21~~.

8. Raccoon – November ~~9~~ ~~10~~ through March ~~7~~ ~~8~~ and April ~~21~~ ~~22~~ through July 31.

9. through 10. No change.

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

1. General gun – November 29 through December 1 ~~23-25~~, January ~~17-19~~ ~~11-13~~, ~~24-26~~ ~~18-20~~, January 31 through February 2 ~~25-27~~ and February 5-7 ~~January 30 through February 1~~.

2. Spring turkey – March ~~15-16~~ ~~16-17~~, ~~21-23~~ ~~22-24~~, ~~28-30~~ ~~29-31~~, April ~~4-6~~ ~~5-7~~, ~~11-13~~ ~~12-14~~ and ~~18-20~~ ~~19-21~~.

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 26 through November 1 ~~20-26~~ and ~~November 2-10~~ ~~October 27 through November 4~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~7-9~~ ~~1-3~~.

3. General gun – November 28 through December 1 ~~22-25~~, January ~~25-28~~ ~~19-22~~ and January 29 through February 2 ~~23-27~~.

4. Small game – December ~~14-29~~ ~~8-23~~.

5. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~8-9~~ ~~9-10~~.

6. Spring turkey – March ~~15-17~~ ~~16-18~~, ~~28-30~~ ~~29-31~~ and April ~~11-13~~ ~~12-14~~.

7. through 8. No change.

(d) through (f) No change.

(23) Box-R Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – October 26 through November 1 ~~20-26~~ and ~~November 2-10~~ ~~October 27 through November 4~~.

2. Small game – November ~~9-24~~ ~~10-18~~.

3. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~7-9~~ ~~1-3~~.

4. General gun – November 28 through December 1 ~~22-25~~, January ~~9-12~~ ~~3-6~~, ~~16-19~~ ~~10-13~~ and ~~23-26~~ ~~17-20~~.

5. Wild hog-still – December ~~14-20~~ ~~8-14~~.

6. Wild hog-dog – July ~~12-14~~ ~~13-15~~, August ~~9-11~~ ~~10-12~~ and September ~~13-15~~ ~~14-16~~, ~~2013~~ ~~2012~~, and May ~~9-11~~ ~~10-12~~ and June ~~13-15~~ ~~14-16~~, ~~2014~~ ~~2013~~.

7. Spring turkey – March ~~15-18~~ ~~16-19~~, ~~27-30~~ ~~28-31~~ and April ~~10-13~~ ~~11-14~~.

8. through 9. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, 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, one inch or more in length, is prohibited. During spring turkey season, the bag limit for turkey shall be one gobbler or bearded turkey per person, but not more than two per quota permit. During the wild hog-dog season, only wild hog may be taken. The take of wild hog is prohibited during small game season.

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 11. No change.

12. During the wild hog-dog season, wild hog may be taken 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.

(24) Lafayette Creek Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – October 26 through November 1 ~~20-26~~ and ~~November 2-10~~ October 27 through November 4.

2. Muzzleloading gun – December 7-9 ~~1-3~~.

3. Family hunt – November 28 through December 1 ~~22-25~~.

4. General gun – January 25-28 ~~19-22~~ and January 29 through February 2 ~~23-27~~.

5. Small game – December 13 ~~7~~ through January 19 ~~13~~ (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).

6. Spring turkey – March 15 ~~16~~ through April 20 ~~21~~ (Saturdays and Sundays only).

7. through 9. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(25) Wakulla Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – October 19 ~~13~~ through November 17 ~~11~~ (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).

2. Archery and muzzleloading gun – November 22-24 ~~23-25~~, December 13-15 ~~7-9~~, 27-29 ~~21-23~~, January 10-12 ~~4-6~~ and 24-26 ~~18-20~~.

3. Small game – January 27 ~~21~~ through February 23 ~~17~~.

4. Youth turkey hunt – March 8-9 ~~9-10~~.

5. Spring turkey – March 15 ~~16~~ through April 20 ~~21~~ (Saturdays and Sundays only).

6. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(26) Perdido River Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – October 26 ~~20~~ through November 24 ~~18~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – December 7-9 ~~1-3~~.

3. Family hunt – November 28 through December 1 ~~22-25~~ and January 10-12 ~~4-6~~.

4. General gun – January 18-24 ~~12-18~~ and January 25 through February 2 ~~19-27~~.

5. Archery and muzzleloading gun – February 6-16 ~~January 31 through February 10~~.

6. Small game – December 10 ~~4~~ through January 8 ~~2~~.

7. Youth turkey hunt – March 8-9 ~~9-10~~.

8. Spring turkey – March 15-23 ~~16-24~~ and March 24 ~~25~~ through April 6 ~~7~~.

9. through 11. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 5. No change.

6. The launching or loading of any vessel with an internal combustion engine larger than 10 horsepower is prohibited at the ~~Fillingim Fillingam~~ and Pipes boat ramps.

7. No change.

(27) Juniper Creek Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Family hunt – November 22-24 ~~23-25~~, December 24-26, December 31 through January 2, January 17-19 ~~18-20~~ and January 31 through February 2 ~~1-3~~.

2. Youth turkey hunt – March 8-9 ~~9-10~~.

(b) through (d) No change.

(28) Beavercreek Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – October 26 ~~20~~ through November 24 ~~18~~.

2. Small game – November 9-27 ~~10-21~~, December 2-13 ~~November 26 through December 7~~ and February 6 ~~January 31~~ through March 2 ~~3~~.

3. Family hunt – November 28 through December 1 ~~22-25~~.

4. Muzzleloading gun – December 7-9 ~~1-3~~.

5. General gun – December 14 ~~8~~ through February 5 ~~January 30~~.

6. Archery and muzzleloading gun – February 6-16 ~~January 31 through February 10~~.

7. Spring turkey – March 15-18 ~~16-19~~ and 26-30 ~~27-31~~.

8. Wild hog-dog – July 12-14 ~~13-15~~, August 9-11 ~~10-12~~ and September 13-15 ~~14-16~~, 2013 ~~2012~~, and May 9-11 ~~10-12~~ and June 13-15 ~~14-16~~, 2014 ~~2013~~.

9. through 10. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers. During the family hunt, any deer except spotted fawns may be taken (limit one antlerless deer per person per day). During the muzzleloading gun season, any deer except spotted fawns may be taken (limit one antlerless deer per day). During the spring turkey season, the bag limit for turkey shall be one gobbler or bearded turkey per person, but not more than two per quota permit. During the wild hog-dog season, only wild hog may be taken.

(c) through (d) No change.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013.

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.

BE ADVISED THAT THESE 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: 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: December 6, 2012

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: January 8, 2013

FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Freshwater Fish and Wildlife

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

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

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

Dinner Island Ranch WMA – allow the take of wild hog during the entire small game season; start the small game season one week earlier and end the Sunday prior to the youth turkey hunt; and move the two hog-only family hunts from the first two weekends in December to the second and third weekends in October.

Everglades and Francis S. Taylor WMA – allow bird dogs to be used for hunting snipe during snipe season; prohibit tree stands, deer stands and elevated shooting platforms except from 6 a.m. two weeks prior to the opening of archery season until 6 p.m. the Sunday following the end of general gun-vehicle season; and prohibit the use of all-terrain vehicles except from 6 a.m. two weeks prior to the opening of archery season until 6 p.m. the day prior to the opening of general gun-vehicle season when all-terrain vehicles may be used for scouting and hunting.

Fishing Creek WMA – allow the use of golf carts in the Palmdale campground; change the bag limit for deer from one per quota permit to one per person, two per quota permit; and

change the bag limit for turkey during spring turkey quota hunts from one gobbler or bearded turkey per quota permit to one per person, two per quota permit.

Holey Land WMA – prohibit the harvest of deer not having at least one antler with 2 or more points (each point 1-inch or more in length) and at least one antler 5 inches or more in length; allow bird dogs to be used for hunting snipe during snipe season; prohibit tree stands, deer stands and elevated shooting platforms except from 6 a.m. two weeks prior to the opening of archery season until 6 p.m. the Sunday following the end of general gun-vehicle season; and prohibit the use of all-terrain vehicles except from 6 a.m. two weeks prior to the opening of archery season until 6 p.m. the day prior to the opening of general gun-vehicle season when all-terrain vehicles may be used for scouting and hunting.

J.W. Corbett WMA – allow the harvest of antlerless deer only during the last 9 days of archery season; and prohibit the harvest of antlered deer not having at least one antler with 2 or more points (each point 1-inch or more in length) and at least one antler 5 inches or more in length.

Picayune Strand WMA – extend the small game season by 7 days and change the bag limit for deer from one antlered deer per quota permit to one per person, two per quota permit.

Rotenberger WMA – prohibit the harvest of deer not having at least one antler with 2 or more points (each point 1-inch or more in length) and at least one antler 5 inches or more in length; prohibit tree stands, deer stands and elevated shooting platforms except from 6 a.m. two weeks prior to the opening of archery season until 6 p.m. the Sunday following the end of general gun-vehicle season; and prohibit the use of all-terrain vehicles except from 6 a.m. two weeks prior to the opening of archery season until 6 p.m. the day prior to the opening of general gun-vehicle season when all-terrain vehicles may be used for scouting and hunting.

Spirit-of-the-Wild WMA – allow the take of wild hog during the entire small game season; start the small game season one week earlier and end the Sunday prior to the youth turkey hunt; change the bag limit for deer from one antler deer per quota permit to one per person, two per permit; and change the bag limit for turkey from one gobbler or bearded turkey per quota permit to one per person, two per quota permit.

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; 379.2223, 375.313 FS.

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

DATES AND TIME: During the Commission’s regular meeting February 13-14, 2013, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., each day

PLACE: SeaWorld Park, 7007 SeaWorld Drive, Orlando, FL 32821

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) No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, furbearers and frogs. Deer daily bag one, annual bag two; wild hog daily bag one, annual bag two. The take of wild hog with a shoulder height of less than 20 inches is prohibited. The take of wild hog is prohibited during small game season. Turkeys may not be taken during the archery season. The take of antlerless deer is prohibited except during the last 9 days of archery season. Taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with two or more points and having one or more antlers at least 5 inches in length visible above the hairline is prohibited.

(c) through (d) No change.

(2) Holey Land Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – Walk, ~~October 5~~ September 29 through October ~~20~~ 4.

2. General gun – Vehicle, October ~~26~~ 20 through November ~~10~~ 4 (tracked vehicles).

3. Archery – August ~~10~~ through September 1 ~~4~~ 26.

4. Muzzleloading gun – September ~~7-15~~ 4-9.

5. Small game – November ~~11~~ 5 through March ~~2~~ 3.

6. through 7. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game (except wild turkey), fish, frogs and furbearers. Take of antlerless deer is prohibited during the archery season. Taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with two or more points and having one or more antlers at least 5 inches in length visible above the hairline is prohibited. The bag limit for wild hog shall be one per day; annual bag two. The take of wild hog with a shoulder height of less than 15 inches is prohibited. The take of wild hog is prohibited during small game season. During the general gun-vehicle season, a bag limit of one wild hog per day per vehicle shall apply. The bag limit for antlered deer shall be one during archery season, one during muzzleloading gun season, one during general gun-walk season and one per tag during the general gun-vehicle season.

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. The use of all-terrain vehicles is prohibited, except for the purposes of hunting and scouting from 6 a.m. two weeks prior to archery season until 6 p.m. one day prior to the opening day of general gun-vehicle season. During the archery, muzzleloading gun and general gun-walk seasons, ~~all terrain vehicles are allowed but only for the purpose of hunting; all other vehicles may only be operated are prohibited, except on levees, except all-terrain vehicles may be operated off-road. All-terrain vehicle access for scouting shall be allowed two weeks prior to the archery season and one week prior to the muzzleloading gun and general gun-walk seasons. During the remainder of the year, all terrain vehicles are prohibited.~~ Airboats are prohibited during the archery, muzzleloading, general gun-walk and general gun-vehicle seasons except airboats used for the purpose of waterfowl hunting on days when waterfowl hunting is allowed under Rule 68A-13.003, F.A.C. While an all-terrain vehicle is in motion, no person shall occupy any platform or structure attached thereto. No all-terrain vehicle may be equipped with a steering mechanism that would enable the all-terrain vehicle to be operated from a platform or structure attached thereto.

2. 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 ~~season~~.

7. through 19. No change.

20. Tree stands, deer stands and elevated shooting platforms are prohibited except from 6 a.m. two weeks prior to the opening of archery season until 6 p.m. the Sunday following the end of general gun-vehicle season.

(e) No change.

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

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – Walk, October 5-20 ~~September 29 through October 14~~, Conservation Areas 3A North and 2 only.

2. General gun – Vehicle (airboats and tracked vehicles only), October 26 20 through November 10 4, in Conservation Areas 3A North, 3A South, 2, and the Francis S. Taylor Wildlife Management Area.

3. Archery – August 10 through September 1 4-26, Conservation Area 3A North only.

4. Muzzleloading gun – September 7-15 4-9, in Conservation Area 3A North only.

5. Small game – November 11 5 through March 2 3.

6. through 7. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 2. No change.

3. The use of all-terrain vehicles is prohibited, except for the purposes of hunting and scouting from 6 a.m. two weeks prior to archery season until 6 p.m. one day prior to the opening day of general gun-vehicle season. During the archery, muzzleloading gun and general gun-walk seasons, ~~all-terrain vehicles are allowed but only for the purpose of hunting. All other vehicles may only be operated~~ except vehicles are allowed on levees, except all-terrain vehicles may be operated off-road. All-terrain vehicle access for scouting shall be allowed two weeks prior to the archery season and one week prior to the muzzleloading gun and general gun-walk seasons. During the remainder of the year, all-terrain vehicles are prohibited. While an all-terrain vehicle is in motion, no person shall occupy any platform or structure attached thereto. No all-terrain vehicle may be equipped with a steering mechanism that would enable the all-terrain vehicle to be operated from a platform or structure attached thereto.

4. 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 waterfowl and snipe seasons ~~season~~.

13. through 25. No change.

26. The day after small samll game season ends through the second Sunday in April shooting hours for and Conditional non-native snakes and lizards shall be 1/2 hour before sunrise until 1/2 hour after sunset.

27. Tree stands, deer stands and elevated shooting platforms are prohibited except from 6 a.m. two weeks prior to the opening of archery season until 6 p.m. the Sunday following the end of general gun-vehicle season.

(e) No change.

(4) Rotenberger Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – Walk, October 5-20 ~~September 29 through October 14~~.

2. General gun – Vehicle (tracked vehicles only), October 26 20 through November 10 4 (tracked vehicles).

3. Archery – August 10 through September 1 4-26.

4. Muzzleloading gun – September 7-15 4-9.

5. Small game – November 11 5 through March 2 3.

6. through 7. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game (except turkeys), furbearers, fish and frogs. Take of antlerless deer is prohibited during archery season. Taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with two or more points and having one or more antlers at least 5 inches in length visible above the hairline is prohibited. Wild hog daily bag limit one; two annually. During the general gun-vehicle season, a bag limit of one wild hog per day per vehicle shall apply. The take of wild hog with a shoulder height of less than 15 inches is prohibited. The take of wild hog is prohibited during small game season. The bag limit for antlered deer shall be one per season during archery, muzzleloading gun and general gun-walk seasons and one per tag during the general gun-vehicle season.

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 5. No change.

6. The use of all-terrain vehicles is prohibited, except for the purposes of hunting and scouting from 6 a.m. two weeks prior to archery season until 6 p.m. one day prior to the opening day of general gun-vehicle season. During the archery, muzzleloading gun and general gun-walk seasons, ~~all-terrain vehicles are allowed but only for the purpose of hunting. All other vehicles may only be operated~~ are prohibited except on levees, except all-terrain vehicles may be operated off-road. During the archery, muzzleloading gun and general gun-walk seasons, airboats are prohibited except airboats may be used for the purpose of waterfowl hunting on days when waterfowl hunting is allowed under Rule 68A-13.003, F.A.C. All-terrain vehicle access for scouting shall be allowed two weeks prior to the archery season and one week prior to the muzzleloading gun and general gun-walk seasons. During the remainder of the year, all-terrain vehicles are prohibited. While an all-terrain vehicle is in motion, no person shall occupy any platform or structure attached thereto. No all-terrain vehicle may be equipped with a steering mechanism that would enable the all-terrain vehicle to be operated from a platform or structure attached thereto.

7. through 19. No change.

20. Tree stands, deer stands and elevated shooting platforms are prohibited except from 6 a.m. two weeks prior to the opening of archery season until 6 p.m. one day after the end of general gun-vehicle season.

(e) No change.

(5) Big Cypress Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. through 2. No change.

3. Archery – September 7 through October 6 ~~4-30~~ in all units and twelve days prior to Thanksgiving day through January 1, except during those years when January 1 falls on a Thursday, Friday or Saturday, in which case the season would close on the following Sunday in the Deep Lake Unit only.

4. Muzzleloading gun – October 12-27 ~~6-21~~, except in the Deep Lake Unit.

5. Spring turkey – March 1-2 through April 6-7.

6. through 7. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(6) Okaloacoochee Slough Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – August 10-16 ~~4-10~~ and 17-25 ~~11-19~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – September 7-9 ~~1-3~~ and 14-16 ~~8-10~~.

3. Family Hunt – September 21-22 ~~15-16~~.

4. General gun – September 28 through October 1 ~~22-25~~ and October 2-6 ~~September 26-30~~.

5. Small game – November 16 ~~17~~ through December 29 ~~30~~.

6. Spring turkey – March 1-4 ~~2-5~~, 5-9 ~~6-10~~ and 10-16 ~~11-17~~.

7. through 8. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(7) Fisheating Creek Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – August 23-25 ~~17-19~~ and August 30 through September 1 ~~24-26~~ west of US Highway 27 only.

2. Muzzleloading gun – September 13-15 ~~7-9~~ and 20-22 ~~14-16~~ west of US Highway 27 only.

3. General gun – October 4-6 ~~September 28-30~~ and 18-20 ~~October 12-14~~ west of US Highway 27 only.

4. Youth Turkey Hunt – February 22-23 ~~23-24~~ west of US Highway 27 only.

5. Spring turkey – March 1-4 ~~2-5~~, 7-10 ~~8-11~~, 14-17 ~~15-18~~ and 21-24 ~~22-25~~ and 28-31 ~~March 29 through April 1~~ west of US Highway 27 only.

6. Special-opportunity spring turkey – March 1-7 ~~2-8~~ and 15-21 ~~16-22~~ east of US Highway 27 only.

7. Wild hog-still– November 23-24 ~~17-18~~ west of US Highway 27 only.

8. through 9. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers except that turkeys may not be taken during the archery season. The bag limit for deer shall be one per person, two per quota hunt permit. During the spring turkey season the bag limit for turkey shall be one gobbler or bearded turkey per person, two per quota hunt permit. During ~~and~~ special-opportunity spring turkey season seasons, the bag limit for turkey shall be one gobbler or bearded turkey per permit. During the wild hog-still season, only wild hog may be taken.

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 3. No change.

4. Public access, other than by foot, bicycle, or boat, is prohibited, except registered and licensed vehicles and golf carts, as defined by Section 320.01 (22), F.S., may be operated within the Palmdale campground. Entry into or exit from locations other than via Fisheating Creek at its intersections with C.R. 731, and at US 27 in Palmdale, and at the Mainstreet access at Palmdale, and at S.R. 78 near Lakeport, is prohibited.

5. through 7. No change.

(8) Picayune Strand Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – August 10-25 ~~4-19~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – September 7-9 ~~1-3~~ and 14-16 ~~8-10~~.

3. General gun – October 12-15 ~~6-9~~, 16-20 ~~10-14~~ and 21-27 ~~15-21~~.

4. Small game – November 9 ~~10~~ through December 29 ~~23~~.

5. Spring turkey – March 1-4 ~~2-5~~ and 5-9 ~~6-10~~.

6. through 7. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers. During the archery season, the bag limit for deer and wild hog shall be one each. During the muzzleloading gun and general gun seasons, the bag limit for deer ~~and wild hog~~ shall be one per person, two each per quota permit and the bag limit for wild hog shall be one per permit. Wild hog: daily bag, 1; possession limit, 2. The take of wild hog with a shoulder height of less than 15 inches is prohibited. The take of wild hog is prohibited during small game season. The taking of antlerless deer and turkey is prohibited during archery season. During the spring turkey season, the bag limit for turkey shall be one gobbler or bearded turkey per quota permit.

(c) through (d) No change.

(9) Dinner Island Ranch Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – August 9-12 ~~3-6~~, 16-19 ~~10-13~~, 23-26 ~~17-20~~ and August 30 through September 2 ~~24-27~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – September 13-15 ~~7-9~~.

3. General gun – September 21-23 ~~15-17~~, 27-29 ~~21-23~~ and October 4-6 ~~28-30~~.

4. Small game – November ~~2-10-30~~, ~~December 3-7~~ and ~~December 10~~ through the Sunday prior to the youth turkey hunt February 22.

5. Family hunt – ~~October~~ ~~December 12-13~~ ~~1-2~~ and ~~19-20~~ ~~8-9~~.

6. Youth Turkey Hunt – February ~~22-23~~ ~~23-24~~.

7. Spring turkey – March ~~1-3~~ ~~2-4~~, ~~8-10~~ ~~9-11~~ and March ~~29-31~~ ~~30~~ through ~~April 1~~.

8. through 10. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers. The bag limit for deer and turkey shall be one per quota permit. The taking of antlerless deer and turkey is prohibited during archery season. Taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with three or more points, one inch or more in length, is prohibited. The take of deer is prohibited during the family hunt. ~~The take of wild hog is prohibited during small game season before February 1.~~ Wild hog: daily bag one; possession limit two.

(c) through (d) No change.

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

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – August ~~9-12~~ ~~3-6~~, ~~16-19~~ ~~10-13~~, ~~23-26~~ ~~17-20~~ and August 30 through September 2 ~~24-27~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – September ~~13-15~~ ~~7-9~~.

3. General gun – September ~~21-23~~ ~~15-17~~, ~~27-29~~ ~~21-23~~, and October 4-6 ~~September 28-30~~.

4. Small game – November ~~2-10~~ through the Sunday prior to the youth turkey hunt February 22.

5. Youth Turkey Hunt – February ~~22-23~~ ~~23-24~~.

6. Spring turkey – March ~~1-3~~ ~~2-4~~, ~~8-10~~ ~~9-11~~ and ~~15-17~~ ~~16-18~~.

7. through 8. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers. The bag limit for deer and turkey shall be one per person, two per quota permit. The taking of antlerless deer and turkey is prohibited during archery season. Taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with three or more points, each point one inch or more in length, is prohibited. ~~The take of wild hog is prohibited during small game season except that wild hog shall be legal to take during February.~~ Wild hog: daily bag one; possession limit two.

(c) through (d) No change.

(11) Allapattah Flats Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~14-17~~ ~~8-11~~, ~~21-24~~ ~~15-18~~, September 28 through October 1 ~~22-25~~ and October 5-8 ~~September 29 through October 2~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~19-21~~ ~~13-15~~.

3. Family hunt – ~~November 2-5~~ ~~October 27-30~~.

4. General gun – November ~~9-13~~ ~~3-7~~.

5. Small game – November ~~16~~ ~~17~~ through the second Sunday in January.

6. Spring turkey – March ~~1-4~~ ~~2-5~~ and ~~5-9~~ ~~6-10~~.

7. through 8. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, and furbearers (except bobcat and otter). Turkey may only be taken during the spring turkey season. The bag limit for deer ~~and wild turkey~~ shall be one per quota permit.

(c) through (d). No change.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013.

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~~.

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: 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: December 6, 2012

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: January 8, 2013

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 the hunting of wild hog during small game season; remove the quota requirement from the two 4-day wild hog-still hunts; add a 7-day small game hunt in January; allow the use of horses during small game season; change the bag limit during muzzleloading gun and general gun seasons from one antlered deer per quota permit to one antlered deer per person, two antlered deer per quota permit; and change the bag limit for turkey from one gobbler or bearded turkey per quota permit to one gobbler or bearded turkey per person, but not more than two per quota permit during spring turkey hunts.

Dunns Creek WMA – change the bag limit during muzzleloading gun season from one antlered deer per quota permit to one antlered deer per person, two antlered deer per quota permit.

Etoniah Creek WMA – change the bag limit from one deer per quota permit to one deer per person, two deer per quota permit; and change the bag limit for turkey from one gobbler or bearded turkey per quota permit to one gobbler or bearded turkey per person, but not more than two per quota permit during spring turkey hunts.

Fort Drum WMA – require a permit from St. Johns River Water Management District to camp during non-hunting periods; allow the use of horses on named and numbered roads; and allow horses during small game season.

Guana River WMA – reduce the quota during the archery, muzzleloading gun and general gun seasons from 100 to 60 due to overcrowding concerns; and prohibit the use of cast nets or gigs within 50 yards of the water control structure located on the Guana Dam (instead of within 50 yards of the Guana Dam) to open up more area to cast netting.

Half Moon WMA – change the bag limit for turkey from one gobbler or bearded turkey per quota permit to one gobbler or bearded turkey per person, but not more than two per quota permit during spring turkey hunts.

Lake George WMA – allow the use dogs with a shoulder height of 15 inches or less to take rabbit during small game season.

Lake Panasoffkee WMA – allow the use of horses on named or numbered roads and designated trails during the wild hog-still and small game seasons.

Little Big Econ WMA – add the special September duck season; allow retrievers for waterfowl hunting during the special September duck season; and during the special September duck season, add the Econlockhatchee River as a designated entrance and remove the Winding River Lane as a designated entrance.

Marshall Swamp WMA – change the bag limit from one deer per quota permit to one deer per person, two deer per quota permit; and change the bag limit for turkey from one gobbler or bearded turkey per quota permit to one gobbler or bearded turkey per person, but not more than two per quota permit during spring turkey hunts.

Matanzas WMA – change the bag limit for turkey from one gobbler or bearded turkey per quota permit to one gobbler or bearded turkey per person, but not more than two per quota permit during spring turkey hunts.

Ocala WMA – change the turkey bag limit during the spring turkey season from one gobbler or bearded turkey per quota permit to one gobbler or bearded turkey per person, but not more than two per quota permit; and clarify that the bag limit for deer is one per day per person.

Ocklawaha River WMA, Gores Landing Unit – change the name of the management area to Gores Landing Wildlife Management Area; change the bag limit from one deer per quota permit to one deer per person, two deer per quota permit; and change the bag limit for turkey from one gobbler or bearded turkey per quota permit to one gobbler or bearded turkey per person, but not more than two per quota permit during spring turkey hunts.

Relay WMA – remove the size and bag limits for wild hog.

Richloam WMA – add the special September duck season.

Richloam WMA, Baird Unit – prohibit the use of dogs for hunting wild hog and start the general gun season two days later than it currently starts.

Rock Springs Run WMA – allow the use of handguns for hunting.

Ross Prairie WMA – change the bag limit from one antlered deer per quota permit to one antlered deer per person, two antlered deer per quota permit; and change the bag limit for turkey from one gobbler or bearded turkey per quota permit to one gobbler or bearded turkey per person, but not more than two per quota permit during spring turkey hunts.

Salt Lake WMA – allow the use of horses during small game season.

Seminole Forest WMA, Lake Tracy Unit – allow hunting of small game with bird dogs and dogs with a shoulder height of 15 inches or less during small game season; allow hunting of waterfowl with waterfowl retrievers during the special September duck season; and add the special September duck season.

Seminole Ranch WMA – allow horses during small game season and allow three hunters to hunt per daily quota permit during wild hog-dog season.

Three Lakes WMA, Prairie Lakes Unit – change the bag limit from one antlered deer per quota permit to one antlered deer per person, two antlered deer per quota permit and change the bag limit for turkey from one gobbler or bearded turkey per quota permit to one gobbler or bearded turkey per person, but not more than two per quota permit during spring turkey hunts.

Tiger Bay WMA, Rima Ridge Unit – allow the take of wild hog during small game season; change the bag limit from one deer per quota permit to one deer per person, two deer per quota permit; and change the bag limit for turkey from one gobbler or bearded turkey per quota permit to one gobbler or bearded turkey per person, but not more than two per quota permit during spring turkey hunts.

Tosohatchee WMA – allow three hunters to hunt per each daily quota permit during wild hog-dog season.

Twelve Mile Swamp WMA – schedule the ending date of general gun season to always occur on the first Sunday in January.

Upper St. Johns River Marsh WMA – allow camping from 8 a.m. one day prior to archery season until 6 p.m. seven days after the close of spring turkey season; clarify that at other times, the St. Johns River Water Management District will regulate camping; and allow the use of dogs to take wild hog during the first 14 days of the 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.

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

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

DATE AND TIME: During the Commission's regular meeting February 13 - 14, 2013, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., each day.

PLACE: SeaWorld Park, 7007 SeaWorld Drive, Orlando, FL 32821.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the

agency at least 5 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: The ADA Coordinator, at (850)488-6411. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

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

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

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

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

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~2-3~~ ~~3-4~~ and November ~~4~~ ~~5~~ through December ~~29~~ ~~30~~.

2. Small game – December ~~30~~ ~~31~~ through March ~~2~~ ~~3~~.

3. Spring turkey – March ~~15~~ ~~16~~ through April ~~20~~ ~~21~~.

4. Archery – September ~~14-15~~ ~~15-16~~ and September ~~16~~ ~~17~~ through October ~~13~~ ~~14~~.

5. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~19-21~~ ~~20-22~~.

6. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~8-9~~ ~~9-10~~.

7. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(2) Ocala Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~9~~ ~~10~~ through January ~~5~~ ~~6~~ (Pipeline, Lake Delancy and Hopkins Prairie units only).

2. General gun dog – November 9 through 17 (Church Lake Unit only).

~~3.2.~~ General gun still – November ~~23~~ ~~24~~ through December ~~1~~ ~~2~~ (Church Lake Unit only).

~~4.3.~~ Small game – December 2 through March 2 (Church Lake Unit only) and January 6 7 through March 2 3 (Pipeline, Lake Delancy and Hopkins Prairie units only).

~~5.4.~~ Archery – September ~~21~~ ~~22~~ through October ~~20~~ ~~21~~.

~~6.5.~~ Muzzleloading gun – October ~~25-27~~ ~~26-28~~, on the Church Lake, Hopkins Prairie and Lake Delancy units Management Units only.

~~7.6.~~ Fox, opossum, bobcat and raccoon – November ~~9~~ ~~10~~ through April ~~13~~ ~~14~~.

7. renumbered 8. No change.

~~9.8.~~ Youth turkey hunt – March ~~8-9~~ ~~9-10~~ (Lake Delancy Unit only).

~~10.9.~~ Spring turkey – March ~~20-23~~ ~~21-24~~, ~~27-30~~ ~~28-31~~, April ~~3-6~~ ~~4-7~~ and ~~10-13~~ ~~11-14~~.

10. renumbered 11. No change.

~~12.44~~ Trapping – December 1 through March 1, except in that portion of the Pipeline Management Unit south of S.R. 40 and west of S.R. 19.

12. renumbered 13. No change.

(b) Legal to take:

1. All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers. During the spring turkey season, the bag limit shall be one gobbler or bearded turkey per person, but not more than two per quota permit. Antlered deer may only be taken in the Church Lake Unit during the archery season, muzzleloading gun season the first 9 days of the general gun season and the general gun still season. Deer daily bag one per person. Antlerless deer may not be taken during the archery season.

2. Furbearing animals – During the November 9 10 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 Management Units~~. Raccoons may also be hunted, with dogs only, from March 3 4 through April 13 14 only in that portion of the Pipeline Management 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 6 7 through April 13 14, only in that portion of the Pipeline Management 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 ~~management~~ units, except bird dogs and retrievers are allowed during small game, special September duck, dove, and duck, geese and coot seasons. Taking deer with dogs is prohibited in the Church Lake Unit during the general gun still hunt. Caged or leashed hunting dogs may be transported on numbered roads.

3. through 4. No change.

5. Dogs may be used to pursue rabbits from January 6 7 through April 13 14 in that portion of the Pipeline Management Unit south of S.R. 40 and west of S.R. 19.

6. No change.

(e) The Ocala Wildlife Management Area consists of four ~~management~~ units described as follows:

1. through 4. No change.

(3) Richloam Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November 23 through December 1 17-25 and December 2 November 26 through January 19 13.

2. Spring turkey – March 15-23 16-24 and March 24 25 through April 20 21.

3. Archery – October 19 13 through November 17 11.

4. No change.

5. Trapping – January 20 14 through March 1.

6. Wild hog-dog – January 24-26 18-20.

7. Youth turkey hunt – March 8-9 9-10.

8. Special September duck – In the special September duck season established by Rule 68A-13.003, F.A.C.

(b) through (d) No change.

(4) Richloam Wildlife Management Area – Baird Unit.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – November 2-5, 6-10 and 11-17 ~~October 27-30, October 31 through November 4 and November 5-11.~~

2. Muzzleloading gun – November 23-25 17-19.

3. General gun – January 20-23 12-15 and 24-28 16-20.

4. Wild hog-still – January 29-31 22-24.

5. Youth turkey hunt – March 8-9 9-10.

6. Spring turkey – March 15-17 16-18, 21-23 22-24 and 28-30 29-31.

7. Small game – February 1 ~~January 26~~ through March 2

3.

8. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. Hunting with dogs is prohibited, except that waterfowl retrievers and bird dogs may be used during small game season. Taking wild hog with dogs is prohibited.

2. through 8. No change.

(5) Three Lakes Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November 2-3 3-4 and November 4 5 through December 29 30.

2. Small game – December 30 31 through March 2 3.

3. Spring turkey – March 15 16 through April 20 21.

4. Archery – September 14-15 15-16 and September 16 17 through October 13 14.

5. No change.

6. Muzzleloading gun – October 19-21 20-22.

7. General gun for mobility impaired – October 25-27 26-28.

8. General gun-dog – December 5-8 6-9 and ~~December 26-29 27-30.~~

9. through 10. No change.

11. Raccoon – January 10-12 11-13, 17-19 18-20 and 24-26 25-27 (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 8-9 9-10.

(b) through (e) No change.

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

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September 27-29 28-30 and October 4-6 5-7.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October 25-27 26-28.

3. General gun – November 15-17 16-18 and 22-24 23-25.

4. Small game – December 7-29 8-30.

5. Youth turkey hunt – March 8-9 9-10.

6. Spring turkey – March ~~15-17~~ ~~16-18~~, ~~28-30~~ ~~29-31~~ and April ~~11-13~~ ~~12-14~~.

7. No change.

8. Wild hog-still – November ~~29~~ ~~30~~ through December ~~1~~ ~~2~~ and January ~~3-5~~ ~~4-6~~.

9. through 10. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers. During the archery season, antlerless deer may be taken by antlerless deer permit only. The bag limit for ~~antlered~~ deer shall be one antlered deer per person, but not more than two antlered deer per quota permit. The take of wild hog is prohibited during small game season. During the spring turkey season, the bag limit shall be one gobbler or bearded turkey per person, but not more than two per quota permit. Only wild hog may be taken during the wild hog-still season.

(c) through (d) No change.

(7) Tiger Bay Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~2-10~~ ~~3-11~~ and November ~~11-12~~ through December ~~29~~ ~~30~~.

2. Archery – September ~~14~~ ~~15~~ through October ~~13~~ ~~14~~.

3. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~19-21~~ ~~20-22~~.

4. Small game – December ~~30~~ ~~31~~ through March ~~2~~ ~~3~~.

5. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~8-9~~ ~~9-10~~.

6. Spring turkey – March ~~15-18~~ ~~16-19~~, ~~March 27-30~~ ~~28-31~~ and April ~~10-13~~ ~~11-14~~.

7. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 7. No change.

8. During non-hunting periods, public access is allowed only from sunrise to sunset. During hunting periods, public access is allowed only from 1.5 hours before sunrise to 1.5 hours after sunset. At all other times, public access is allowed only by permit from the Florida Forest Service.

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

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~9-17~~ ~~10-18~~.

2. Archery – September ~~21~~ ~~22~~ through October ~~6~~ ~~7~~.

3. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~25-27~~ ~~26-28~~.

4. Small game – November ~~21~~ ~~22~~ through December ~~29~~ ~~30~~.

5. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~8-9~~ ~~9-10~~.

6. Spring turkey – March ~~15-17~~ ~~16-18~~, ~~28-30~~ ~~29-31~~ and April ~~11-13~~ ~~12-14~~.

7. through 8. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers. ~~The take of wild hog is prohibited during small game season.~~ During the archery, muzzleloading gun and general gun seasons, the bag limit for deer shall be one per

person, but not more than two per quota permit. During the spring turkey season, the bag limit shall be one gobbler or bearded turkey per person, but not more than two per quota permit.

(c) through (d) No change.

(9) Relay Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~2~~ ~~3~~ through December ~~29~~ ~~30~~.

2. Archery – September ~~14~~ ~~15~~ through October ~~13~~ ~~14~~.

3. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~19-27~~ ~~20-28~~.

4. Small game – December ~~30~~ ~~31~~ through March ~~2~~ ~~3~~.

5. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~8-9~~ ~~9-10~~.

6. Spring turkey – March ~~15~~ ~~16~~ through April ~~20~~ ~~21~~.

7. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers. ~~The take of wild hog with a shoulder height of less than 15 inches is prohibited. Wild hog daily bag 1, possession limit 2.~~

(c) through (d) No change.

(10) Tosohatchee Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – October ~~3-6~~ ~~4-7~~ and ~~10-13~~ ~~11-14~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~24-27~~ ~~25-28~~ and October 31 through November ~~3~~ ~~4~~.

3. General gun – November ~~14-17~~ ~~15-18~~ and ~~22-24~~ ~~23-25~~.

4. Spring turkey – March ~~15-17~~ ~~16-18~~, ~~28-30~~ ~~29-31~~ and April ~~11-13~~ ~~12-14~~.

5. Wild hog-dog – January ~~10-16~~ ~~11-17~~ and February ~~7-13~~ ~~8-14~~.

6. No change.

(b) No change.

(c) Camping: Allowed at the designated through-trail campsites along the Florida Trail throughout the year, but only by through hikers. Tent camping is allowed during periods closed to hunting at designated campsites by permit only.

(d) General regulations:

1. Public access during periods closed to hunting shall be from 8 a.m. to sunset unless camping at designated campsites. Public access during periods open to hunting shall be from 5 a.m. to 8 p.m. during Eastern Standard Time and from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. during Daylight Savings Time, except during the spring turkey hunts, when public access is allowed from 5 a.m. to 2 p.m.

2. During the wild hog-dog hunts, a quota permit allows a hunting group of two persons and a guest as authorized by Rule 68A-15.005, F.A.C. (three individuals total) to participate in the hunt and a daily quota permit allows three hunters to participate in the hunt.

3. through 7. No change.

(11) Seminole Ranch Wildlife Management Area.

1. Archery – October ~~4-6 5-7~~ and ~~11-13 12-14~~.(a) Open season:
2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~25-27 26-28~~ and November ~~1-3 2-4~~.
3. General gun – November ~~15-17 16-18~~.
4. Small game – November ~~23-24 24-25~~, November 30 through December 1 1-2, December 7-8 8-9 and January ~~4-5 5-6~~.
5. Spring turkey – March ~~15-17 16-18~~, ~~21-23 22-24~~ and ~~28-30 29-31~~.
6. Wild hog-dog – January ~~25-26 26-27~~ and January ~~27-31 28 through February 1~~.
7. No change.
- (b) through (c) No change.
- (d) General regulations:
 1. through 2. No change.
 3. Airboats, tracked vehicles, all-terrain vehicles and unlicensed and unregistered motorcycles are prohibited. Horses are prohibited during periods open to hunting, except small game season.
 4. through 8. No change.
 9. During the wild hog-dog season, a quota permit allows a hunting group of two persons and a guest as authorized by Rule 68A-15.005, F.A.C., (three individuals total) to participate in the hunt and a daily quota permit allows three hunters to participate in the hunt.
 10. No change.
- (12) Jumper Creek Wildlife Management Area.
 - (a) Open season:
 1. Archery – September ~~14 15~~ through October ~~13 14~~.
 2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~19-21 20-22~~.
 3. General gun – November ~~2-10 3-11~~ and November ~~11 12~~ through December ~~29 30~~.
 4. Small game – December ~~30 31~~ through January ~~19 20~~.
 5. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~8-9 9-10~~.
 6. Spring turkey – March ~~15 16~~ through April ~~20 21~~.
 7. through 8. No change.
 - (b) through (d) No change.
 - (13) Rock Springs Run Wildlife Management Area.
 - (a) Open season:
 1. Archery –September ~~27-29 28-30~~ and October ~~4-6 5-7~~.
 2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~19-21 20-22~~ and ~~25-27 26-28~~.
 3. General gun – November ~~8-10 9-11~~ and ~~15-17 16-18~~.
 4. Small game – November 30 through December 1 1-2, December 7-8 8-9 and January ~~4-5 5-6~~.
 5. No change.
 - (b) through (c) No change.
 - (d) General regulations:
 1. Taking wildlife with handguns is prohibited.
 2. through 8. renumbered 1. through 7. No change.

- (14) Guana River Wildlife Management Area.
 - (a) Open season:
 1. No change.
 2. General gun – November ~~15-17 16-18~~ and ~~22-24 23-25~~.
 3. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~19-21 20-22~~ and ~~25-27 26-28~~.
 4. Archery – October ~~4-6 5-7~~ and ~~11-13 12-14~~.
 5. Small game –November ~~29 30~~ through December ~~1 2~~, December ~~6-8 7-8~~, January ~~3-5 4-6~~, ~~10-12 11-13~~, ~~17-19 18-20~~ and ~~24-26 25-27~~.
 6. Spring turkey – March ~~21-23 22-24~~ and ~~28-30 29-31~~.
 7. through 8. No change.
 - (b) through (c) No change.
 - (d) General regulations:
 1. through 12. No change.
 13. The possession or use of gill nets, trawls, seines, gigs, or spear guns is prohibited in Lake Ponte Vedra, except that gigs may be used to harvest frogs. The use of cast nets or gigs within 50 yards of the water control structure located on the Guana Dam from the Guana Dam to 50 yards north of the dam is prohibited.
 14. through 17. No change.
 - (e) No change.
 - (15) Half Moon Wildlife Management Area.
 - (a) Open season:
 1. Archery – October ~~4-6 5-7~~ and ~~11-13 12-14~~.
 2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~25-27 26-28~~.
 3. General gun – November ~~2-4 3-5~~ and ~~8-10 9-11~~.
 4. Small game – November ~~29 30~~ through December ~~1 2~~, December ~~6-8 7-9~~ and ~~13-15 14-16~~.
 5. Wild hog-still – January ~~10-12 11-13~~, ~~17-19 18-20~~ and ~~24-26 25-27~~.
 6. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~8-9 9-10~~.
 7. Spring turkey – March ~~21-23 22-24~~, ~~28-30 29-31~~ and April ~~4-6 5-7~~.
 8. 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, one inch or more in length, is prohibited. During the archery season, antlerless deer may be taken by antlerless deer permit only. The bag limit for antlered deer shall be one per quota permit. Taking wild hog is prohibited during small game season. During the spring turkey season, the bag limit for turkey shall be one gobbler or bearded turkey per person, but not more than two per quota permit. Only wild hog may be taken during the wild hog-still season.
 - (c) through (d) No change.
 - (16) Caravelle Ranch Wildlife Management Area.
 - (a) Open season:
 1. Archery – September ~~21-29 22-30~~.
 2. Supervised small game – October ~~5-13 6-14~~.

3. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~25-27~~ 26-28.
4. General gun – November ~~9-12~~ 10-13 and ~~13-17~~ 14-18.
5. No change.
6. Small game – November ~~21~~ 22 through January ~~5~~ 6 (Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).
7. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~8-9~~ 9-10 (south of the Cross Florida Barge Canal only).
8. Spring turkey – March ~~15-18~~ 16-19 and ~~19-23~~ 20-24.
9. No change.
 - (b) through (c) No change.
 - (d) General regulations:
 1. through 5. No change.
- ~~6. Persons shall possess a special opportunity dove hunt permit to hunt in posted dove fields.~~
7. through 8. renumbered 6. through 7. No change.
 - (17) Lake George Wildlife Management Area.
 - (a) Open season:
 1. Archery – September ~~14~~ 15 through October ~~13~~ 14.
 2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~25-27~~ 26-28 and November ~~1-3~~ 2-4.
 3. General gun – November ~~9-12~~ 10-13, ~~13-17~~ 14-18 and ~~18-24~~ 19-25.
 4. Small game – November ~~25~~ 26 through March ~~2~~ 3.
 5. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~8-9~~ 9-10.
 6. Spring turkey – March ~~15-18~~ 16-19, ~~27-30~~ 28-31 and April ~~10-13~~ 11-14.
 7. No change.
 - (b) No change.
 - (c) Camping: Camping is allowed year round at the Volusia County Group Camping campsite by permit from Volusia County. On the remainder of the area, camping is allowed only at designated campsites, but only by permit from the St. Johns River Water Management District, except camping is prohibited during general gun season. Camping is prohibited during the general gun season. During the remainder of the year camping is allowed only by permit from the St. Johns River Water Management District.
 - (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 and small game seasons and dogs with a shoulder height of 15 inches or less may be used to hunt rabbit during small game season.
 - (18) Lake George Wildlife Management Area – Dexter/Mary Farms Unit.
 - (a) Open season:
 1. Small game – November ~~23~~ 24 through December ~~8~~ 9 and December ~~21~~ 22 through January ~~5~~ 6.
 2. Special-opportunity spring turkey – March ~~15-21~~ 16-22, March ~~29~~ 30 through April ~~4~~ 5 and April ~~12-18~~ 13-19.
 3. No change.
 4. Archery – September ~~21~~ 22 through October ~~6~~ 7.
 5. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~25-27~~ 26-28.
 6. General gun – November ~~9-17~~ 10-18.
 - (b) through (e) No change.
 - (19) Seminole Forest Wildlife Management Area.
 - (a) Open season:
 1. Archery – September ~~21-24~~ 22-25 and ~~September 25-29~~ 26-30.
 2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~25-27~~ 26-28.
 3. General gun – ~~November 30 through~~ December ~~3~~ 1-4 and ~~December 4-8~~ 5-9.
 4. Small game – January ~~11-26~~ 12-27 (Saturdays and Sundays only).
 5. Spring turkey – March ~~15-19~~ 16-20 and ~~22-26~~ 23-27.
 6. General gun for mobility-impaired – October ~~18-20~~ 19-21.
 7. No change.
 - (b) through (c) No change.
 - (d) General regulations:
 1. through 2. No change.
 3. The use of tracked vehicles, airboats, or all-terrain vehicles is prohibited during periods when hunting is allowed, except that all-terrain vehicles may be used one day prior to and during the general gun for mobility-impaired season but only by persons participating in the mobility-impaired hunt. Vehicle access is allowed only during archery, general gun mobility-impaired, muzzleloading gun, general gun, and spring turkey seasons and one day prior to each of these seasons, except that vehicle access is also allowed during small game season. During periods when the area is closed to hunting, public access is regulated by the Florida Forest Service.
 4. through 8. No change.
 - (20) Triple N Ranch Wildlife Management Area.
 - (a) Open season:
 1. Wild hog-still – January ~~24-26~~ 25-27, ~~January 31 through~~ February ~~2~~ 1-3, ~~February 7-9~~ 8-10 and ~~14-16~~ 15-17.
 2. Special-opportunity deer – October ~~12-18~~ 13-19 and October ~~26~~ 27 through November ~~1~~ 2.
 3. Small game – November ~~23~~ 24 through January ~~19~~ 20.
 4. Special-opportunity spring turkey – March ~~15-21~~ 16-22, March ~~29~~ 30 through April ~~4~~ 5 and April ~~12-18~~ 13-19.
 5. through 6. No change.
 - (b) through (c) No change.
 - (d) General regulations:
 1. through 5. No change.
 6. Only individuals in possession of a special-opportunity permit may have vehicle access to the area on the Saturday and Sunday preceding the hunt and only from sunrise to sunset on those days, except on the Saturday and Sunday preceding each spring turkey hunt, when vehicle access shall be allowed only from 5 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Authorized hunting equipment may be

taken onto the area during these times. During special-opportunity deer, small game and wild hog-still seasons, vehicle access is only allowed from 5 a.m. until 8 p.m., except vehicle access after 8 p.m. is also allowed by hunters camping, but only to directly access campsites. One day prior to each small game and wild hog-still hunt, only individuals participating in the hunt are allowed vehicle access and only from sunrise to sunset. During special-opportunity spring turkey season, vehicle access is only allowed from 4:30 a.m. until 2 p.m., except vehicle access is also allowed after 2 p.m. by hunters camping, but only to directly access campsites.

7. through 8. No change.

(21) Etoniah Creek Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September 21 22 through October 6 7.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October 19-21 20-22 and 25-27 26-28.

3. General gun – November 7-10 8-11, 14-17 15-18 and 21-24 22-25.

4. Small game – November 25 26 through the first weekend in January.

5. Spring turkey – March 15-18 16-19, 21-24 22-25 and March 28-31 29 through April 1.

6. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers. The bag limit for deer shall be one per person, but not more than two per quota permit. During the spring turkey season the bag limit for turkeys shall be one gobbler or bearded turkey per person, but not more than two per quota permit.

(c) through (d) No change.

(22) Little Big Econ Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September 27 28 through October 3 4 and October 4-10 5-11 and 11-19 12-20.

2. Muzzleloading gun – November 1-3 2-4 and 8-10 9-11.

3. General gun – November 15-17 16-18, 22-24 23-25 and November 29 30 through December 1 2.

4. Small game – December 7-22 8-23.

5. Spring turkey – March 15-18 16-19, 20-23 21-24 and 27-30 28-31.

6. No change.

7. Special September duck – In the special September duck season established by Rule 68A-13.003, F.A.C.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. Hunting with dogs is prohibited, except that bird dogs may be used during the small game season and waterfowl retrievers may be used during the special September duck season.

2. Vehicle access is prohibited except persons participating in a hunt are allowed vehicle access during archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun, small game and

spring turkey seasons and one day prior to and one day after each of these seasons. ~~Persons participating in a hunt are also allowed vehicle access during small game season.~~ Vehicles may be operated only on named and numbered roads and must be parked within 25 feet of a named or numbered road.

3. No change.

4. Persons shall enter and exit at a designated entrance, except during the special September duck season, access is also allowed from the Econlockhatchee River and is prohibited from the Winding River Lane designated entrance.

(23) Lake Panasoffkee Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Special-opportunity spring turkey – March 20-23 21-24, April 1-4 2-5 and 17-20 18-21.

2. Special-opportunity archery – September 19-22 20-23, October 1-4 2-5, 10-13 11-14, 22-25 23-26, October 31 through November 3 4-4, November 12-15 13-16, November 28 29 through December 1 2 and December 10-13 11-14.

3. Wild hog-still – January 10-12 11-13.

4. Wild hog-dog – January 22-24 23-25 and February 19-21 20-22.

5. Small game – January 31 through February 2 and February 7-9 1-3 and 8-10.

6. through 7. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. No change.

2. Vehicles may be operated only on named or numbered roads and shall be parked within 25 feet of those roads. Horses and bicycles may be ridden only on named or numbered roads and designated trails.

3. The use of tracked vehicles, all-terrain vehicles and unlicensed and unregistered motorcycles is prohibited. The use of horses is prohibited during wild hog-dog hunts periods open for hunting.

4. through 10. No change.

(24) Ross Prairie Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September 20-22 21-23.

2. Supervised small game – October 12-18 13-19, November 16-22 17-23, December 14-20 15-21 and January 11-17 12-18.

3. Spring turkey – March 21-23 22-24.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game and furbearers. The take of wild hog is prohibited during the supervised small game season. Antlerless deer may not be taken during the archery season. Wild turkey may only be taken during the spring turkey season. The bag limit for deer is one antlered deer per person, but not more than two antlered deer per quota permit. The bag limit for turkey is one bearded turkey or gobbler per person, but not more than two per quota permit.

(c) through (d) No change.

(25) Buck Lake Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~21-29~~ ~~22-30~~ and October ~~5-11~~ ~~6-12~~.
2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~25-27~~ ~~26-28~~.
3. General gun – November ~~9-12~~ ~~10-13~~ and ~~13-17~~ ~~14-18~~.
4. Small game – ~~November 30 through~~ December ~~15~~ ~~1-16~~ and opening the day following the close of wild hog-still season through the last Sunday in January.
5. Spring turkey – March ~~15-18~~ ~~16-19~~ and ~~19-23~~ ~~20-24~~.
6. Wild hog-still – January ~~2-5~~ ~~3-6~~ and ~~16-19~~ ~~17-20~~.
7. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers (except bobcat and otter). During archery season, the bag limit for deer shall be one antlered and one antlerless deer per quota permit. During muzzleloading gun and general gun seasons, the bag limit for deer shall be one antlered deer per person, but not more than two antlered deer per quota permit. ~~The take of wild hog is prohibited during small game season.~~ Only wild hog may be taken during the wild hog-still season. During the spring turkey season, the bag limit shall be one gobbler or bearded turkey per person, but not more than two per quota permit ~~or per exempt hunter.~~

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. No change.
2. Airboats, tracked vehicles, all-terrain vehicles, horses and unlicensed and unregistered motorcycles are prohibited except that horses are allowed on named and numbered roads or designated trails during periods closed to hunting and during small game season.

3. through 4. No change.

5. Vehicle access is prohibited except persons participating in a hunt are allowed vehicle access during archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun, ~~small game,~~ wild hog-still and spring turkey seasons and one day prior to and one day after each of these seasons. ~~Persons participating in a hunt are also allowed vehicle access during small game season.~~ At all other times, public access other than by foot, horseback or bicycle is prohibited.

(26) Fort Drum Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Special-opportunity deer – October ~~26~~ ~~27~~ through November ~~1~~ ~~2~~.
 2. Small game – December ~~7-22~~ ~~8-23~~.
 3. Special-opportunity spring turkey – March ~~15-21~~ ~~16-22~~, March ~~29~~ ~~30~~ through April ~~4~~ ~~5~~ and April ~~12-18~~ ~~13-19~~.
 4. Wild hog-still – October ~~4-6~~ ~~5-7~~, ~~11-13~~ ~~12-14~~ and ~~18-20~~ ~~19-21~~.
 5. No change.
- (b) No change.

(c) Camping: Only tent camping is allowed, and only at designated campsites. During special-opportunity and wild hog-still hunts, only hunters in possession of valid special-opportunity permits or wild hog-still quota permits and their guests may camp; during all other times, camping is by permit only from the St. Johns River Water Management District.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 4. No change.
5. Airboats, tracked vehicles, ~~The use of tracked vehicles, airboats,~~ all-terrain vehicles and unlicensed and unregistered motorcycles ~~are is~~ prohibited. Horses are allowed only on named and numbered roads and designated trails and only during periods closed to hunting and small game season.
6. Horses are allowed only during nonhunting periods and may be ridden only on designated trails.

7. renumbered 6. No change.

(27) ~~Gores Landing Oeklawaha River~~ Wildlife Management Area – ~~Gores Landing Unit.~~

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~21~~ ~~22~~ through October ~~6~~ ~~7~~.
2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~25-27~~ ~~26-28~~.
3. General gun – November ~~9-17~~ ~~10-18~~.
4. Small game – ~~November 30 through~~ December ~~15~~ ~~1-16~~.
5. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~8-9~~ ~~9-10~~.
6. Spring turkey – March ~~15-18~~ ~~16-19~~ and ~~19-23~~ ~~20-24~~.
7. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers. During archery, muzzleloading gun, and general gun seasons, the bag limit for deer shall be one per person, but not more than two per quota permit. The take of wild hog is prohibited during small game season. During the spring turkey season, the bag limit shall be one gobbler or bearded turkey per person, but not more than two per quota permit.

(c) through (d) No change.

(28) Seminole Forest Wildlife Management Area – Lake Tracy Unit.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~19-22~~ ~~20-23~~ and ~~September 26-29~~ ~~27-30~~.
 2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~24-27~~ ~~25-28~~.
 3. General gun – November ~~7-10~~ ~~8-11~~.
 4. Wild hog-still – November ~~15-17~~ ~~16-18~~, December ~~13-15~~ ~~14-16~~ and January ~~10-12~~ ~~11-13~~.
 5. Small game – January ~~3-5~~ ~~4-6~~, ~~17-19~~ ~~18-20~~ and ~~24-26~~ ~~25-27~~.
 6. Spring turkey – March ~~15-17~~ ~~16-18~~ and ~~21-23~~ ~~22-24~~.
 7. No change.
 8. Special September duck – In the special September duck season established by Rule 68A-13.003, F.A.C.
- (b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. Hunting with dogs is prohibited, except 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 4. No change.

(29) Twelve Mile Swamp Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September 14 15 through October 13 14.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October 19-27 20-28.

3. General gun – November 2 3 through the first Sunday in January December 30.

4. Small game – The day following the close of general gun season December 31 through March 2 3.

5. Youth turkey hunt – March 8-9 9-10.

6. Spring turkey – March 15 16 through April 20 21.

7. No change.

8. Trapping – The day following the close of general gun season December 31 through March 1.

(b) through (d) No change.

(30) Upper St. Johns River Marsh Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September 14 15 through October 13 14.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October 19-27 20-28.

3. General gun – November 2 3 through January 12 13.

4. Small game – January 13 14 through March 2 3.

5. Youth turkey hunt – March 8-9 9-10.

6. Spring turkey – March 15 16 through April 20 21.

7. through 9. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, furbearers, fish, and frogs. Antlerless deer may be taken during the period November 23-24 17-18. 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 2 3 through December 29 30.

(c) Camping: Camping is prohibited except from 8 a.m. one day prior to archery season to 6 p.m. seven days after the close of spring turkey season or at other times as authorized by St. Johns River Water Management District. Only tent camping is allowed, and only at designated campsites.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 5. No change.

6. Hunting with dogs is prohibited except bird dogs may be used during the small game, duck and coot seasons, and dogs may be used for wild hog hunting during the first 14 days of the small game season January 16-20.

7. through 10. No change.

(31) Dunns Creek Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September 21 22 through October 6 7 and November 16-24 17-25.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October 26 27 through November 3 4.

4. Spring turkey – March 15-17 16-18, 28-30 29-31 and April 11-13 12-14.3. Wild hog-still – January 18-26 19-27.

5. through 6. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs, and furbearers. During archery season, the bag limit for deer shall be one antlered and one antlerless deer per quota permit. During muzzleloading gun season, the bag limit for deer shall be one antlered deer per person, but not more than two antlered deer per quota permit. Only wild hogs may be taken during the wild hog-still season.

(c) through (d) No change.

(32) Salt Lake Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September 21-29 22-30 and September 30 through October 6 7.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October 25-27 26-28.

3. General gun – November 9-12 10-13 and 13-17 14-18.

4. Small game –December 6-8 7-9, 13-15 14-16; January 3-5 4-6, 10-12 11-13; February 7-9 8-10, 14-16 15-17.

5. Wild hog-dog – January 16-19 17-20.

6. Spring turkey – March 15-18 16-19 and 19-23 20-24.

7. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 2. No change.

3. Airboats, tracked vehicles, all-terrain vehicles and unlicensed and unregistered motorcycles are prohibited. Horses are prohibited during periods when the area is open to hunting, except small game season. Horses and bicycles may be used only on named or numbered trails or roads.

4. through 5. No change.

6. Vehicle access is prohibited except during archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun, small game, wild hog-dog and spring turkey seasons and one day prior to and one day after each of these seasons. ~~Vehicle access is also allowed during small game season.~~ At all other times, public access other than by foot (pedestrian), horseback (equestrian) or bicycle is prohibited.

7. No change.

8. No deer, wild hog or turkey shall be dismembered until checked at a check station, ~~except wild hog during small game season.~~

9. No change.

(33) Matanzas Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September 21-27 22-28, September 28 29 through October 6 7 and October 7-13 8-14.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~25-27~~ ~~26-28~~ and November ~~1-3~~ ~~2-4~~.
3. Family hunt – November ~~9-10~~ ~~10-11~~.
4. General gun – November ~~11-17~~ ~~12-18~~.
5. Wild hog-still – ~~November 30 through~~ December ~~6~~ ~~4-7~~ and ~~December 7-15~~ ~~8-16~~.
6. Small game – January ~~6-21~~ ~~7-22~~.
7. Spring turkey – March ~~15-18~~ ~~16-19~~ and ~~27-30~~ ~~28-31~~ and April ~~3-6~~ ~~4-7~~.
8. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers. Only wild hog may be taken during the wild hog-still season. During the spring turkey season, the bag limit shall be one gobbler or bearded turkey per person, two per quota permit.

(c) through (d) No change.

(34) Lake Monroe.

(a) No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game (except wild turkey may only be taken during archery and spring turkey seasons), furbearers, fish and frogs. Antlerless deer may only be taken during the archery season.

(c) through (d) No change.

(35) Charles H. Bronson Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~27~~ ~~28~~ through October ~~3~~ ~~4~~, October ~~4-10~~ ~~5-11~~ and ~~11-19~~ ~~12-20~~.
2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~25-27~~ ~~26-28~~ and November ~~1-3~~ ~~2-4~~.
3. General gun – November ~~8-10~~ ~~9-11~~, ~~15-17~~ ~~16-18~~ and November ~~29~~ ~~30~~ through December ~~1~~ ~~2~~.
4. Small game – December ~~7-15~~ ~~8-16~~ and January ~~4-10~~ ~~5-11~~.
5. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~8-9~~ ~~9-10~~.
6. Spring turkey – March ~~15-18~~ ~~16-19~~, ~~21-24~~ ~~22-25~~ and March ~~28-31~~ ~~29 through April 1~~.
7. through 8. No change.
- (b) through (c) No change.
- (d) General regulations:

1. No change.

2. Vehicle access is prohibited except persons participating in a hunt are allowed vehicle access during archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun, small game and spring turkey seasons and one day prior to and one day after each of these seasons. ~~Persons participating in a hunt are also allowed vehicle access during small game season.~~ Vehicles may be operated only on named or numbered roads and must be parked within 25 feet of a named or numbered road.

3. through 5. No change.

(36) Marshall Swamp Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~14-20~~ ~~15-21~~, ~~21-27~~ ~~22-28~~, September ~~28~~ ~~29~~ through October ~~4~~ ~~5~~, October ~~5-11~~ ~~6-12~~ and ~~12-20~~ ~~13-21~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – November ~~1-3~~ ~~2-4~~.

3. General gun – November ~~15-17~~ ~~16-18~~, ~~22-24~~ ~~23-25~~ and November ~~29~~ ~~30~~ through December ~~1~~ ~~2~~.

4. No change.

5. Spring turkey – March ~~15-17~~ ~~16-18~~, ~~21-23~~ ~~22-24~~ and March ~~28-30~~ ~~29-31~~.

6. through 7. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers. The bag limit for deer shall be one per person, but not more than two deer per quota permit. During the spring turkey season, the bag limit shall be one gobbler or bearded turkey per person, but not more than two per quota permit.

(c) through (d) No change.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013

Rulemaking Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. Law Implemented Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const., 379.2223, 375.313 FS. History–New6-21-82, 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~~.

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NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE: 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: December 6, 2012

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: January 8, 2013

FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Freshwater Fish and Wildlife

RULE NO.:
68A-17.004

RULE TITLE:
General Regulations Relating to
Wildlife and Environmental Areas

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose of the proposed rule amendment is to better protect natural resources and increase camper satisfaction by allowing the inclusion of permit provisions with camping permits on Wildlife and Environmental Areas that allow camping by permit. The effect of the proposed rule amendment will be to enable the Commission to manage camping opportunities and protect fish, wildlife, historical and natural resources.

SUMMARY: The proposed rule amendment would allow permit conditions to be included as necessary (on areas where camping permits are required by specific area rule) to protect natural and historical resources in campgrounds, minimize conflicts among area users in the campground, maintain public safety, ensure compliance with health department county codes and offer a fair opportunity to obtain a campsite.

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; 379.354, 375.313 FS.

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

DATES AND TIME: During the Commission’s regular meeting February 13-14, 2013, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., each day
PLACE: SeaWorld Park, 7007 SeaWorld Drive, Orlando, FL 32821

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

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

68A-17.004 General Regulations Relating to Wildlife and Environmental Areas.

(1) through (7) No change.

(8) Camping:

(a) No change.

(b) On those areas where Commission camping permits are required by specific area rule, those permits will be issued by the Commission unless denial is either necessary to protect natural and cultural resources in campgrounds, minimize conflicts among area users in the campgrounds, maintain public safety, ensure compliance with health department county codes, and to offer a fair opportunity to obtain a campsite or as appropriate based on Rule 68A-5.004, F.A.C.

(c) Commission camping permit conditions will be included as necessary to protect natural and cultural resources in campgrounds, minimize conflicts among area users in the campgrounds, maintain public safety, ensure compliance with health department county codes, and to offer a fair opportunity to obtain a campsite.

(b) renumbered (d) No change.

(9) through (16) No change.

(17) Fires: All fires are prohibited unless otherwise provided under specific area regulations or permit condition.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: As soon as possible following Commission action.

Rulemaking Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. Law Implemented Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const., 379.354, 375.313 FS. History—New 4-12-98, Amended 12-28-98, Formerly 39-17.004, Amended 7-1-00, 7-1-04, 7-1-05, 7-1-06, 7-29-07, 7-1-08, 7-1-09, 7-1-10, 1-1-11, 3-25-12,_____.

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FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Freshwater Fish and Wildlife

RULE NO.: 68A-17.005
 RULE TITLE: Specific Regulations for Wildlife and Environmental Areas

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

SUMMARY: The proposed rule amendment would adjust season dates to conform to calendar year changes and revise specific area regulations on Wildlife and Environmental Areas (WEAs) as follows:

Southwest Region.

Lake Wales Ridge WEA, Royce Unit – allow persons to enter and exit the area at designated entrances only; allow public access from 1.5 hours before sunrise until 1.5 hours after sunset only; change the bag limit for deer from one antlered deer per quota permit to one antlered deer per person, but no more than two per quota permit during archery and general gun hunts; and change the bag limit for turkey from one gobbler (or bearded turkey) per quota permit to one gobbler (or bearded turkey) per person, but no more than two per quota permit during spring turkey hunts.

North Central Region

Fort White WEA – change the bag limit for deer from one deer per quota permit to one deer per person, but no more than two deer per quota permit during archery season; change the bag limit for turkey from one gobbler or bearded turkey per quota permit to one per person, but no more than two per quota permit during spring turkey season.

Lafayette Forest WEA – change the bag limit for deer from one deer per quota permit to one deer per person, but no more than two deer per quota permit during archery season; change the bag limit for deer from one antlered deer per quota permit to one antlered deer per person, but no more than two per quota permit during muzzleloading gun season; change bag limit for turkey from one gobbler or bearded turkey per quota permit to one per person, but no more than two per quota permit during the spring turkey season.

Suwannee Ridge WEA – allow the harvest of furbearers.

Northwest Region

Apalachicola River WEA – allow camping in designated campgrounds by permit only; and limit camping to 14 consecutive days in the remainder of the area.

L. Kirk Edwards WEA – limit access to the WMA in the area east of Chaires Cross Road to only those authorized to participate in the hunt from ½ hour before sunrise to 1:00pm during spring turkey and youth turkey seasons; change the bag limit for deer from one antlered or one antlerless deer per quota permit to one antlered or one antlerless deer per person, but no more than two per quota permit during archery hunts; and change the bag limit for deer from one antlered deer per quota permit to one antlered deer per person, but no more than two per quota permit during archery/muzzleloading gun hunts.

South Region

John G. and Susan H. Dupuis WEA – move the four 3-day wild hog-still weekend hunts (Friday-Sunday) back to weekdays (Tuesdays-Thursdays); add wild hog as legal to harvest during small game season; and allow small game and wild hog-still hunters to camp at Gate 3.

John C. and Mariana Jones/Hungryland WEA – change the bag limit for deer from one antlered deer per quota permit to one antlered deer per person, two per quota permit.

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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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 ~~20-22~~ ~~21-23~~ and October ~~11-13~~ ~~12-14~~.

b. General gun – November ~~15-17~~ ~~16-18~~.

c. Small game – December ~~6-8~~ ~~7-9~~, ~~20-22~~ ~~21-23~~, January ~~17-19~~ ~~18-20~~ and ~~24-26~~ ~~25-27~~.

d. Wild hog-still – May ~~3-4~~ ~~4-5~~ and ~~10-11~~ ~~11-12~~.

e. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~8-9~~ ~~9-10~~.

f. Spring turkey – March ~~15-17~~ ~~16-18~~ and ~~28-30~~ ~~March 29-31~~.

g. No change.

2. Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs, and furbearers. The bag limit for antlered deer shall be one per person, but not more than two per quota permit. Antlerless deer may be taken by antlerless deer permit only. Only wild hog may be taken during the wild hog-still season. During the spring turkey season, the bag limit for turkey shall be one gobbler (or bearded turkey) per person, but not more than two per quota permit. Turkey of either sex may be taken during the archery season.

3. General regulations:

a. through c. No change.

d. All persons shall enter and exit the area at a designated entrance. During periods when the area is open to hunting, entry or exit at locations other than designated entrances is prohibited.

e. No change.

f. Public access is prohibited from 1.5 hours after sunset until 1.5 hours before sunrise.

(g) through (k) No change.

(2) North Central Region.

(a) Santa Fe Swamp – Bradford County.

1. Open season:

a. Archery – September ~~20-21~~ through October ~~18-19~~.

b. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~19-21~~ ~~20-22~~.

c. Archery and muzzleloading gun – November ~~2-3~~ through December ~~29-30~~.

d. Spring turkey – March ~~15-16~~ through April ~~20-21~~.

e. through f. No change.

2. through 3. No change.

(b) Fort White Mitigation Park – Gilchrist County.

1. Open season:

a. Archery season – October ~~19-23~~ ~~20-24~~, ~~26-30~~ ~~27-31~~ and November ~~9-13~~ ~~10-14~~.

b. Small game – November ~~16-29~~ ~~17-30~~.

c. Youth spring turkey – March ~~8-9~~ ~~9-10~~.

d. Spring turkey – March ~~15-19~~ ~~16-20~~ and ~~22-26~~ ~~23-27~~.

e. through g. No change.

2. Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers.

During the archery season, turkey of either sex may be taken and the bag limit for deer shall be one antlered or one antlerless deer per person, but no more than two deer per quota permit. During the spring turkey season, the bag limit shall be one gobbler or bearded turkey per person, but no more than two per quota permit.

3. No change.

4. General regulations:

a. through c. No change.

d. Motorized vehicular access is prohibited, except in the designated parking areas.

e. through f. No change.

(c) Suwannee Ridge – Hamilton County.

1. Open season:

a. Mobility-impaired general gun – October ~~11-13~~ ~~12-14~~, ~~25-27~~ ~~26-28~~, November ~~1-3~~ ~~2-4~~ and December ~~13-15~~ ~~14-16~~.

b. Mobility-impaired spring turkey – March ~~21-23~~ ~~22-24~~ and April ~~11-13~~ ~~12-14~~.

2. Legal to take: Any deer (except spotted fawn), wild hog, gobbler or bearded turkey (during spring turkey season only), gray squirrel, ~~and~~ rabbit and furbearers. The bag limit shall be two deer or two turkeys per quota permit. Only certified mobility-impaired hunters may take an antlerless deer.

3. General regulations:

a. through b. No change.

c. Vehicles may be operated only from ~~1.5 one and one-half~~ hours before sunrise until ~~1.5 one and one-half~~ hours after sunset, only on named or numbered roads during periods open to hunting and one day prior.

d. through i. No change.

(d) through (e) No change.

(f) Lafayette Forest Wildlife and Environmental Area.

1. Open seasons:

- a. Archery season – September ~~21-25~~ 22-26, September ~~27~~ 28 through October ~~1~~ 2 and October ~~4-8~~ 5-9.
- b. Muzzleloading gun season – October ~~19-21~~ 20-22.
- c. Family hunt – November ~~2-3~~ 3-4 and ~~9-10~~ 10-11.
- d. Wild hog-still – January ~~18-22~~ 19-23 and ~~25-29~~ 26-30.
- e. Youth spring turkey – March ~~8-9~~ 9-10.
- f. Spring turkey – March ~~15-17~~ 16-18 and ~~21-23~~ 22-24.
- g. through i. No change.

2. Legal to take: All legal game, fish and furbearers.

During the archery season, turkey of either sex may be taken and the bag limit for deer shall be one antlered or one antlerless deer per person, but no more than two deer per quota permit. During the family hunt the bag limit shall be one antlered or one antlerless deer per person. During the muzzleloading gun season, the bag limit shall be one antlered deer per person, but no more than two antlered deer per quota permit. During the wild hog-still season, only wild hog may be taken. During the spring turkey season, the bag limit shall be one gobbler or bearded turkey per person, but no more than two per quota permit.

3. General regulations:

- a. No change.
- b. Public access is prohibited from 1.5 hours after sunset until 1.5 hours before sunrise except that persons with a Special Use Authorization from the Suwannee River Water Management District for Mallory Swamp Wildlife Management Area, ~~from the Suwannee River Water Management District~~, may traverse McCalls Chapel Grade.

c. through f. No change.

(g) Watermelon Pond Wildlife and Environmental Area.

1. Open seasons:

- a. Archery season – October ~~12-20~~ 13-21.
- b. Small game – November ~~15-28~~ 16-29 and December ~~13-28~~ 14-29.
- c. through e. No change.

2. Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs, turkey, and furbearers and antlerless deer. During archery season, turkey of either sex may be taken and ~~t~~The bag limit for deer shall be one per person.

3. No change.

(3) Northwest Region.

(a) No change.

(b) Apalachicola River – Gulf, Franklin, and Liberty counties.

1. No change.

2. Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers. Antlerless deer may only be taken during the archery season. Bearded turkey or gobblers may be taken during the spring turkey season and the first 41 days of the general gun season;

turkey of either sex may be taken during the archery and muzzleloading gun seasons. During the first phase of dove season, taking dove in posted dove fields is prohibited except on Saturdays. Wild hog may only be taken during the archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun, archery/muzzleloading gun and wild hog-dog seasons and during the open season for quail ~~gray squirrel~~ established in Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C.

3. Camping: Throughout the year. A permit as provided by 68A-17.004(8)(a) is required if camping within any designated campground. Camping is limited to tents, trailers or self-propelled camping vehicles. In the remainder of the area, camping is limited to 14 consecutive days and prohibited ~~allowed throughout the area, except~~ where posted as no camping and only at designated campsites at Butcher Pen Landing. Camping is limited to tents, trailers or self-propelled camping vehicles. Unless contained in mobile campers, kitchen stoves, refrigerators and freezers are prohibited. Camping more than 14 consecutive days at a time is prohibited in that portion of the area posted as Northwest Florida Water Management District lands.

4. General regulations:

- a. through i. No change.
- j. During the wild hog-dog season, wild hog may be taken 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.

(c) L. Kirk Edwards – Leon County.

1. through 2. No change.

3. Legal to take: All legal game, turkey (during spring turkey season only), fish, frogs and furbearers. During the spring turkey season, the bag limit shall be one gobbler (or bearded turkey) per quota permit. During the archery season the bag limit for deer shall be one antlered or one antlerless deer per person, but not more than two per quota permit. During the family hunt the bag limit for deer shall be one antlered and one antlerless deer per quota permit. During the archery/muzzleloading gun season the bag limit for deer shall be one antlered deer per person, but not more than two per quota permit.

4. General regulations:

- a. through d. No change.
- e. During the youth turkey and spring turkey seasons, access to the area from one-half hour before sunrise to 1 p.m. shall be restricted in the area east of Chaires Cross Road to individuals authorized to participate in the quota hunt.

(4) South Region.

(a) Southern Glades – Dade County.

1. Open season:

a. Archery – August 3 ~~July 28~~ through September 1 ~~August 26~~.

b. Muzzleloading gun – September ~~13-15~~ 7-9.

c. General gun – September ~~21-15~~ through October ~~20-14~~ and November ~~25~~ through December ~~1-19-25~~.

d. Small game – ~~December 2~~ ~~November 10~~ through March ~~2-3~~.

e. through g. No change.

2. through 3. No change.

(b) John G. and Susan H. Dupuis Jr. – Palm Beach and Martin counties.

1. Open season:

a. Archery – September ~~13-15~~ ~~7-9~~, ~~20-22~~ ~~14-16~~ and ~~27-29~~ ~~21-23~~.

b. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~11-13~~ ~~5-7~~, ~~18-20~~ ~~12-14~~ and ~~25-27~~ ~~19-21~~.

c. General gun for mobility-impaired – ~~November 2-3~~ ~~October 27-28~~.

d. General gun – November ~~8-10~~ ~~2-4~~ and ~~15-17~~ ~~9-11~~.

e. Wild hog-still – November ~~19-21~~ ~~16-18~~, ~~November 30~~ ~~through December 2~~, December ~~3-5~~, ~~10-12~~ ~~7-9~~ and ~~17-19~~ ~~14-16~~.

f. Spring turkey – March ~~4-6~~ ~~5-7~~, ~~14-16~~ ~~15-17~~ and ~~21-23~~ ~~22-24~~.

g. Small game – December ~~7~~ ~~8~~ through January ~~26~~ ~~27~~.

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, one inch or more in length, is prohibited. 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 hunt 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. The bag limit for turkey shall be one per quota hunt permit. ~~The take of wild hog is prohibited during small game season.~~ The take of deer is prohibited during the wild hog season.

3. Camping – During the archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun, general gun for mobility-impaired, and spring turkey seasons, only those persons participating in the hunt shall camp on the area and camping is permitted only on the campsite adjacent to Gate 3. Authorized camping equipment may be taken on the area after 8 a.m. one day before each hunt and shall be removed from the area before 5 p.m. one day following each hunt of the archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun, general gun for mobility-impaired, and spring turkey seasons. ~~During Persons hunting during the small game and wild hog-still seasons shall use the Family Use campground on Jim Lake Grade or primitive campsites on the hiking trails. For persons not participating in the hunts and during the remainder of the year, camping is allowed at designated primitive~~

campsites on hiking trails, the Family Use campground on Jim Lake Grade, and at the designated equestrian staging area at Gate 3.

4. No change.

(c) CREW – Collier and Lee Counties.

1. Open season:

a. Archery – August ~~10-18~~ ~~4-12~~.

b. Muzzleloading gun – September ~~7-9~~ ~~1-3~~.

c. General gun – November ~~23~~ ~~through December 1~~ ~~17-25~~.

d. Small game – December ~~7~~ ~~through January 4~~ ~~1-28~~.

e. Spring turkey – March ~~1-4~~ ~~2-5~~ and ~~5-9~~ ~~6-10~~.

f. through g. No change.

2. through 4. No change.

(d) No change.

(e) John C. and Mariana Jones/Hungryland – Palm Beach and Martin Counties.

1. Open season:

a. Archery – September ~~14-17~~ ~~8-11~~, ~~21-24~~ ~~15-18~~, ~~September 28~~ ~~through October 1~~ ~~22-25~~ and ~~October 5-8~~ ~~September 29~~ ~~through October 2~~.

b. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~19-21~~ ~~13-15~~.

c. General gun – ~~November 2-4~~, ~~October 27-29~~, ~~9-11~~ ~~November 3-5~~ and ~~16-18~~ ~~10-12~~.

d. Small game – November ~~23~~ ~~17~~ through December ~~22~~ ~~16~~.

e. Spring turkey – March ~~15-30~~ ~~16-31~~ (Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays only).

f. through g. No change.

2. Legal to take: Deer, gobblers or bearded turkeys (during spring turkey season only), quail, gray squirrel, rabbit, raccoon, opossum, coyote, skunk, fish, frogs and migratory game birds as established by Rules 68A-13.003 and 68A-13.008, F.A.C. The bag limit for deer shall be one per person, two each per quota permit. The taking of antlerless deer is prohibited during the archery season. Taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with three or more points, one inch or more in length, is prohibited.

3. through 4. No change.

(5) No change.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013.

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.

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: 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: December 6, 2012

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: January 8, 2013

FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Freshwater Fish and Wildlife

RULE NO.: 68A-20.005 RULE TITLE: Specific Fish Management Area Regulations

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose and effect of the proposed rule is to (1) repeal the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission regulations for Lake Rachel, Madison County that is being disestablished as a Fish Management Area due to lack of public utilization and (2) establish regulations for a new Fish Management Area that is being established. The set of rules is consistent with similar small, urban Fish Management Areas in Duval County of the North Central Region.

SUMMARY: Lake Rachel is a 100 acre lake on private property in Madison County, made available for public fishing via Lease Agreement. Due to small size, low fishery productivity and limited strategies available to provide or improve quality of fishing experiences, the Fish Management Area is being disestablished. Aquatic vegetation control efforts which were successful and did allow navigation did not increase angler utilization or quality of fishing.

Baymeadows is a 15 acres lake in Duval County that will be incorporated into the FWC North Central Region system of Fish Management Areas. The set of rules will provide the best quality fishing experience in the newly established Fish Management Area and is consistent with similar Fish Management Areas in Duval County and in agreement with Landowner’s request (City of Jacksonville).

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 DATES, TIME AND PLACE SHOWN BELOW:

DATES AND TIME: During the Commission’s regular meeting February 13-14, 2013, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. each day

PLACE: SeaWorld Park, 7007 SeaWorld Drive, Orlando, FL 32821

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: Tom Champeau, Director, Division of Freshwater Fisheries Management, Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, 620 South Meridian Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1600

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

68A-20.005 Specific Fish Management Area Regulations.

(1) No change.

(2) North Central Region:

(a) through (j) No change.

~~(k) Lake Rachel, Madison County:~~

~~1. The use of boats propelled by gasoline motors is prohibited.~~

~~2. No person shall kill or possess any black bass.~~

~~3. Taking of fish or wildlife with firearms is prohibited.~~

(l) through (s) renumbered (k) through (r) No change.

(s) Baymeadows, Duval County.

1. Swimming, taking of fish or wildlife with firearms, possession of alcoholic beverages or use of cast nets is prohibited.

2. The use of boats propelled by a gasoline motor is prohibited.

3. No person shall kill or possess any black bass less than 16 inches in total length.

4. No person shall take in any one day more than 20 panfish, in the aggregate.

5. Access prohibited from 30 minutes after sunset until 30 minutes before sunrise.

(3) through (5) No change.

Rulemaking Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. Law Implemented Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. History—New 8-1-79, Amended 2-19-80, 5-19-80, 6-4-81, 9-28-81, 6-21-82, 7-1-83, 11-17-83, 7-1-84, 7-1-85, Formerly 39-20.05, Amended 2-27-86, 6-1-86, 5-10-87, 4-13-88, 7-1-89, 7-1-90, 4-11-91, 7-1-91, 7-2-92, 8-23-92, 4-20-93, 7-1-94, 8-15-95, 10-23-95, 4-1-96, 2-16-97, 6-1-97, 6-29-97, 1-1-98, 7-1-98, 11-2-98, Formerly 39-20.005, Amended 4-30-00, 7-1-00, 10-10-00, 4-1-01, 7-1-01, 10-9-01, 7-1-02, 1-1-03, 7-1-03, 1-1-04, 7-1-04, 7-17-05, 7-1-06, 4-1-07, 7-1-08, 7-1-10, 2-8-11, 3-25-12, 7-1-12, _____.

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NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE: Tom Champeau, Director, Division of Freshwater Fisheries Management

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

DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: December 5, 2012

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: January 8, 2013

FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Marine Fisheries

RULE NO.: 68B-14.0039 RULE TITLE: Recreational Grouper Seasons

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The Commission is considering changes to state regulations that would set the recreational harvest season for gag grouper all waters of Franklin, Wakulla, Jefferson, and Taylor counties, including Indian Pass, Apalachicola Bay, and the Steinhatchee River (Big Bend region) to be April 1 through June 30 and modify the recreational harvest season for gag grouper in all other state

waters of the Gulf of Mexico, excluding Monroe County, to begin July 1 and end when the recreational harvest season in Gulf of Mexico federal waters ends. The purpose of this rule is to achieve consistency between the Commission’s gag grouper harvest season regulations in most state waters of the Gulf of Mexico and regulations in Gulf federal waters, while accommodating the economic and social needs of recreational harvesters in the Big Bend region of Florida.

The effect of these rule amendments is to balance the economic and social needs of the Big Bend region with the conservation needs of gag grouper in the Gulf of Mexico. The April through June season for the Big Bend region will provide fishing opportunities for private recreational anglers when gag grouper are closer to shore and can be safely accessed by smaller boats. Overall fishing effort for gag grouper is low in these counties, because it is the least densely populated region of Florida’s Gulf Coast, so this season is not expected to disrupt rebuilding of the Gulf gag grouper stock. In the remainder of Gulf state waters, excluding Monroe County, the proposed season would match the season in adjacent federal waters, which will allow federal and state rules to be consistently applied in these areas, and provide the maximum number of recreational fishing days for gag grouper in EEZ and adjacent state waters allowed under the federal rebuilding plan for this species.

SUMMARY: The proposed final rule would modify the recreational harvest season for gag grouper in all state waters of the Gulf of Mexico, excluding Monroe, Franklin, Wakulla, Jefferson, and Taylor counties, Indian Pass, Apalachicola Bay, and the Steinhatchee River, to begin July 1 and end when the Gulf federal season ends. The proposed final rule would also set the recreational harvest season for gag grouper all waters of Franklin, Wakulla, Jefferson, and Taylor counties, including Indian Pass, Apalachicola Bay, and the Steinhatchee River to be April 1 through June 30.

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.

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THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Jessica McCawley, Director, Division of Marine Fisheries Management, 2590 Executive Center Circle East, Suite 201, Tallahassee, Florida 32301, and (850)487-0554

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

68B-14.0039 Recreational Grouper Seasons.

(1) No change.

(2)(a) In all state waters of the Gulf of Mexico, except in all waters of Monroe County and the waters described in paragraph (b), the season for the recreational harvest and possession of gag grouper shall be from July 1 ~~through October 31~~ until the date recreational harvest of gag grouper is closed in adjacent federal Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) waters each year ~~(consistent with the Federal Standard established in vol. 77 of the Fed. Reg. page 6988)~~. Except for persons harvesting gag grouper for commercial purposes pursuant to Rule 68B-14.0045, F.A.C., from ~~November 1~~ the date adjacent federal EEZ waters are closed to recreational harvest of gag grouper through June 30, no person shall harvest in or from state waters of the Gulf of Mexico, except in all waters of Monroe County, nor possess while in or on state waters of the Gulf of Mexico, except in all waters of Monroe County, any gag grouper.

(b) In all waters of Franklin, Wakulla, Jefferson, and Taylor counties, including Indian Pass, Apalachicola Bay, and the Steinhatchee River the season for the recreational harvest and possession of gag grouper shall be from April 1 through June 30. Recreational harvest of gag grouper is prohibited in these counties July 1 through March 31. This area is further described:

Commencing at the edge of the Gulf of Mexico at Indian Pass at 85 degrees 13.76 minutes west longitude and 29 degrees 40.71 minutes north latitude; thence in a southerly direction to the limit of state jurisdictional waters of the Gulf of Mexico at 85 degrees 13.71 minutes west longitude and 29 degrees 30.32 minutes north latitude; thence in an easterly direction along the southern limit of state jurisdictional waters to the southeast corner of the closed area at 83 degrees 34.52 minutes west longitude and 29 degrees 31.62 minutes north latitude; thence in a northeasterly direction along the Taylor-Dixie county waters boundary to the opening of the Steinhatchee River, thence in a northeasterly direction to the eastern shore at the mouth of the Steinhatchee River at 83 degrees 24.53 minutes west longitude and 29 degrees 40.03 minutes north latitude and including all waters of the Steinhatchee River.

State jurisdictional waters are depicted on official NOAA charts as the “9-Nautical Mile Natural Resources Boundary Line” and commonly referred to as the nine mile line (see NOAA chart numbers 11401, 11405, and 11407, and “Note X” on these charts).

(3) No change.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: March 31, 2013.

Rulemaking Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. Law Implemented Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. History–New 1-6-09, Amended 8-27-09, 1-19-10, 6-17-11, 3-23-12, 3-31-13.

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NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE: Jessica McCawley, Director, Division of Marine Fisheries Management, 2590 Executive Center Circle East, Suite 201, Tallahassee, Florida 32301, (850)487-0554

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

DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: December 5, 2012

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: December 28, 2012

Section III
Notices of Changes, Corrections and
Withdrawals

NONE

Section IV
Emergency Rules

NONE

Section V
Petitions and Dispositions Regarding Rule
Variance or Waiver

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

Division of Hotels and Restaurants

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

61C-4.010: Sanitation and Safety Requirements

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on January 8, 2013, the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation, Division of Hotels and Restaurants, received a petition for an Emergency Variance for Subparagraph 61C-1.004(2)(a), Florida Administrative Code, Paragraph 61C-4.010(7), Florida Administrative Code, Paragraph 61C-4.010(6), Florida Administrative Code, and Section 6-402.11, 2001 FDA Food Code from Raymond Floyd Course at the Palm Beach Par 3 located in Palm Beach. The above referenced F.A.C. addresses the requirement that at least one accessible bathroom on the same level be provided for use by customers and employees. They are requesting to utilize public bathrooms located on a different level.

The Division of Hotels and Restaurants will accept comments concerning the Petition for 5 days from the date of publication of this notice. To be considered, comments must be received on or before 5:00 p.m.

A copy of the Petition for Variance or Waiver may be obtained by contacting: Lydia.Gonzalez@dbpr.state.fl.us; Division of Hotels and Restaurants, 1940 North Monroe Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1011.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Office of the Secretary

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

62S-2.075: Grant Administration

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on January 2, 2013, the State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection, received a petition for variance under Section 120.542, Florida

Statutes, from subsection 62S-2.075(2), Florida Administrative Code, which provides that a grantee under the Recreational Trails Program may not proceed with construction of an approved project prior to final Class of Action Determination and Department approval of the commencement documentation. The petition was filed by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, whose address is 407 South Calhoun Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0800, and has been assigned OGC File No. 13-0007.

Comments concerning the petition should be submitted to: State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Recreation and Parks, Office of Greenways and Trails, 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station 795, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000, Attention: Alexandra Weiss. Comments must be received no later than 14 days from the date of publication of this notice.

A copy of the Petition for Variance or Waiver may be obtained by contacting: Alexandra Weiss, Office of Greenways and Trails, Division of Recreation and Parks, State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection, 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, MS 795, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000. Ms. Weiss may also be contacted by telephone at (850) 245-2052 or by email to Alexandra.Weiss@dep.state.fl.us.

Section VI
Notices of Meetings, Workshops and Public
Hearings

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

The Florida Transportation Commission announces public meetings to which all persons are invited.

DATES AND TIMES: Joint Meeting TEAMFL/*FTC: January 24, 2013, 8:00 a.m. – until conclusion of business; January 25, 2013, 8:00 a.m. – until conclusion of business.

PLACE: Hyatt Regency Orlando International Airport, 9300 Airport Blvd., Orlando, FL 32837

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: *FTC Meeting/ Workshop-January 24, 2013, 2:00 p.m. - until conclusion of business. Orly/Gatwick Meeting Room.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Florida Transportation Commission, (850) 414-4105.

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: Florida Transportation Commission, (850)414-4105. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, (800)955-8771 (TDD) or (800) 955-8770 (voice).

For more information, you may contact: Florida Transportation Commission, 605 Suwannee Street, MS 9, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0450 or (850)414-4105.

STATE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION

The State Board of Administration of Florida (SBA) announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: January 23, 2013, 9:00 a.m. (ET) to conclusion of the meeting.

PLACE: Cabinet Meeting Room, Lower Level, The Capitol, Tallahassee, Florida.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: This is a meeting of the Trustees of the SBA to address and take action on the need for additional liquidity of the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund and to request that the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund Finance Corporation, pursuant to Section 215.555, F.S., engage in financial transactions to provide sufficient funds to achieve the purposes of Section 215.555, F.S. Pursuant to Section 627.0628(2)(d), F.S., the Trustees of the SBA will appoint a Chair to the Florida Commission on Hurricane Loss Projection Methodology. In addition, authorization will be requested by the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund to file a Notice of Proposed Rule for Rule 19-8.029, F.A.C., Insurer Reporting Requirements, and Rule 19-8.030, F.A.C., Insurer Responsibilities, and to authorize filing these two rules for adoption if no member of the public timely requests a rule hearing. Other general business may also be addressed.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Not available.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 7 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Tracy Allen, Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund, at (850)413-1341 or tracy.allen@sbafla.com. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, (800)955-8771 (TDD) or (800)955-8770 (voice).

For more information, you may contact: Tracy Allen at the number or email listed above.

STATE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION

The State Board of Administration of Florida (SBA) announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: January 23, 2013, immediately following the conclusion of the meeting of the Governor and Cabinet. The Cabinet meeting begins at 9:00 a.m. (ET).

PLACE: Cabinet Meeting Room, Lower Level, The Capitol, Tallahassee, Florida.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: This is a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund Finance Corporation, a public benefits corporation created under Section 215.555(6)(d), F.S., to provide authorization for the Corporation to engage in financial transactions to provide sufficient funds to achieve the purposes of Section 215.555, F.S. In addition, other general business may be addressed.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Not available.

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For more information, you may contact: Tracy Allen at the number or email listed above.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

The Governor's Commission on Jobs for Floridians with Disabilities – Employer Outreach Subcommittee announces a telephone conference call to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: January 18, 2013, 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: Conference call: (888)670-3525; conference code: 2788708683.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: To discuss general business of the Governor's Commission on Jobs for Floridians with Disabilities pursuant to Executive Order 11-161.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: David Darm at (850)717-9433 or David.Darm@laspbs.state.fl.us.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 3 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: David Darm at (850)717-9433 or David.Darm@laspbs.state.fl.us. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, (800)955-8771 (TDD) or (800)955-8770 (voice).

For more information, you may contact: David Darm at (850)717-9433 or David.Darm@laspbs.state.fl.us.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Division of Emergency Management

The State Emergency Response Commission for Hazardous Materials (SERC) announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: January 25, 2013, 10:00 a.m.
 PLACE: Daytona Beach Ocean Center, Room 102A, 101 North Atlantic Avenue, Daytona Beach, FL 32118.
 GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: To discuss the requirements of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know Act, also known as Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986.
 A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Division of Emergency Management, State Emergency Response Commission for Hazardous Materials, Capital Circle Office Center, Sadowski Building, 2555 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, FL 32399-2100, (850)413-9970.
 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: Division of Emergency Management at (850)413-9970. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, (800)955-8771 (TDD) or (800) 955-8770 (voice).

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

The Florida Transportation Commission announces public meetings to which all persons are invited.
 DATES AND TIMES: Joint Meeting TEAMFL/*FTC: January 24, 2013 8:00 a.m. until conclusion of business; January 25, 2013, 8:00 a.m. until conclusion of business.
 PLACE: Hyatt Regency Orlando International Airport, 9300 Airport Blvd., Orlando, FL 32837.
 GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: *FTC Meeting/ Workshop-January 24,2013, 2pm- until conclusion of business. Orly/Gatwick Meeting Room.
 A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Florida Transportation Commission (850)414-4105.
 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: Florida Transportation Commission, (850)414-4105. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, (800)955-8771 (TDD) or (800)955-8770 (voice).
 For more information, you may contact: Florida Transportation Commission, 605 Suwannee Street, MS 9, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0450 or (850)414-4105.

REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCILS

Withlacoochee Regional Planning Council
 The District 5 Local Emergency Planning Committee announces public meetings to which all persons are invited.

DATES AND TIMES: Training Subcommittee, Wednesday, February 6, 2013, 9:30 a.m.; Local Emergency Planning Committee, Wednesday, February 6, 2013, 10:30 a.m.
 PLACE: Withlacoochee Regional Planning Council, 1241 SW 10th Street, Ocala, FL 34471-0323.
 GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Chairman report, Committee updates, and other organizational matters regarding the committees.
 A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting Michael Arnold, (352)732-1315, ext. 228.
 If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing, he/she will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence from which the appeal is to be issued.

REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCILS

Central Florida Regional Planning Council
 The Central Florida Regional Planning Council announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.
 DATE AND TIME: January 30, 2013, 9:30 a.m.
 PLACE: Sebring Civic Center, 355 West Center Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870.
 GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: A Heartland 2060 Leadership Team Meeting.
 A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Shannon Brett, Program Manager, (863)534-7130, ext. 132 or sbrett@cfrpc.org.
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DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

The Department of Corrections announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.
 DATE AND TIME: Thursday, January 31, 2013, 10:30 a.m.
 PLACE: Reception and Medical Center, Warden's Conference Room, 7765 South, C.R. 231, Lake Butler, FL 32054.
 GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Regular Quarterly meeting of the RMC Hospital Governing Body.
 A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Tiffany Roseke, (386)496-6908.

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 3 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Tiffany Roseke, (386)496-6908. If you are hearing

or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, (800)955-8771 (TDD) or (800)955-8770 (voice).

For more information, you may contact: Tiffany Roseke, (386)496-6908.

METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS

The Florida Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council (MPOAC) announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Thursday, January 24, 2013. Staff Director's Advisory Committee, 12:00 Noon – 3:00 p.m., and the Governing Board, 3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

PLACE: 5555 Hazeltine National Drive, Orlando, Florida.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:

Activities related to transportation planning within and adjacent to metropolitan areas in Florida carried out by local, state and federal agencies.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Brigitte Messina to brigitte.messina@mpoac.org or by phone (850)414-4037.

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: Brigitte Messina to brigitte.messina@mpoac.org or by phone (850)414-4037. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, (800)955-8771 (TDD) or (800)955-8770 (voice).

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For more information, you may contact: Brigitte Messina to brigitte.messina@mpoac.org or by phone (850)414-4037.

WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS

St. Johns River Water Management District

The St. Johns River Water Management District announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: January 30, 2013, 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: Tanner Hall, 29 West Garden Avenue, Winter Garden, FL 34787.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:

Project updates associated with the 2012 Lake Apopka Restoration Legislative Appropriation. More than one St. Johns River Water Management District Governing Board member may be in attendance at this public meeting.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Marji Hightower, 4049 Reid Street, Palatka, FL 32177, (386)329-4435 or mhightower@sjrwmd.com.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 48 hours before the workshop/meeting by contacting: District Clerk at (386)329-4500. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, (800)955-8771 (TDD) or (800)955-8770 (voice).

For more information, you may contact: Marji Hightower, (386) 329-4435 or mhightower@sjrwmd.com.

WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS

Southwest Florida Water Management District

The Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Friday, January 18, 2013, 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: SWFWMD Tampa Service Office, 7601 US Highway 301 North, Tampa, FL 33637.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: SWFWMD Governing Board Flying Eagle Evaluation Committee Meeting: Review, evaluation and ranking of proposals for the management and operation of the Flying Eagle Nature Center. All or part of this meeting may be conducted by means of communications media technology in order to permit maximum participation of Committee members.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: WaterMatters.org – Boards, Meetings & Event Calendar; (800)423-1476 (FL only) or (352)796-7211.

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: SWFWMD Human Resources Bureau Chief at (800) 423-1476 (FL only) or (352)796-7211, x4702; TDD (FL only) (800)231-6103 or email to ADACoordinator@swfwmd.state.fl.us. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, (800)955-8771 (TDD) or (800)955-8770 (voice).

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For more information, you may contact: Ellen.Cuarta@watermatters.org; (800)423-1476 (FL only), or (352)796-7211, x4132 (Ad Order EXE0239).

WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS

Southwest Florida Water Management District

The Southwest Florida Water Management District announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Monday, January 28, 2012, 2:00 p.m.

PLACE: Lecanto Government Building, 3600 West Sovereign Path, Room 166, Lecanto, Florida 34461.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Discussion of task force business for the Citrus County Task Force of the Citrus/Hernando Waterways Restoration Council.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: The Southwest Florida Water Management District, 2379 Broad Street, Brooksville, Florida 34604, (352) 796-7211 or (800) 423-1476 (Florida only), extension 4378 or online at www.watermatters.org/waterways.

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: (352)796-7211 or (800)423-1476 (Florida only), extension 4702; TDD (Florida only) (800)231-6103; or email to ADACoordinator@swfwmd.state.fl.us. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, (800)955-8771 (TDD) or (800)955-8770 (voice).

WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS

South Florida Water Management District

The South Florida Water Management District announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: January 24, 2013, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon, Lower West Coast Modeling Project Kick-Off Meeting (Bonita Springs).

PLACE: City Hall Council Chambers, City of Bonita Springs, 9101 Bonita Beach Road, Bonita Springs, FL 34135

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Hydrostratigraphy and Modeling Data for the Lower West Coast Surficial and Intermediate Aquifer System.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Laura Kuebler, (561)682-2815, lkuebler@sfwmd.gov.

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 District Clerk's Office, (561)682-2087. If you

are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, (800)955-8771 (TDD) or (800)955-8770 (voice).

For more information, you may contact: Laura Kuebler, (561)682-2815, lkuebler@sfwmd.gov.

DEPARTMENT OF ELDER AFFAIRS

Division of Volunteer and Community Services

The Department of Elder Affairs Communities for a Lifetime announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Friday, February 22, 2013, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

PLACE: University of West Florida, 11000 University Parkway, Pensacola, FL 32514

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: This forum will provide opportunities to discuss initiatives already underway in Florida and the benefits that aging in place options offer for job and economic growth. Developers, contractors, city and county planners, local officials, and consumers will hear about national and state trends on aging and why they should prepare for Florida's population shift.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Janine Harris, Department of Elder Affairs, 4040 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee, FL 32399-7000; by phone at (850)414-2373, or via email at harrisj@elderaffairs.org.

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 72 hours before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Janine Harris, Department of Elder Affairs, 4040 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee, FL 32399-7000; by phone at (850)414-2373 or via email at harrisj@elderaffairs.org. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, (800)955-8771 (TDD) or (800)955-8770 (voice).

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AGENCY FOR HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION

Medicaid

The Agency for Health Care Administration announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: January 31, 2013, 3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

PLACE: 2727 Mahan Drive, Building 3, Conference Room B, Tallahassee, FL 32308. Toll free conference call number (888) 670 3525, conference code 1343161070, then #.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Enhanced Benefits Panel will discuss issues related to the technical aspects of the Enhanced Benefits program, under Medicaid Reform.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Aldria White, Agency for Health Care Administration, 2727Mahan Drive, Building 1, Tallahassee, FL 32308, (850)412-3447, or aldria.white@ahca.myflorida.com.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 7 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Aldria White at the phone number or e-mail address given above. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, (800)955-8771 (TDD) or (800)955-8770 (voice).

For more information, you may contact: Aldria White, Agency for Health Care Administration, 2727Mahan Drive, Building 1, Tallahassee, FL 32308; (850)412-3447 or aldria.white@ahca.myflorida.com.

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

Board of Veterinary Medicine

The Board of Veterinary Medicine announces a telephone conference call to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: February 1, 2013, 11:00 a.m.

PLACE: Access phone: (888)670-3525, conference code 3086756820.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: To conduct a rules workshop to consider Rule 61G18-15.007, Florida Administrative Code, regarding limited service medical practices.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Board of Veterinary Medicine, 1940 North Monroe Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399; (850) 717-1399.

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: Board of Veterinary Medicine, 1940 North Monroe Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399; (850)717-1399. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, (800)955-8771 (TDD) or (800)955-8770 (voice).

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For more information, you may contact: Board of Veterinary Medicine, 1940 North Monroe Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399; (850)717-1399.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

The Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Assessment and Restoration Support, announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, January 23, 2013, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

PLACE: Webinar: <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/889510378>

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: This is a meeting of the Florida Water Resources Monitoring Council Monitoring Catalog Workgroup to discuss the next steps for the monitoring catalog effort.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Ms. Stephanie Sunderman, Watershed Monitoring Section, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, 2600 Blair Stone Road, MS #3525, Tallahassee, Florida 32399, e-mail: Stephanie.Sunderman@dep.state.fl.us.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 5 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Ms. Stephanie Sunderman at (850)245-8478 or Stephanie.Sunderman@dep.state.fl.us. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, (800)955-8771 (TDD) or (800)955-8770 (voice).

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

The Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Assessment and Restoration Support, announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, February 6, 2013, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

PLACE: Webinar: <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/517386066>

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: This is a meeting of the Florida Water Resources Monitoring Council Salinity Network Workgroup to discuss development of indices for groundwater levels and groundwater quality.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Ms. Stephanie Sunderman, Watershed Monitoring Section, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, 2600 Blair Stone Road, MS #3525, Tallahassee, Florida 32399, e-mail: Stephanie.Sunderman@dep.state.fl.us.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

The Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Assessment and Restoration Support, announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, February 12, 2013, 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

PLACE: Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Bob Martinez Center, Room 609, 2600 Blair Stone Rd, Tallahassee, Florida.

The meeting can also be accessed via GoToWebinar at: <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/202878954> (for 2/12/2013 session).

DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, February 13, 2012, 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

PLACE: Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Bob Martinez Center, Room 609, 2600 Blair Stone Rd., Tallahassee, Florida.

The meeting can also be accessed via GoToWebinar at: <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/406011346> (for 2/13/2013 session).

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:

This is a meeting of the Statewide Florida Water Resources Monitoring Council (FWRMC) to discuss the workgroups' tasks: coordinate a groundwater salinity network, gather information for the monitoring catalog effort, develop a coastal monitoring network, and coordinate Regional Councils to increase opportunities for local monitoring entities to participate in the FWRMC.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Ms. Stephanie Sunderman, Watershed Monitoring Section, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, 2600 Blair Stone Road, MS #3525, Tallahassee, Florida 32399, e-mail: Stephanie.Sunderman@dep.state.fl.us.

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speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, (800)955-8771 (TDD) or (800)955-8770 (voice).

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Board of Dentistry

The Board of Dentistry, Teaching Permit Committee announces a telephone conference call to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: January 22, 2013, 6:00 p.m.

PLACE: (888)670-3525; when prompted, enter pass code 5805370981.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: To review current and proposed rules.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Sue Foster, Executive Director, Department of Health, Board of Dentistry, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, BIN #C08, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3258. If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, he/she will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be made. Those who are hearing impaired, using TDD equipment can call the Florida Telephone Relay System at (800)955-8771. Persons requiring special accommodations due to disability or physical impairment should contact Sue Foster at (850)245-4474.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Board of Hearing Aid Specialists

The Board of Hearing Aid Specialists announces a telephone conference call to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: February 6, 2013, 9:30 a.m.

PLACE: (888)670-3525; when prompted, enter pass code 5805370981.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Probable Cause Panel with Reconsiderations.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Sue Foster, Executive Director, Department of Health, Board of Hearing Aid Specialists, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, BIN #C08, Tallahassee, FL 32399-3258. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, he/she will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be made. Those who are hearing impaired, using TDD equipment can call the Florida Telephone Relay System at

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FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**Freshwater Fish and Wildlife**

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: January 29, 2013, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

PLACE: Jackson County Agricultural Conference Center, 2741 Pennsylvania Avenue, Marianna, FL 32448

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The purpose of these public meetings is to review the Commission's plans for Deer Management Units (DMUs). The focus of these meetings will be the proposed DMUs in the Florida Panhandle (Zone D for FWC). The meeting will begin with a presentation by commission employees to explain the purposes of the proposed Deer Management Units. The remainder of the meeting will allow attendees to share their questions and comments about this proposal. Comments will be considered and utilized to refine the plans for deer management in Florida.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Cory Morea at 620 S. Meridian, Tallahassee, FL 32399, (850)617-9487.

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For more information, you may contact: Cory Morea at (850)617-9487.

FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**Freshwater Fish and Wildlife**

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: January 30, 2013, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

PLACE: Burns Building Auditorium, Florida Department of Transportation, 605 Suwannee Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0450

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The purpose of these public meetings is to review the Commission's plans for Deer Management Units (DMUs). The focus of these meetings will be the proposed DMUs in the Florida Panhandle (Zone D for FWC). The meeting will begin with a presentation by commission employees to explain the

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FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**Freshwater Fish and Wildlife**

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DATE AND TIME: January 31, 2013, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

PLACE: University of West Florida, Commons Auditorium, 11000 University Parkway, Pensacola, FL 32514.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The purpose of these public meetings is to review the Commission's plans for Deer Management Units (DMUs). The focus of these meetings will be the proposed DMUs in the Florida Panhandle (Zone D for FWC). The meeting will begin with a presentation by commission employees to explain the purposes of the proposed Deer Management Units. The remainder of the meeting will allow attendees to share their questions and comments about this proposal. Comments will be considered and utilized to refine the plans for deer management in Florida.

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FINANCIAL SERVICES COMMISSION

OIR – Insurance Regulation

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

69O-176.013: Notification of Insured's Rights and Standard Disclosure Form; Personal Injury Protection Benefits.

The Office of Insurance Regulation announces a hearing to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: February 7, 2013, during a regular meeting of the Financial Services Commission.

PLACE: Cabinet Meeting Room, Lower Level, The Capitol, Tallahassee, Florida.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: This is the Final Public Hearing on the adoption of proposed amendments to Rule 69O-176.013, Florida Administrative Code, published on November 16, 2012 in Vol. 38, No. 73, of the Florida Administrative Register.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: The Governor and Cabinet Website at <http://www.myflorida.com/myflorida/cabinet/mart.html>.

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: Michelle Brewer, Michelle.Brewer@flor.com. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, (800)955-8771 (TDD) or (800) 955-8770 (voice).

For more information, you may contact: Michelle Brewer at Michelle.Brewer@flor.com.

FINANCIAL SERVICES COMMISSION

OIR – Insurance Regulation

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

69O-170.0155: Forms

The Office of Insurance Regulation announces a hearing to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: February 7, 2013, during a regular meeting of the Financial Services Commission.

PLACE: Cabinet Meeting Room, Lower Level, The Capitol, Tallahassee, Florida.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: This is the Final Public Hearing on the adoption of proposed amendments to Rule 69O-170.0155, Florida Administrative Code, published on November 15, 2012 in Vol. 38, No. 72, of the Florida Administrative Register.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: The Governor and Cabinet Website at <http://www.myflorida.com/myflorida/cabinet/mart.html>.

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For more information, you may contact: Michelle Brewer, Michelle.Brewer@flor.com.

FINANCIAL SERVICES COMMISSION

OIR – Insurance Regulation

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

69O-149.003: Rate Filing Procedures

The Office of Insurance Regulation announces a hearing to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: February 7, 2013, 9:00 a.m., during a regular meeting of the Financial Services Commission.

PLACE: Cabinet Meeting Room, Lower Level, The Capitol, Tallahassee, Florida.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: This is the Final Public Hearing on the adoption of proposed amendments to Rule 69O-149.003, Florida Administrative Code, published on July 20, 2012 in Vol. 38, No. 29, of the Florida Administrative Register. One notice of change was published on December 26, 2012 in Vol. 38, No. 97 of the Register.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: The Governor and Cabinet Website at <http://www.myflorida.com/myflorida/cabinet/mart.html>.

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: Tom Zutell, Tom.Zutell@flor.com. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, (800)955-8771 (TDD) or (800)955-8770 (voice).

For more information, you may contact: Tom Zutell, Tom.Zutell@flor.com.

FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF COURT CLERKS

The Florida Local Government Investment Trust announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: January 2, 2013, 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

PLACE: Renaissance Orlando Airport Hotel located at 5445 Forbes Place, Orlando, Florida 32812.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: General Administrative Operations, including the 2011-2012 Audit.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Bryant Gries at bgries@flclerks.com or (850) 921-0808.

For more information, you may contact: Bryant Gries at bgries@flclerks.com or (850)921-0808.

GULF CONSORTIUM

The Gulf Consortium announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: January 18, 2013, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. (ET)

PLACE: Weedon Island Preserve Cultural and Natural History Center, 1800 Weedon Drive NE, St. Petersburg, Florida 33702

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Gulf Consortium will consider the election of certain officers, a process for the appointment of other officers, and other matters.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Doug Darling at DDarling@fl-counties.com or (850)922-4300.

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For more information, you may contact: Doug Darling, DDarling@fl-counties.com or (850)922-4300.

MOFFITT CANCER CENTER & RESEARCH INSTITUTE

The H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center & Research Institute, Inc. announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: January 22, 2013, 1:00 p.m.

PLACE: Stabile Trustees Boardroom, 12902 Magnolia Drive, Tampa, Florida.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: To conduct the general business of the Joint Finance and Planning Committee.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Kris Butler, Moffitt Cancer Center, 12902 Magnolia Drive, Tampa, Florida 33612.

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 24 hours before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Kris Butler, (813)745-1888. If you are hearing or

speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, (800)955-8771 (TDD) or (800)955-8770 (voice).

OTHER AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

The Study Committee on Investor-Owned Water and Wastewater Utility Systems

The Study Committee on Investor-Owned Water and Wastewater Utility Systems announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Friday, January 25, 2013, 9:00 a.m. – until adjourned.

PLACE: Southwest Florida Water Management District Tampa Service Office Board Room, 7601 US Highway 301 North, Tampa, Florida 33637-6759.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Discussion by the Committee of topics and issues which are to be studied by the Committee. Please refer to the Committee’s website for more information.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: JoAnn Chase, (850)413-6978, JChase@psc.state.fl.us, or from the Committee’s website at www.floridawaterstudy.com.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 5 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Katherine Pennington (850)413-6960. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, (800)955-8771 (TDD) or (800)955-8770 (voice).

**Section VII
Notices of Petitions and Dispositions
Regarding Declaratory Statements**

NONE

**Section VIII
Notices 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

Notice of Disposition of Petition for Administrative Determination have been filed by the Division of Administrative Hearings on the following rules:

NONE

Section IX
Notices of Petitions and Dispositions Regarding Non-rule Policy Challenges

NONE

Section X
Announcements and Objection Reports of the Joint Administrative Procedures Committee

NONE

Section XI
Notices Regarding Bids, Proposals and Purchasing

Section XII
Miscellaneous

AGENCY FOR HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION
Certificate of Need

Notice of Litigation

NOTICE OF LITIGATION

The Agency for Health Care Administration has received the following petitions for administrative hearings as of the close of business on January 2, 2013, concerning certificate of need decisions. No decision has been made as to the sufficiency of these petitions. A brief description of these projects is listed below. Resolution of these requests for hearings by way of a grant or denial of their certificate of need at issue will determine the substantial interest of persons. Those persons whose substantial interest may be determined by these proceedings including settlements, grants, and denials are advised to govern themselves accordingly and may wish to exercise rights including intervention. See Chapter 120, F. S., as well as Section 408.039, F.S. and Section 59C-1.012, F. A. C. In deference to rights of substantially affected persons, AHCA will not settle or otherwise reach a final resolution of these matters for a period of 30 days from the date of the publication.

CON# INITIAL DECISION, PROJECT, CTY, APPLICANT, PARTY REQUEST HEARING (PRH)

- 10156 Denial, addition of 20 comprehensive medical rehabilitation beds, Bay County, Bay Hospital, Inc. d/b/a Gulf Coast Medical Center, (PRH) same as applicant
10157 Denial, addition of 12 comprehensive medical rehabilitation beds, Leon County, Tallahassee Medical Center, Inc. d/b/a Capital Regional Medical Center, (PRH) same as applicant
10158 Denial, establish a 24 bed comprehensive medical rehabilitation unit, Alachua County, North Florida Regional Medical Center, Inc. d/b/a North Florida Regional Medical Center, (PRH) same as applicant
10158 Supports Denial, establish a 24 bed comprehensive medical rehabilitation unit, Alachua County, North Florida Regional Medical Center, Inc., (PRH) Shands Teaching Hospital & Clinics, Inc. d/b/a Shands

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| | Rehab Hospital | | |
| 10160 | Approval, establish a 20 bed comprehensive medical rehabilitation unit, Clay County, Orange Park Medical Center, Inc. d/b/a Orange Park Medical Center, (PRH) Genesis Rehabilitation Hospital, Inc. d/b/a Brooks Rehabilitation Hospital | 10163 | Supports Denial, establish a 14 bed comprehensive medical rehabilitation unit, Polk County, Haines City HMA, LLC d/b/a Heart of Florida Regional Medical Center, (PRH) Lakeland Regional Medical Center, Inc. |
| 10161 | Denial, establish an 18 bed comprehensive medical rehabilitation unit, Pasco County, HCA Health Services of Florida, Inc. d/b/a Regional Medical Center Bayonet Point, (PRH) same as applicant | 10164 | Approval, establish a 32 bed comprehensive medical rehabilitation unit, Polk County, Lakeland Regional Medical Center, Inc., (PRH) HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital of Polk County, LLC |
| 10162 | Denial, establish a 50 bed comprehensive medical rehabilitation unit, Polk County, HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital of Polk County, LLC, (PRH) same as applicant | 10164 | Approval, establish a 32 bed comprehensive medical rehabilitation unit, Polk County, Lakeland Regional Medical Center, Inc., (PRH) Sebring Hospital Management Associates, LLC d/b/a Highlands Regional Medical Center |
| 10162 | Supports Denial, establish a 50 bed comprehensive medical rehabilitation hospital, Polk County, HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital of Polk County, LLC, (PRH) Lakeland Regional Medical Center, Inc. | 10164 | Approval, establish a 32 bed comprehensive medical rehabilitation unit, Polk County, Lakeland Regional Medical Center, Inc., (PRH) Haines City HMA, LLC d/b/a Heart of Florida Regional Medical Center |
| 10162 | Supports Denial, establish a 50 bed comprehensive medical rehabilitation hospital, Polk County, HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital of Polk County, LLC, (PRH) Sebring Hospital Management Associates, LLC d/b/a Highlands Regional Medical Center | 10164 | Support Approval, establish a 32 bed comprehensive medical rehabilitation unit, Polk County, Lakeland Regional Medical Center, Inc., (PRH) same as applicant |
| 10162 | Supports Denial, establish a 50 bed comprehensive medical rehabilitation hospital, Polk County, HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital of Polk County, LLC, (PRH) Haines City HMA, LLC d/b/a Heart of Florida Regional Medical Center | 10165 | Denial, establish a 7 bed comprehensive medical rehabilitation unit, Highlands County, Sebring Hospital Management Associates, LLC d/b/a Highlands Regional Medical Center, (PRH) same as applicant |
| 10163 | Denial, establish a 14 bed comprehensive medical rehabilitation unit, Polk County, Haines City HMA, LLC d/b/a Heart of Florida Regional Medical Center, (PRH) same as applicant | 10165 | Supports Denial, establish a 7 bed comprehensive medical rehabilitation unit, Highlands County, Sebring Hospital Management Associates, LLC d/b/a Highlands Regional Medical Center, (PRH) Lakeland Regional Medical Center, Inc. |

- 10167 Approval, establish a 9 bed pediatric inpatient comprehensive medical rehabilitation unit, Orange County, The Nemours Foundation, (PRH) Rockledge HMA, LLC d/b/a Wuesthoff Medical Center – Rockledge
- 10168 Denial, establish a 15 bed comprehensive medical rehabilitation unit, Brevard County, Rockledge HMA, LLC d/b/a Wuesthoff Medical Center – Rockledge, (PRH) same as applicant
- 10169 Denial, establish a 28 bed comprehensive medical rehabilitation unit, Osceola County, Osceola Regional Hospital, Inc. d/b/a Osceola Regional Medical Center, (PRH) same as applicant
- 10169 Supports Denial, establish a 28 bed comprehensive medical rehabilitation unit, Osceola County, Osceola Regional Hospital, Inc. d/b/a Osceola Regional Medical Center, (PRH) Rockledge HMA, LLC
d/b/a Wuesthoff Medical Center – Rockledge
- 10170 Approval, establish a 28 bed adult inpatient psychiatric program, Osceola County, Oglethorpe of Orlando, Inc., (PRH) University Behavioral, LLC d/b/a University Behavioral Center
- 10171 Approval, establish a 14 bed adult inpatient substance abuse unit, Osceola County, Oglethorpe of Orlando, Inc., (PRH) University Behavioral, LLC d/b/a University Behavioral Center
- 10172 Denial, establish a 16 bed comprehensive medical rehabilitation unit, Broward County, Northwest Medical Center, Inc. d/b/a Northwest Medical Center, (PRH) same as applicant

Wastewater Treatment Plant will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment. The total estimated construction cost is \$10,234,000. The project is expected to qualify for a State Revolving Fund loan composed of federal and state matching funds. Public comments must be received at the address below within 30 days of this notice. A full copy of the Florida Categorical Exclusion Notice can be obtained by writing to: Thomas Montgomery, State Revolving Fund Program, Department of Environmental Protection, 2600 Blair Stone Road, MS #3505, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2400 or by calling (850)245-8368.

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY AVIATION AUTHORITY
HCAA Commercial Real Estate Development – Preliminary Planning and Design RFQ

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY AVIATION AUTHORITY
(AUTHORITY)

Request for Qualifications
Solicitation Number 13-411-011

Sealed qualifications for a Commercial Real Estate Development – Preliminary Planning and Design will be received from firms by the Authority at Tampa International Airport Offices located at 4160 George J. Bean Parkway, Suite 2400, Administrative Building, Second Level, Red Side, Tampa, Florida 33607.

Solicitation documents and detailed requirements will be available on the Tampa International Airport website at www.tampaairport.com, Airport Business, Notice of Solicitations no later than Wednesday, January 16, 2013.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
State Revolving Fund Program
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
FLORIDA CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION NOTICE
HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA

The Department of Environmental Protection has determined that the City of Hollywood’s proposed project to rehabilitate and replace the headworks system for the Southern Regional

Section XIII
Index to Rules Filed During Preceding Week

NOTE: The above section will be published on Tuesday beginning October 2, 2012.
