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Section II
Proposed Rules

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Board of Dentistry

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

64B5-2.0135 Dental Hygiene Examination

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The Board proposes the rule amendment to add new language for a dental hygiene applicant who graduated from a nonaccredited dental college or school that has failed the practical or clinical examination after the first attempt to successfully complete a remedial dental hygiene course.

SUMMARY: The rule text.

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE RATIFICATION:

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

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

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

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 466.004(4) FS.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 466.007 FS

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

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Allison M. Dudley, J.D., Executive Director, Board of Dentistry/MQA, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin #C04 Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3258; Allison.Dudley@flhealth.gov

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

64B5-2.0135 Dental Hygiene Examination.

(1) Practical or Clinical Examination:

(a) Currently, the Florida practical or clinical examination is the Dental Hygiene Examination developed by the American Board of Dental Examiners, Inc. (ADEX) and administered by the Commission on Dental Competency Assessments (CDCA). Any ADEX Dental Hygiene Examination administered after June 1, 2010, will meet the clinical or practical examination requirement, regardless of the jurisdiction in which the exam was administered.

(b) Dental Hygiene applicants who graduated from a nonaccredited dental college or school that have failed the practical or clinical examination after the first attempt, shall successfully complete a remedial dental hygiene course of a minimum of twenty (20) hours offered by an educational institution accredited as provided in Section 466.007(2)(b)1., Florida Statutes.

(b) through (c) renumbered (c) through (d) No change.

(2) through (6) No change.

Rulemaking Authority 466.004(4) FS. Law Implemented 466.007 FS. History—New 3-16-82, Amended 5-2-84, 5-19-85, 10-8-85, 12-8-85, Formerly 21G-2.135, Amended 12-31-86, 10-19-87, 2-21-88, 5-29-88, Formerly 21G-2.0135, 61F5-2.0135, Amended 11-15-95, Formerly 59Q-2.0135, Amended 10-31-01, 7-6-05, 12-31-09, 10-10-10, 12-28-11, 8-8-12, 1-27-15, 9-1-15, 5-3-21, 9-22-22, 5-18-23, _____.

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE: Board of Dentistry

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

DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: November 17, 2023

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: January 4, 2024

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Board of Dentistry

RULE NOS.: RULE TITLES:

64B5-15.009 Fee for Reactivation of Inactive License

64B5-15.0121 Change of Status Processing Fee for Retired Status.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The Board proposed rule amendment is being filed to reduce the fee for reactivation of

inactive license and changing retired status of a dental hygiene license from \$80 to \$75.

SUMMARY: To update the rule text to reduce the fee from \$80 to \$75.

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE RATIFICATION:

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

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

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

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 456.036, 466.004, 466.015 FS.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 456.036, 466.015 FS.

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

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Allison M. Dudley, J.D., Executive Director, Board of Dentistry/MQA, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin #C04 Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3258; Allison.Dudley@flhealth.gov

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

64B5-15.009 Fee for Reactivation of Inactive License.

The fee for reactivation of an inactive dental license shall be \$300. The fee for reactivation of an inactive dental hygiene license shall be ~~\$75~~80.

Rulemaking Authority 466.004, 466.015 FS. Law Implemented 466.015 FS. History—New 4-2-84, Formerly 21G-15.09, Amended 1-18-87, 11-16-89, 8-13-92, Formerly 21G-15.009, 61F5-15.009, Amended 5-6-96, Formerly 59Q-15.009, Amended 9-27-01, 6-18-07, 9-1-15, _____.

64B5-15.0121 Change of Status Processing Fee for Retired Status.

The fee for changing to retired status at any time other than at license renewal shall be \$300 for a dental license and ~~\$75~~80 for a dental hygiene license.

Rulemaking Authority 456.036 FS. Law Implemented 456.036 FS. History—New 2-14-06, Amended 6-11-07, 9-1-15, _____.

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE: Board of Dentistry

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

DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: November 17, 2023

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: January 4, 2024

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Board of Dentistry

RULE NO.: 64B5-16.006

RULE TITLE:

Remediable Tasks Delegable to a Dental Hygienist

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The Board proposes the rule amendment to add new language to clarify following a standing order for medical clearance constitutes an approved remedial task for dental hygienists.

SUMMARY: The rule text.

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE RATIFICATION:

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

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

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RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 466.004(4), 466.017(6), 466.023, 466.024 FS.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 466.017(6), 466.023, 466.024 FS.
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 THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Allison M. Dudley, J.D., Executive Director, Board of Dentistry/MQA, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin #C04 Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3258; Allison.Dudley@flhealth.gov

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

64B5-16.006 Remediable Tasks Delegable to a Dental Hygienist.
 (1) through (9) No change.
 (10) By virtue of their training and licensure, dental hygienists are authorized to perform the following remediable tasks without additional training as defined in Chapter 64B5-16, F.A.C., without supervision:
 (a) through (c) No change.
(d) Follow a standing order for medical clearance determined by a dentist licensed under this chapter or a physician licensed under chapter 458 or chapter 459 when performing remediable tasks specified in section 466.024(2)(f), F.S., as long as all provisions of the respective statute are met.
 (11) No change.
(12) This rule shall be reviewed, and if necessary, repealed, modified, or renewed through the rulemaking process five years from the effective date.

Rulemaking Authority 466.004(4), 466.017(6), 466.023, 466.024 FS.
 Law Implemented 466.017(6), 466.023, 466.024 FS. History—New 1-18-89, Amended 11-16-89, 3-25-90, 9-5-91, 2-1-93, Formerly 21G-16.006, Amended 3-30-94, Formerly 61F5-16.006, Amended 1-9-95, 6-12-97, Formerly 59Q-16.006, Amended 1-25-98, 9-9-98, 3-25-99, 4-24-00, 9-27-01, 7-13-05, 2-14-06, 3-24-08, 7-20-09, 10-17-10, 8-5-12, 6-28-17, 8-29-17, 2-27-18, 12-9-18, 3-25-20, 3-30-21, 9-12-22.

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE: Board of Dentistry
 NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: Board of Dentistry
 DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: November 17, 2023
 DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: January 4, 2024

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Mental Health Program

RULE NO.: 65E-5.353
 RULE TITLE: Criteria and Procedures for Suspension or Withdrawal of Designation of Receiving Facilities

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: Add conditional designations pursuant to Chapter Law 2023-270 and clarify criteria and procedures for conditional, suspension, or withdraw of designation.

SUMMARY: Amendments add in the conditional designation status, add a corrective action plan for providers with identified violations, and eliminates language.

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE RATIFICATION:

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

A SERC has not been prepared.

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 Department used a checklist to conduct an economic analysis and determine if there is an adverse impact or regulatory costs associated with this rule that exceeds the criteria in section 120.541(2)(a), F.S. Based upon this analysis, the Department has determined that the proposed rule is not expected to require legislative ratification.

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: 394.461(6) FS.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 394.461 FS.

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

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Elizabeth Floyd. Elizabeth can be reached at Elizabeth.Floyd@myflfamilies.com.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

65E-5.353 Criteria and Procedures for Conditional, Suspension or Withdrawal of Designation of Receiving Facilities.

(1) After the Department issues an initial designation, pursuant to 65E-5.350 and 65E-12, F.A.C., the Department has the ability to issue the following:

(a) Conditional Designation. A conditional designation may be issued when the Department determines failure to meet one or more of the standards for designation or maintenance of designation under this chapter, and the provider is implementing a corrective action plan in response to violations issued by the Department or the Agency for Health Care Administration.

~~The district or regional offices of the department shall continuously collect and monitor information relative to complaints or allegations against designated facilities from sources such as individuals, local advocacy or self help groups, local organizations including law enforcement, the Agency for Health Care Administration, and the Florida Local Advocacy Council. When a district or region mental health and substance abuse program supervisor recommends to the Secretary, or the Secretary's designee, withdrawal or suspension of designation, at least the following information must be submitted with the recommendation:~~

~~(a) Description of violations such as extent of violations of Chapter 394, F.S., and this rule chapter, and the extent and seriousness of known injuries or injury including the severity and number of violations, severity and chronic violation of rights, and any pattern of inadequate supervision, injury or harm to individuals; and,~~

~~(b) Mitigating circumstances including the responsiveness and extent of any actions taken by the facility to remediate, compensate, or correct the situation, as well as the facility's recent history of charitable public service to persons with psychiatric disabilities in the community, and compliance and responsiveness to any prior violations or complaints.~~

~~(b)(2) Suspension of Designation. When the Department district or region determines that it is more likely than not that a facility, or its related entities, has failed to consistently meet one or more of the standards for designation or maintenance of designation under this chapter, it may suspend designation pending corrective action plan implementation. During the suspension period, no persons on involuntary status may be admitted to the facility. No re-application for designation as a receiving facility is required for reinstatement of designation.~~

~~(c)(3) Withdrawal of Designation.~~

~~1.(a) Designation may be withdrawn upon approval of the Department when it determines Secretary, or the Secretary's designee, when the district or region determines that it is more likely than not that any pattern of violations, or combination of violations, of Chapter 394, F.S., this rule chapter, and Chapter 65E-12, F.A.C., exists such as deficient admission, transfer or care practices, deficient observation or documentation of rights abuses, deficient discharge practices, deceptive or misleading~~

practices in marketing, admission recruitment or referral practices; fraudulent clinical or billing practices; or patient brokering is evident. Examples of such offenses include violations by the facility, or parties acting on behalf of or in concert with the facility, or acting under its supervision, having engaged in deceptive, fraudulent, exploitative, abusive, or neglect type violations of Florida law, including Chapters 394 and 415, F.S., Sections 817.505 and 458.331, F.S.

~~2.(b)~~ Upon re-application after withdrawal of designation, the ~~Department~~ department must have clear and convincing evidence that the problems with the facility, or its practitioners, leading to withdrawal of designation have been corrected and will not reoccur. This may include required internal and external monitoring to document continued satisfactory performance.

(2) The Department shall continuously collect and monitor information relative to complaints or allegations against designated facilities from sources such as individuals, local advocacy or self-help groups, local organizations including law enforcement, the Agency for Health Care Administration, and the Florida Local Advocacy Council.

(3) A corrective action plan (CAP) must be completed to address any violations identified by the Department.

(4) The facility must submit a written corrective action plan (CAP) to the Department within seven calendar days from the date of written notification of violations. The CAP must be signed by the executive director or designee of the provider.

(a) The CAP shall include the following:

1. Identify the violation;

2. The actions the facility will take to correct each of the violations identified;

3. The date by which the violation shall be corrected; and

4. The actions the facility will take to ensure the violation identified does not occur again.

(b) Unless a date is directed or extended by the Department, the date to resolve the violation shall not exceed 30 days from the date of the written notification of the violation.

(5) The Department will reject any proposed corrective action plan that fails to identify all the information described in paragraph (4) of this rule or reflects a plan of action that does not address the violation(s). If the Department rejects a proposed corrective action plan, the Department shall notify the provider in writing of the reasons for rejection and require the provider to submit an amended corrective action plan addressing the violation or violations within five calendar days of receipt of the Department's notice rejecting the corrective action plan.

Rulemaking Authority ~~394.461(6)~~ 394.461(5) FS. Law Implemented 394, 394.455(26), 394.461, 395, 415, 458.331, 817.505 FS. History—New 11-29-98, Amended 4-4-05. Amended _____.

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE:
Courtney Smith
NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE
PROPOSED RULE: Shevaun L. Harris
DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY
HEAD: November 28, 2023
DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT
PUBLISHED IN FAR: October 31, 2023

FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Freshwater Fish and Wildlife

RULE NO.:RULE TITLE:

68A-1.004 Definitions

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose of the proposed rule amendment is to make technical corrections to the terms “Gun” and “Muzzleloading gun”. The effect of the proposed rule amendment will be to clarify these terms based on the incompatibility of federal firearm definitions with the term “Muzzleloading gun”, as defined in Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.).

SUMMARY: The proposed rule amendment adjusts current definitions as follows:

Gun – adds the term “Muzzleloading gun”, as defined in Subsection 68A-1.004(46), F.A.C., which includes muzzleloading long guns (rifled or smoothbore barrels), shotguns, pistols, and revolvers. Previously, this subsection treated “muzzleloading rifles”, “muzzleloading shotguns”, “muzzleloading pistols”, and “muzzleloading revolvers” as “rifles”, “shotguns”, “pistols”, and “revolvers”, respectively, even though muzzleloading guns do not meet the respective federal definitions of “rifle”, “shotgun”, “pistol”, or “revolver”. Muzzleloading gun – modifies the existing language to include muzzleloading revolvers, which are loaded from the muzzle end of the cylinder chamber, as opposed to other muzzleloading guns, which are loaded from the muzzle of the barrel

Additionally, the proposed rule amendment corrects grammatical errors.

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE RATIFICATION:

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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: Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const.

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

DATE AND TIME: During the Commission’s regular meeting February 21-22, 2024, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., each day.

PLACE: Donald L. Tucker Civic Center, 505 West Pensacola Street, Tallahassee, Florida, 32301.

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: Paul Scharine, Public Hunting Areas Program Coordinator, Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, 620 South Meridian Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1600; (850) 617-9487 or paul.scharine@myfwc.com.

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 (39) No change.

(40) Gun – Shotgun, rifle, pistol, revolver, muzzleloading gun (including muzzleloading long gun with rifled or smoothbore barrel, shotgun, pistol, and revolver), air gun, gas gun, blow gun, bow, crossbow, or any other device mechanically propelling an arrow, spear, or other projectile.

(41) Legal game – Game birds, game mammals, ~~and~~ crows (during open seasons established by Rule 68A-13.008, F.A.C.), ~~and~~ non-protected birds, non-protected mammals, and wild hog unless otherwise stipulated for a particular species in a regulation established for a specific wildlife management area, wildlife and environmental area, public small game hunting area or public use area.

(42) through (45) No change.

(46) Muzzleloading gun – A firearm designed to have projectiles loaded through the muzzle, or the muzzle end of the cylinder chamber, and is fired by wheel lock, flintlock, percussion cap, or centerfire primer.

(47) through (49) No change.

(50) Non-protected mammals – armadillo, black or Norway ~~norway~~ rat, and house mouse.

(51) through (94) No change.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2024

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, 4-9-13, 7-29-15, 5-11-16, 7-1-18, 7-1-21, 7-1-22, 7-1-23, 7-1-24.

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE:

George Warthen, 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 5, 2023

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: December 14, 2023

FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Freshwater Fish and Wildlife

RULE NO.:RULE TITLE:

68A-9.004 Permits for Hunting or Other Recreational Use on Wildlife Management Areas

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose of the proposed rule amendment is to revise regulations pertaining to recreational user permits (RUPs) for Flint Rock Wildlife Management Area (WMA). The effect of the proposed rule amendment will be to remove obsolete regulations for this WMA.

SUMMARY: The proposed rule amendment would remove rule language for permit fees and numbers for Flint Rock WMA. The area has been disestablished and its RUPs have been discontinued.

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE RATIFICATION:

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

Any person who wishes to provide information regarding a statement of estimated regulatory costs, or provide a proposal 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; Section 379.354, Florida Statutes

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

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

DATE AND TIME: During the Commission’s regular meeting February 21-22, 2024, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., each day.

PLACE: Donald L. Tucker Civic Center, 505 West Pensacola Street, Tallahassee, Florida, 32301.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Paul Scharine, Public Hunting Areas Program Coordinator, Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, 620 South Meridian Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1600, (850)617-9487.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

68A-9.004 Permits for Hunting or Other Recreational Use on Wildlife Management Areas.

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

(a) through (b) No change.

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

~~1. Flint Rock—\$206~~

2. through 3. renumbered 1. through 2. No change.

(d) The total number of permits available for each of the following privately owned wildlife management areas established pursuant to Section 379.354(8)(h)1., F.S., shall be:

~~1. Flint Rock—450~~

2. through 3. renumbered 1. through 2. No change.

(e) through (g) No change.

(2) through (3) No change.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2024

Rulemaking Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const., 379.354 FS. Law Implemented Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const., 379.1025, 379.2223, 375.313, 379.354 FS. History—New 8-1-79, Amended 6-4-81, 6-21-82, Formerly 39-9.04, Amended 6-2-86, 11-1-89, 7-16-98, 5-13-99, Formerly 39-9.004, Amended 7-1-00, 5-29-01, 7-22-01, 6-2-02, 7-28-02, 5-1-03, 7-7-03, 10-12-03, 5-12-04, 7-15-04, 6-1-05, 4-3-08, 4-1-09, 7-20-09, 7-1-10, 5-5-11, 8-11-11, 5-2-12, 7-1-13, 9-9-13, 8-26-14, 4-1-16, 4-1-17, 4-1-19, 4-1-22, 7-1-24.

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE: George Warthen, 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 5, 2023

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: December 14, 2023.

FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Freshwater Fish and Wildlife

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

68A-9.008 Permits for Physically Disabled

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose of the proposed rule amendment is to revise the regulations for crossbow permits to allow functionally similar methods and alternative mobility permits to conform with federal regulations. The effect of the proposed rule amendment will be to enable the agency to better accommodate hunters seeking crossbow and alternative mobility permits.

SUMMARY: The proposed rule amendment adjusts current regulations as follows:

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THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Paul Scharine, Public Hunting Areas Program Coordinator, Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, 620 South Meridian Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1600, (850)617-9487 or paul.scharine@myfwc.com.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

68A-9.008 Permits for Physically Disabled.

The executive director or his designee may issue permits, to persons who are permanently physically disabled as described below, for activities which would otherwise be regulated or prohibited by these rules. Such permits shall be conditioned as necessary to protect natural resources and to regulate access in accordance with management plans and policies for the area. Individuals not meeting the criteria for a permit set forth in this rule may request accommodation through the process established by the agency:

(1) Crossbow permits. Permits to use crossbows, airbows (pre-charged pneumatic airguns firing arrows), or bows equipped with a device that can mechanically hold the bowstring in the drawn (ready-to-fire) position during an archery season will be issued based upon a determination that the applicant has submitted an original certificate from a licensed physician certifying that the individual is permanently incapable of drawing any type of bow with a minimum draw weight of 40 lbs.

(2) No change.

(3) Alternative mobility permits. Permits to operate an all-terrain vehicle will be issued based upon a determination that the applicant has been issued and possesses a valid permanent disabled parking placard or has submitted an original certificate from a licensed physician certifying that the individual is ~~mobility impaired in that he or she is one of the following: paraplegic, hemiplegic, quadriplegic, permanently dependent upon a wheelchair for ambulation, permanently required to use braces or prostheses on both legs, a recipient of complete single leg amputation above the knee, or unable to walk a distance of 200 feet without stopping to rest.~~ "All-terrain vehicle" shall be as defined in Rule 68A-1.004, F.A.C., provided that no two-wheeled or two-cycle vehicles will be permitted.

(4) No change.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2024

Rulemaking Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. Law Implemented Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. History--New 5-10-04, Amended 5-1-05, 10-23-08, 8-11-11, 7-1-23, ~~7-1-24~~.

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE: George Warthen, 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 5, 2023

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: December 14, 2023.

FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Freshwater Fish and Wildlife

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

68A-12.002 General Methods of Taking Game and Crows; Prohibitions

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose of the proposed rule amendment is to make a correction resulting from the incompatibility of the term “Muzzleloading gun”, as defined in Florida Administrative Code, with federal firearm definitions. The effect of the proposed rule amendment will be to allow muzzleloading guns in addition to rifles, shotguns, pistols, and revolvers.

SUMMARY: The proposed rule amendment allows the use of muzzleloading guns firing one or more balls when taking non-migratory game and crows and allows the use of muzzleloading guns firing two or more balls when taking migratory game birds.

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: Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const.

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THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Paul Scharine, Public Hunting Areas Program Coordinator, Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, 620 South Meridian Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1600, (850)617-9487 or paul.scharine@myfwc.com.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

68A-12.002 General Methods of Taking Game and Crows; Prohibitions.

- (1) through (2) No change.
- (3) Resident game birds, crows or game mammals may be taken with any of the following:
 - (a) Centerfire sShotgun.
 - (b) Rifle, muzzleloading gun, revolver or pistol, except that:

- 1. through 6. No change.
- (c) through (f) No change.
- (4) Migratory game birds may be taken with any of the following:

- (a) Centerfire and muzzleloading sShotguns not larger than 10 gauge and centerfire shotguns incapable of holding more than three shells in the magazine and chamber combined, unless plugged with a one-piece filler incapable of removal without disassembling the shotgun, so its capacity does not exceed 3 shells in the magazine and chamber combined.

- (b) through (c) No change.
- (5) through (9) No change.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2024

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, 12-23-14, 7-29-15, 7-1-18, 7-1-19, 7-1-20, 7-1-23, 7-1-24.

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE: George Warthen, 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 5, 2023

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: December 14, 2023

FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Freshwater Fish and Wildlife

RULE NO.: 68A-12.003
 RULE TITLE: Protection of Certain Deer and Turkey; Tagging of Deer, Bear, and Turkey; Deer and Wild Turkey Harvest Reporting; Evidence of Sex Required

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose of the proposed rule amendment is to simplify regulations pertaining to evidence of legal harvest for wild turkey and deer. The effect of the proposed rule changes will be to enable the agency to better manage turkey and deer populations throughout the state.

SUMMARY: The proposed rule amendment would modify current regulations as follows:

Evidence of legal turkey harvest – remove the requirement to keep positive evidence of sex, including the head, and if applicable, the beard, “on” the carcass, and instead require those who possess a harvested wild turkey or its parts to keep the head, and if applicable, the beard “with” the carcass as evidence of legal harvest until a harvested wild turkey arrives at a taxidermist, meat processor, the home of its possessor, or is cooked, except those who are unable to possess evidence of legal harvest are only required to provide the identifying information of the harvester.

Evidence of legal deer harvest – remove the requirement to keep positive evidence of sex, including the genitals and the head, with the deer or its parts, and instead require that at least the skull plate, with any antler if applicable, be kept as evidence of legal harvest until a harvested deer arrives at a taxidermist, meat processor, the home of its possessor, or is cooked, except those who are unable to possess evidence of legal harvest are only required to provide the identifying information of the harvester. Additionally, the proposed rule amendment corrects grammatical errors.

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.

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THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Paul Scharine, Public Hunting Areas Program Coordinator, Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, 620 South Meridian Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1600, (850)617-9487 or paul.scharine@myfwc.com.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

68A-12.003 Protection of Certain Deer and Turkey; Tagging of Deer, Bear, and Turkey; Deer and Wild Turkey Harvest Reporting; Evidence of Legal Harvest or Sex Required.

(1) Wild Turkey:

(a) It is unlawful for any person to take or possess any ~~beardless unbearded~~ wild turkey hen during any season that allows gobblers or bearded hens to be taken within the state unless authorized by Division 68A, F.A.C. For any harvested wild turkey during any season when taking a beardless wild turkey hen is prohibited, positive evidence of legal harvest must be possessed, and the identifying information of the harvester must be provided, as described herein. For any harvested wild turkey during any season when a beardless wild turkey hen is legal to take, the identifying information of the harvester must be provided as described herein. For the purposes of subsection (1), positive evidence of legal harvest is the head, and if applicable, the beard, and the identifying information of the harvester is their first and last name and either their Commission-issued customer identification number or their harvest reporting confirmation number.

(b) Harvested wild turkey may be transferred whole or divided and transferred in portions or parts from the harvester to other persons in the field or camp. Positive evidence of sex identification, including the head, and if applicable, the beard, shall remain on all wild turkey taken during any season when taking of unbearded wild turkey hens is prohibited so long as such wild turkey. If transferred whole, the possessor must retain positive evidence of legal harvest and provide the identifying

information of the harvester. If transferred in portions or parts, the harvester must retain positive evidence of legal harvest and any possessor of the portions or parts must provide the identifying information of the harvester. If the harvester retains the whole harvested wild turkey in their possession, then they must possess positive evidence of legal harvest and provide their identifying information. Positive evidence of legal harvest and the identifying information of the harvester must be retained until a harvested wild turkey arrives at is kept in the field or camp or is en route to a meat processor, taxidermist, or the domicile of its possessor, or until such wild turkey has been cooked, and must be provided upon request by Law Enforcement or stored at the domicile of its possessor.

~~(c) Wild turkey may be dismembered and/or transferred to another person in the field or camp. The possessor of any harvested wild turkey, or portions and parts thereof, shall provide the first and last name of the person who harvested it, the FWC issued customer number of the person who harvested it, or the harvest reporting confirmation number and positive evidence of sex, including the head, and if applicable, the board, upon request by Law Enforcement Officers of and the Commission.~~

(d) renumbered (c) No change.

(2) Deer:

(a) For any harvested deer, positive evidence of legal harvest must be possessed, and the identifying information of the harvester must be provided, as described herein. For the purposes of subsection (2), positive evidence of legal harvest is the skull plate, and if applicable, any attached antler, and the identifying information of the harvester is their first and last name and either their Commission-issued customer identification number or their harvest reporting confirmation number. Harvested deer may be transferred whole or divided and transferred in portions or parts from the harvester to other persons in the field or camp. If transferred whole, the possessor must retain positive evidence of legal harvest and provide the identifying information of the harvester. If transferred in portions or parts, the harvester must retain positive evidence of legal harvest and any possessor of the portions or parts must provide the identifying information of the harvester. If the harvester retains the whole harvested deer in their possession, then they must possess positive evidence of legal harvest and provide their identifying information. Positive evidence of legal harvest and the identifying information of the harvester must be retained until a harvested deer arrives at Positive evidence of sex identification, including the head with any antler or antlers if applicable, shall remain with any deer for the duration that such deer is kept in the field or camp or is en route to a meat processor, taxidermist, or the domicile of its possessor, or until such deer has been cooked, and must be provided upon request

~~by Law Enforcement or is stored at the domicile of its possessor.~~

~~(b) Deer may be dismembered and/or transferred to another person in the field or camp. The possessor of any harvested deer, or portions and parts thereof, shall provide the first and last name of the person who harvested it, the FWC issued customer number of the person who harvested it, or the harvest reporting confirmation number and positive evidence of sex upon request by Law Enforcement Officers of the Commission.~~

(c) renumbered (b) No change.

(3) Bear:

(a) Positive evidence of sex identification in the form of testicles, penis, penis sheath, udder or vulva shall remain naturally attached to the carcass of all bear taken and shall remain attached until the bear is checked at a Commission ~~Commission~~ designated check station.

(b) No change.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2024

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, 6-21-82, Formerly 39-12.03, Amended 4-11-90, Formerly 39-12.003, Amended 7-29-15, 7-1-19, 7-26-21, 7-1-22, 7-1-24.

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE:
George Warthen, 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 5, 2023

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: December 14, 2023

FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Freshwater Fish and Wildlife

RULE NO.: 68A-12.007
RULE TITLE: Hunting Dogs; Molesting Game in Closed Season; Training; Field Trials; Prohibited for Certain Hunting

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose of the proposed rule amendment is to update rule language regarding license and permit requirements for participating in organized field trial events on Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs). The effect of the proposed rule changes will be to clarify existing regulations to reduce public confusion and simplify law enforcement.

SUMMARY: The proposed rule amendment would clarify that a hunting license and management area permit are not required to participate in an organized field trial event on a WMA.

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.

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THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Paul Scharine, Public Hunting Areas Program Coordinator, Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, 620 South Meridian Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1600, (850)617-9487.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

68A-12.007 Hunting Dogs; Molesting Game in Closed Season; Training; Field Trials; Prohibited for Certain Hunting.

(1) through (6) No change.

(7) No field trials for dogs shall be conducted on any wildlife management area without Commission permit, except that a permit from the applicable landowner or primary area manager shall constitute sufficient authorization on wildlife management areas not owned by the Commission and having a designated field trial area. A hunting license and management area permit are not required to participate ~~Participation~~ in organized field trials ~~shall not constitute hunting.~~

(8) through (11) No change.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2024

Rulemaking Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. Law Implemented Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. History—New 8-1-79, Amended 6-22-80, 6-21-82, 7-27-83, 7-5-84, 7-1-85, Formerly 39-12.07, Amended 4-11-90, 3-1-94, 7-1-94, 9-7-97, Formerly 39-12.007, Amended 12-9-99, 8-22-04, 7-17-05, 7-1-08, 7-1-10, 7-29-15, 7-1-20, 7-1-23, 7-1-24.

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE: George Warthen, 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 5, 2023

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FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Freshwater Fish and Wildlife

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

68A-12.008 Use of Pen-raised Quail for Training Bird Dogs

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose of the proposed rule amendment is to make a correction resulting from the incompatibility of the term “Muzzleloading gun”, as defined in Florida Administrative Code, with federal firearm definitions. The effect of the proposed rule amendment will be to allow muzzleloading shotguns in addition to centerfire shotguns.

SUMMARY: The proposed rule amendment allows the use of muzzleloading guns firing two or more balls when taking quail for the purpose of bird dog training.

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: Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const.

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THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Paul Scharine, Public Hunting Areas Program Coordinator, Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, 620 South Meridian Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1600, (850)617-9487 or paul.scharine@myfwc.com.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

68A-12.008 Use of Pen-raised Quail for Training Bird Dogs.

(1) Pen-raised quail may be released and taken by centerfire or muzzleloading shotgun on private lands for the purpose of dog training provided that such quail are banded before release or a proof of purchase, including the name and address of the vendor and date of purchase within the past 90 days, is in the possession of the individual using them.

(2) No change.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2024
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, Formerly 39-12.08, 39-12.008, Amended 7-1-12, 7-1-24.

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE: George Warthen, 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.

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FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Freshwater Fish and Wildlife

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

Permits and Private Lands Deer Management Permits

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose of the proposed rule amendment is to revise hunting regulations for gray squirrel on lands outside the Wildlife Management Area (WMA) system. The effect of the proposed rule amendment will be to provide increased hunting opportunities for gray squirrel.

SUMMARY: The proposed rule amendment would allow the take of gray squirrel year-round on lands outside the WMA system.

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; Section 375.313, Florida Statutes.

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

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THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Cory Morea, Deer Management Program Coordinator, Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, 620 South Meridian Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1600, (850)617-9553.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

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

The Commission has approved the following hunting regulations for taking non-migratory game.

(1) through (2) No change.

(3) Open seasons:

(a) through (d) No change.

(e) Gray squirrel: ~~Throughout the year Opening the second Saturday of October and closing the first Sunday in March. Opening October 1 and closing March 31 for falconry.~~

(f) through (g) No change.

(h) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraphs (3)(a), and (c)-(e), antlered deer, antlerless deer as provided by paragraph 3(b), gobblers or bearded turkeys, ~~gray squirrel~~ and quail may be taken:

1. through 2. No change.

(i) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraphs (3)(a), (c), (d), (e), and (g), antlered deer, antlerless deer as provided by paragraph (3)(b), gobblers or bearded turkeys, ~~gray squirrel~~ and quail may be taken:

1. through 2. No change.

(j) No change.

(4) through (5) No change.

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NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE: George Warthen, 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.

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FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Freshwater Fish and Wildlife

RULE NO.: 68A-13.007
RULE TITLE: Hunting Regulations on Public Small-Game Hunting Areas

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose of the proposed rule amendment is to make a correction resulting from the incompatibility of the term “Muzzleloading gun”, as defined in Florida Administrative Code, with federal firearm definitions.

The effect of the proposed rule amendment will be to allow muzzleloading shotguns in addition to centerfire shotguns.

SUMMARY: The proposed rule amendment allows the use of muzzleloading guns firing two or more balls when taking wildlife on public small-game hunting areas.

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE RATIFICATION:

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THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Paul Scharine, Public Hunting Areas Program Coordinator, Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, 620 South Meridian Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1600, (850)617-9487 or paul.scharine@myfwc.com.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

68A-13.007 Hunting Regulations on Public Small-Game Hunting Areas.

(1) No change.

(2) The general regulations for public small-game hunting areas shall be as follows:

(a) through (e) No change.

(f) Taking wildlife with firearms other than centerfire or muzzleloading shotguns is prohibited unless otherwise provided by specific area regulation, except bang sticks are

allowed to take alligators by persons permitted to take alligators.

(g) through (n) No change.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2024

Rulemaking Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. Law Implemented Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. History—New 10-4-82, Formerly 39-13.07, Amended 7-1-89, 7-1-96, Formerly 39-13.007, Amended 4-30-00, 7-1-06, 7-1-08, 7-1-09, 7-1-23, 7-1-24.

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE: George Warthen, 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 5, 2023

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: December 14, 2023.

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 revise regulations regarding hunting equipment and deer-dog hunting on Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs). The effect of the proposed rule amendment will be to reduce confusion on hunting equipment regulations and improve management of deer-dog hunting on WMAs.

SUMMARY: The proposed rule amendment adjusts current regulations on WMAs as follows:

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: Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const.

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THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

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

(1) through (4) No change.

(5) Hunters:

(a) Authorized hunting equipment, defined for the purposes of this rule as tree stands and elevated shooting platforms, or dogs (if permitted by area regulations) may be taken on the area after 8:00 a.m. one day before the opening of the hunt season and shall be removed from the area before 6 p.m. one day following the close of the hunt season unless otherwise provided by specific area regulations.

(b) No change.

(6) Guns:

(a) No change.

(b) Taking migratory birds and non-protected birds with centerfire and muzzleloading shotguns is allowed during established area seasons when one or more migratory birds are legal to take except when prohibited by specific area rule.

(c) Taking wild turkey with firearms other than centerfire and muzzleloading shotguns using number 2 or smaller diameter shot during the spring turkey season is prohibited, except that muzzleloading rifles are not prohibited for taking wild turkey on Joe Budd and Raiford Wildlife Management Areas.

(d) through (e) No change.

(7) Dogs:

(a) through (d) No change.

(e) No person shall take deer using the aid of dogs without a valid deer-dog hunting permit.

(8) through (16) No change.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2024

Rulemaking Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. Law Implemented Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const., 379.2223, 379.354 FS. History—New 8-1-79, Amended 6-4-81, 6-21-82, 6-9-83, 9-27-83, 7-5-84, 7-1-85, Formerly 39-15.04, Amended 5-7-86, 5-10-87, 4-13-88, 8-18-88, 4-19-90, 4-4-91, 4-14-92, 10-22-92, 7-26-94, 11-6-94, 3-30-95, 10-23-95, 9-15-96, 6-1-97, 7-1-98, 12-28-98, 4-15-99, Formerly 39-15.004, Amended 7-1-00, 6-2-02, 5-1-03, 7-1-04, 7-1-05, 7-1-06, 7-29-07, 7-1-08, 7-1-09, 7-1-10, 1-1-11, 5-2-12, 4-9-13, 7-1-14, 7-1-15, 7-1-16, 7-1-18, 7-1-19, 9-13-20, 7-1-21, 7-1-22, 7-1-23, 7-1-24.

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE: George Warthen, 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 5, 2023

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FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Freshwater Fish and Wildlife

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

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose of the proposed rule amendment is to revise regulations pertaining to special opportunity quota permits. The effect of the proposed rule amendment will be to enable the agency to better manage wildlife populations throughout the state.

SUMMARY: The proposed rule amendment would prohibit the transfer of special opportunity permits between residents and non-residents.

Additionally, the proposed rule amendment makes non-substantive, technical changes to correct prior mistakes.

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE RATIFICATION:

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THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Paul Scharine, Public Hunting Areas Program Coordinator, Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, 620 South Meridian Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1600, (850)617-9487.

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 (d) No change.
 - (e) Application, Selection, and Issuance of Quota Permits.
 - 1. Applicant Requirements.
 - a. All applicants, unless exempt from license or permit requirements by Subsection Sections 379.353(1) or Paragraph 379.353 and (2)(a), (c), or (n) ~~(o)~~ 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 quota permit.
 - b. through f. No change.
 - 2. through 5. No change.
 - (3) Special-Opportunity Permits: Special-opportunity permits shall be issued for the following hunt types as described below and as designated by order of the Executive Director. A special-opportunity permit holder may participate in the designated hunt and take the bag limit of wildlife as established by Commission rule.
 - (a) through (b) No change.
 - (c) Transferability.

Special-opportunity permits shall be transferable from residents to residents and from nonresidents to nonresidents only, except that dove club permits are nontransferable. Special-opportunity permits issued to persons exempt from paying the special opportunity permit fees, as specified in subparagraph (3)(b)2., shall be transferable only to another person that is exempt from paying special-opportunity permit fees.

- (d) No change.
- (4) through (5) No change.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2024

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NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE: George Warthen, 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.

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FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Freshwater Fish and Wildlife

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

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose of the proposed rule amendment is to revise regulations on Miscellaneous Areas. The effect of the proposed rule amendment will be to enable the agency to better manage fish and wildlife resources and public use on miscellaneous areas.

SUMMARY: The proposed rule amendment would revise or establish specific area regulations on miscellaneous areas as follows:

Babcock Ranch Preserver, Tier I Hunt Area – remove unnecessary reference to the take of gray squirrel during general

gun season, given the proposed expansion of the statewide squirrel season.

Babcock Ranch Preserve, Tier II Hunt Area – prohibit access to any portion of the Babcock Ranch Preserve, except as allowed by rule and require that permittees and participants enter and exit from their designated access and proceed directly to their permitted area.

Kissimmee Chain of Lakes Area – add rule language to keep the gray squirrel season the same on the area given the proposed expansion of the statewide squirrel season.

Kissimmee Chain of Lakes, Rolling Meadows Unit – add rule language to keep the gray squirrel season the same on the area given the proposed expansion of the statewide squirrel season. Additionally, the proposed rule amendment also clarifies existing rules; removes unnecessary, redundant, or conflicting language; corrects prior mistakes; and makes non-substantive, technical corrections.

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THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Paul Scharine, Public Hunting Areas Program Coordinator, Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, 620 South Meridian Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1600, (850)617-9487 or paul.scharine@myfwc.com.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

68A-15.006 Regulations Relating to Miscellaneous Areas.

- (1) No change.
- (2) Kissimmee River Public Use Area.
- (a) Open season:
1. Non-migratory game – Zonal seasons established under Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., except that open season for rabbit and gray squirrel shall be from the second Saturday in October through the first Sunday in March ~~during the zonal squirrel season~~ only and crossbow season shall be the last 5 days of the zonal crossbow season only.
2. through 5. No change.
- (b) No change.
- (c) General regulations:
1. through 8. No change.
9. Taking wild turkey with firearms other than centerfire or muzzleloading shotguns using number 2 or smaller diameter shot during the spring turkey season is prohibited.
10. No change.
- (3) Babcock Ranch Preserve.
- (a) No change.
- (b) The following are the only species of wildlife legal to take within the Tier I hunt area: All legal game (except quail) and furbearers. Taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with three or more points or one antler with a main beam of ten inches or more in length is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. During the archery season, family and general gun for mobility-impaired hunts the bag limit for deer shall be two deer per quota permit. Only mobility-impaired hunters may take antlerless deer during the general gun for mobility-impaired hunt. One antlered deer may be taken per person, but no more than two per quota permit during the muzzleloading gun and general gun hunts. ~~Notwithstanding the gray squirrel season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., gray squirrel may be taken during the family and general gun seasons established for this area.~~ One gobbler (or bearded turkey) per person, but no more than two per quota permit may be taken during spring turkey season. Turkey may only be taken during the spring turkey season.
- (c) No change.
- (d) Regulations controlling activities in the Tier II hunt areas:
1. through 9. No change.
10. Taking wild turkey with firearms other than centerfire and muzzleloading shotguns using number 2 or smaller diameter shot during the spring turkey season is prohibited.
11. through 14. No change.
15. Access to any portion of the Babcock Ranch Preserve, including other Tier II areas, is prohibited, except as provided

in Subsection 68A-15.006(3). Permittees and participants shall enter and exit at their designated access route and proceed directly to their permitted area.

- (e) through (f) No change.
- (4) Kissimmee Chain of Lakes Area.
- (a) Open season:
1. Non-migratory game – During Zonal seasons established under Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., except deer and turkey shall only be taken during those seasons established for Zone B and crossbow season shall be the last 5 days of the Zone B crossbow season only and gray squirrel shall only be taken from the second Saturday in October until the first Sunday in March.
2. through 4. No change.
- (b) Legal to take: All legal game ~~(except hen or beardless turkey)~~, furbearers (except bobcat and otter), fish and frogs. The take of deer is prohibited in the East and West Shore Units. The take of antlerless deer is prohibited. Taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with three or more points or one antler with a main beam of ten inches or more in length is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. The take of beardless hen wild turkey is prohibited. The daily bag limit for wild turkey shall be one per day.
- (c) General regulations:
1. through 12. No change.
13. Taking wild turkey with firearms other than centerfire and muzzleloading shotguns using number 2 or smaller diameter shot during the spring turkey season is prohibited.
14. No change.
- (5) Tenoroc Public Use Area.
- (a) through (c) No change.
- (d) General regulations:
1. through 4. No change.
5. Public access and/or vehicle access may be prohibited or limited on areas or portions thereof that are temporarily closed by administrative action to facilitate Commission-sponsored activities or authorized special events. To the extent circumstances permit, public notice of such closures shall be afforded through the FWC website, media and in-the-field postings. The closure shall not exceed 14 days unless approved by the Executive Director.
6. through 10. No change.
- (6) Kissimmee Chain of Lakes Area – Rolling Meadows Unit.
- (a) Open season:
1. Non-migratory game – During Zonal seasons established under Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., except deer and turkey shall only be taken during those seasons established for Zone B and crossbow season shall be the last 5 days of the Zone B crossbow season only and gray squirrel shall only be taken from the second Saturday in October until the first Sunday in March.
2. through 4. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game (~~except hen or beardless turkey~~), furbearers (except bobcat and otter), fish and frogs. The take of antlerless deer is prohibited. Taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with three or more points or one antler with a main beam of ten inches or more in length is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. The take of beardless hen wild turkey is prohibited. The daily bag limit for wild turkey shall be one per day.

(c) No change.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2024

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NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE:

George Warthen, 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.

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FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Freshwater Fish and Wildlife

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

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose of the proposed rule amendment is to revise specific area regulations on wildlife management areas (WMAs) in the North Central Region. 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 revise specific area regulations on WMAs in the North Central Region as follows:

Andrews WMA – convert the supervised youth hunt to a family hunt, allowing the take of one antlered or one antlerless deer per quota permit, and prohibit the supervising adult from taking wildlife with a gun (which includes archery equipment); shift the first wild hog-still hunt from the last weekend in April to the first weekend in February and shift the second wild hog-still hunt from the first weekend in May to the second weekend in February; shift the last small game hunt from the last weekend in January to the second weekend in December; establish a 3-

day wild hog-still hunt (25 daily quota permits, first come first served issued at the check station) to open 3 days prior to the existing third small game hunt; and establish that when the check stations are staffed, hunters must check in and out when entering and leaving the area and check all harvested game.

Bayard WMA – change area name from Bayard Wildlife Management Area to J.P. Hall Bayard Point Wildlife Management Area; and shift the wild hog still quota hunt from the last weekend in February to the last weekend in May (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday).

Big Bend WMA, Hickory Mound Unit – allow the use of crossbows to take wildlife during the general gun season and small game season within Hickory Mound Impoundment; and shift the archery hunt to begin one week earlier.

Camp Blanding WMA – convert the supervised youth hunt to a family hunt, allowing the take of one antlered or one antlerless deer per quota permit, and prohibit the supervising adult from taking wildlife with a gun (which includes archery equipment); adjust the general gun hunts by excluding Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day and shift each hunt one day forward.

Four Creeks WMA – allow hunting on Thursdays during the small game season; and prohibit camping.

Goethe WMA – shift the family hunt to occur 8 days prior to the opening of general gun still hunt and begin the muzzleloading gun hunt 7 days prior to accommodate the family hunt shift; and increase the general gun season from 10 days to 13 days, change the general gun season from three quota hunts (two 3-day, one 4-day) to one 7-day hunt and one 6-day hunt.

Gulf Hammock WMA – allow hunting equipment to be placed on the WMA the weekend prior to each hunt season and be removed the weekend following each hunting season.

Osceola WMA – prohibit the use of a light in the manner capable of disclosing the presence of wildlife from midnight to ½ hour before sunrise during general gun season; and prohibit the operation of all-terrain vehicles on mixed use trails from sunset to sunrise.

Twin Rivers WMA – extend the small game season by 28 days to close the last day of the statewide gray squirrel season; and establish that when the check stations are staffed, hunters must check in and out when entering and leaving the area and check all harvested game.

Additionally, the proposed rule amendment also clarifies existing rules; removes unnecessary, redundant, or conflicting language; corrects prior mistakes; and makes non-substantive, technical corrections.

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THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Holli Nichols, North Central Region Public Hunting Areas Biologist, Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, North Central Region Office, 3377 E U.S. Highway 90, Lake City, FL 32055, (380)466-3240 or Holli.Nichols@Myfwc.com.

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. General gun still – Opening the Monday before Thanksgiving and continuing for ~~57~~ 55 days thereafter (excluding Thanksgiving and Christmas), only in the following areas:

a. through b. No change.

2. through 6. No change.

7. Family hunt ~~Supervised youth~~ – The Saturday and Sunday prior to Columbus Day, and the Saturday and Sunday 12 and 13 days (respectively) after Columbus Day, site to be determined by the Camp Blanding Post Commander.

8. through 10. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish and furbearers. Turkeys of either sex may be taken during the archery and muzzleloading gun seasons, the last two days of each of the two general gun still quota periods, the first two days of the non-quota period of the general gun still season and the last three days of each general gun dog hunt. Taking antlered deer not having at least one antler with three or more points or one antler with a main beam of ten inches or more in length is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. During the family supervised youth ~~youth~~ hunts, the bag limit for deer shall be one antlered or antlerless deer per quota permit ~~youth~~. Only wild hog may be taken during the wild hog-dog season.

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 6. No change.

7. Only centerfire and muzzleloading shotguns are allowed for taking turkey during the spring turkey season.

8. Taking wildlife with centerfire and muzzleloading shotguns is prohibited during the archery season.

9. No change.

10. During the family supervised youth ~~youth~~ hunt, only persons under 16 years of age but not younger than eight years of age, and under the supervision and in the presence of an adult, not younger than 18 years of age as provided in Section 790.22, F.S., may take wildlife with a gun ~~hunt~~.

11. through 17. No change.

(2) Cypress Creek Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. through 5. No change.

6. Small game – Opening the first day of the Zone C antlered deer season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., and closing the first Sunday in March ~~last day of gray squirrel season established in Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C.~~

7. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(3) Gulf Hammock Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. through 5. No change.

6. Small game – Opening the day after the last day of general gun season and closing the first Sunday in March ~~last day of gray squirrel season as established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C.~~

7. No change.

(b) through (c) No Change.

(d) General regulations:

1. No change.

2. Public access is allowed only when hunting is allowed, on the consecutive Friday, Saturday, and Sunday prior to each hunting season ~~archery/muzzleloading gun and spring turkey seasons, and on the consecutive Friday, Saturday, and Sunday prior to the archery and general gun seasons, and on the~~

consecutive Friday, Saturday, and Sunday following the last day of each hunting season.

3. through 9. No change.

10. Hunting equipment shall be allowed on the area beginning 8 days prior to each hunting season and must be removed by the Sunday following the close of each hunting season.

(4) Lochloosa Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. through 6. No change.

7. Small game – Opening the day after the last day of general gun season and closing the first Sunday in March last day of gray squirrel season as established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C.

8. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(5) Osceola Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. No change.

2. Small game – Opening the day after the last day of general gun season and closing the first Sunday in March last day of gray squirrel season as established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C.

3. through 6. No change.

7. Fox, raccoon, opossum and bobcat – Opening 7 days after the first day of the Zone C antlered deer season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., and closing the first Sunday in March last day of gray squirrel season as established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., in the dog hunt portion of the area.

8. through 11. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 3. No change.

4. Motorized vehicles are allowed only on designated, named or numbered roads and mixed-use roads, except all-terrain vehicles are allowed only on designated motorized trails and mixed-use roads. Operation of all-terrain vehicles on designated motorized trails and mixed-use roads is prohibited from sunset to sunrise.

5. through 7. No change.

8. During general gun season, the use of a light in a manner capable of disclosing the presence of wildlife from 12:00 a.m. (midnight) until one-half hour before sunrise is prohibited, except hunting as specified by paragraph 68A-24.002(2)(b), F.A.C. is allowed.

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

(a) Open season:

1. through 3. No change.

4. Small game – Opening 9 days after the first day of the Zone C antlered deer season and closing the first Sunday in

March last day of gray squirrel season as established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C.

5. through 10. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

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

(a) Open season:

1. through 3. No change.

4. Small game – Opening 9 days after the first day of the Zone C antlered deer season and closing the first Sunday in March last day of gray squirrel season as established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C.

5. through 10. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

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

(a) Open season:

1. No change.

2. Small game – Opening 9 days after the first day of the Zone C antlered deer season and closing the first Sunday in March last day of gray squirrel season as established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C.

3. No change.

4. Archery – Opening ~~42~~ 35 days prior to the first day of the Zone C antlered deer season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., and closing 29 days thereafter.

5. through 9. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 3. No change.

4. Taking wildlife with centerfire and muzzleloading shotguns within the Hickory Mound Impoundment is allowed only during days when waterfowl and coot hunting is allowed and only for taking migratory game birds.

5. through 6. No change.

7. Only centerfire and muzzleloading shotguns, crossbows, or bows and arrows are allowed for taking wildlife in the Hickory Mound Impoundment.

8. through 13. No change.

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

(a) Open season:

1. through 3. No change.

4. Small game – Opening 9 days after the first day of the Zone C antlered deer season and closing the first Sunday in March last day of gray squirrel season as established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C.

5. through 7. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

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

(a) Open season:

1. through 3. No change.
4. Small game – Opening 9 days after the first day of the Zone C antlered deer season and closing the first Sunday in March last day of gray squirrel season as established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C.
5. through 8. No change.
- (b) through (d) No change.
- (11) No change.
- (12) Raiford Wildlife Management Area.
- (a) through (c) No change.
- (d) General regulations:
1. through 4. No change.
5. Only bows, muzzleloading rifles, muzzleloading handguns, and muzzleloading shotguns are allowed for taking wildlife.
6. through 7. No change.
- (13) No change.
- (14) Andrews Wildlife Management Area.
- (a) Open season:
1. through 3. No change.
4. Small game – Opening 20 days after the first day of Zone C antlered deer season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., and closing 2 days thereafter, reopening 12 days later and closing 2 days thereafter, reopening 19 33 days later and closing 2 days thereafter, reopening 5 days later and closing 2 days thereafter, and reopening 12 days later and closing 2 9 days thereafter (Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays only).
5. through 6. No change.
7. Family Supervised deer/hog youth hunt – Opening 14 days prior to the first day of the Zone C antlered deer season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., and closing 8 days thereafter (Saturdays and Sundays only).
8. Wild hog-still – Opening 59 42 days after the first day of Zone C antlered deer season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., and closing 2 days thereafter, reopening 29 days later and closing 2 days thereafter, and reopening 5 days later and closing 2 days thereafter. the last day of spring turkey season and closing 9 days thereafter (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).
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. Taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with two or more points is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. During the family hunt, only wild hog and furbearers may be taken. During the family supervised deer hog youth hunt, only antlered deer, antlerless deer by antlerless deer permit only, nonprotected birds, and wild hog may be taken. Wild hog may not be taken during the small game season. During the wild hog-still season, only wild hog may be taken. Gobblers or bearded

turkeys may be taken during spring turkey season from one-half hour before sunrise until sunset.

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. During periods when the check station is staffed, hunters shall obtain a zone tag when they check in at the check station and ~~no~~ person shall hunt in any zone other than that to which he or she is assigned by zone tag, except during wild hog-still season. Zone tags shall not be transferred. Hunters shall keep the zone tag in their possession. Zone tags shall be returned to the check station before exiting the area. Zone tags may be reserved for the next day.

2. During periods when the check station is staffed, ~~h~~Hunters shall check in and out at a check station when entering or exiting the area, and shall check all game taken.

3. through 4. No change.

5. During the family supervised deer/hog youth hunts, only persons under sixteen years of age but not younger than eight years of age, and under the supervision and in the presence of an adult no younger than 18 years of age as provided in Section 790.22, F.S., may take wildlife with a gun hunt.

6. through 9. No change.

(15) Big Shoals Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. through 2. No change.

3. Small game – Opening 7 days after the first day of the Zone C antlered deer season and closing the first Sunday in March last day of gray squirrel season as established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C.

4. through 6. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(16) Twin Rivers Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. through 4. No change.

5. Small game – Opening on Thanksgiving Day and closing the first Sunday in March continuing for 73 days thereafter.

6. through 8. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. During periods when the check station is staffed, ~~h~~Hunters shall check in and out at the check station during the archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun and spring turkey seasons and family hunt and report all game taken.

2. During periods when the check station is staffed ~~During~~ archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun and spring turkey seasons, no person shall hunt in any zone other than that for which he or she has a zone tag during the archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun and spring turkey seasons.

3. During periods when the check station is staffed, ~~h~~Hunters shall obtain a zone tag when they check in at the check

station, except during the family hunt and small game season, and keep it in their possession while hunting on the area.

4. through 11. No change.

(17) Twin Rivers Wildlife Management Area – Blue Springs Unit.

(a) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 5. No change.

6. Taking wildlife with a gun is prohibited except with blank-firing pistols during the bird dog training season by persons in possession of a bird dog training permit; and with centerfire and muzzleloading shotguns during the quail season by those persons in possession of a valid quota permit.

7. No change.

(18) No change.

(19) Holton Creek Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. No change.

2. Mobility-impaired spring turkey – Opening 6 days after the first day of spring turkey season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., –and closing 2 days thereafter, reopening 19 days later and closing 2 days thereafter.

3. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(20) Goethe Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. No change.

2. Muzzleloading gun – Opening 15 ~~8~~ days prior to the first day of Zone C antlered deer season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., and closing 2 days thereafter.

3. General gun (still hunt) – Opening the first day of Zone C antlered deer season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., and closing 5 ~~2~~ days thereafter, reopening 1 day later and closing 6 ~~2~~ days thereafter, ~~reopening 1 day later and closing 3 days later.~~

4. No change.

5. Family hunt – Opening 8 ~~56~~ days prior to ~~after~~ the first day of Zone C antlered deer season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., and closing 1 days thereafter.

6. through 8. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 8. No change.

9. That portion of the area south of County Road 326 and adjacent to the east side of County Road 337 shall be open only for taking doves as established by Rule 68A-13.008, F.A.C. Only centerfire and muzzleloading shotguns are allowed for taking wildlife on this portion of the area.

10. through 12. No change.

(21) through (22) No change.

(23) Potts Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. through 4. No change.

5. Small game – Opening 90 days after the first day of Zone C antlered deer season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., and closing 2 days thereafter, reopening 12 days later and closing 2 days thereafter, and reopening 2 days prior to the first Sunday in March ~~last day of gray squirrel season as established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C.~~, and closing 2 days thereafter.

6. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(24) through (26) No change.

(27) Middle Aucilla Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. through 2. No change.

3. Small game – Opening the day after the last day of general gun season and closing the first Sunday in March ~~last day of gray squirrel season as established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C.~~

4. through 8. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(28) Little River Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. through 3. No change.

4. Small game – Opening 7 days after the first day of the Zone C antlered deer season and closing the first Sunday in March ~~last day of gray squirrel season as established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C.~~

5. through 8. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(29) Troy Springs Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Small game – Opening 7 days after the first day of the Zone C antlered deer season and closing the first Sunday in March ~~last day of gray squirrel season as established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C.~~, except on Sundays.

2. through 3. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(30) J.P. Hall Bayard Point Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. through 3. No change.

4. Wild hog-still – Opening 33 days after the last day of the ~~Zone C~~ spring turkey antlered deer season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., and closing 2 days thereafter.

5. through 8. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 9. No change.

10. Only centerfire and muzzleloading shotguns may be used for taking wild turkey during the spring turkey season.

11. No change.

(31) Grove Park Wildlife Management Area.

- (a) Open season:
 - 1. through 3. No change.
 - 4. Small game – Opening the day after the last day of general gun season and closing the first Sunday in March last day of gray squirrel season as established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C.
 - 5. through 9. No change.
 - (b) through (d) No change.
 - (32) through (34) No change.
 - (35) Lower Econfina River Wildlife Management Area.
 - (a) Open season:
 - 1. through 2. No change.
 - 3. Small game – Opening the day after the last day of archery season and closing the first Sunday in March last day of gray squirrel season as established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C.
 - 4. through 7. No change.
 - (b) through (c) No change.
 - (d) General regulations:
 - 1. through 7. No change.
 - 8. Northern bobwhite may be released and taken by centerfire or muzzleloading shotgun during the small game season provided each individual or group participating possesses a daily permit and proof (including the name and address of the vendor and date of purchase) that the northern bobwhite were purchased within the past 90 days from a game farm licensed by the Commission or another state.
 - 9. No change.
 - (36) No change.
 - (37) Four Creeks Wildlife Management Area.
 - (a) Open season:
 - 1. through 4. No change.
 - 5. Small game – Opening 27 days after the first day of Zone C antlered deer season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., and closing 51 days thereafter (Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).
 - 6. through 10. No change.
 - (b) No change.
 - (c) Camping: Prohibited, except Allowed throughout the year only at designated sites by permit from the Florida Forest Service.
 - (d) No change.
 - (38) No change.
 - (39) Log Landing Wildlife Management Area.
 - (a) Open season:
 - 1. through 2. No change.
 - 3. Small game – Opening 27 days after the first day of the Zone C antlered deer season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., and closing 16 days thereafter, reopening 19 days later and closing the first Sunday in March last day of gray squirrel

~~season as established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C.~~ (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).

- 4. through 8. No change.
- (b) through (d) No change.
- (40) No change.

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FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Freshwater Fish and Wildlife

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

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

SUMMARY: The proposed rule amendment would revise specific area regulations on WMAs in the Northwest Region as follows:

Apalachee WMA – establish a nighttime raccoon season from September 1-15 (Zone A) and September 16-30 (Zones B and C) and from the day after the last day of general gun season through the day before the first day of spring turkey season (Zones A, B, and C); clarify methods of take allowed on the area; and clarify rule language for issuance of zone tags.

Apalachicola WMA – clarify that deer may be pursued with dogs for training purposes only during the deer-dog training season in the fox hunt area.

Apalachicola WMA, Bradwell Unit – clarify that during the wild hog-dog season, which is held during nighttime hours only, no wild hog shall be shot until bayed by dogs.

Aucilla WMA – clarify that during the wild hog-dog season, wild hog may be hunted during the day with or without dogs and no wild hog shall be shot at night until bayed by dogs; clarify that during the muzzleloading gun and general gun seasons in the Pinhook Still Hunt Area, the bag limit for antlered deer is two per quota permit, but no more than one per person; clarify that nighttime raccoon and opossum hunting is allowed in the dog hunt area only; clarify that a quota permit is not required to hunt raccoon and opossum from one hour after sunset until one hour before sunrise during any quota period; and adjust rule language for the small game season to ensure current season dates are maintained, given the proposed expansion of the statewide squirrel season.

Beaverdam Creek WMA – establish a nighttime raccoon season opening the first Thursday in July and closing the last Sunday in August (Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays only); allow nighttime raccoon hunting during the small game season and do not require a quota permit for those hunting raccoon and opossum from one hour after sunset until one hour before sunrise during any quota period; clarify that during the youth turkey hunt, one gobbler or bearded turkey may be taken per quota permit; clarify that during spring turkey season, two gobblers or bearded turkeys may be taken per quota permit, but no more than one per person; and clarify that during the wild hog-dog season, wild hog may be hunted during the day with or without dogs and no wild hog shall be shot at night until bayed by dogs.

Blackwater WMA – allow wild hog to be hunted during daylight hours in the West Boundary Forest portion of the area, except during the wild hog-dog season; allow nighttime raccoon hunting during the small game season in the Dog Hunt Area; clarify that all motorized vehicles are prohibited, except street-legal motor vehicles; clarify that motor vehicles are limited to named and numbered roads; clarify that during the family hunt, supervising adults other than the permit holder may participate in the hunt, but may not take wildlife with a gun; and clarify that during the wild hog-dog season, wild hog may be hunted during the day with or without dogs (except in the West Boundary Forest Unit) and no wild hog shall be shot at night until bayed by dogs.

Blackwater WMA, Carr Unit – clarify that the open season for the area is intended to close concurrently with the statewide quail season.

Blackwater WMA, Hutton Unit – allow individuals with valid quota permits and their guests to use street-legal vehicles on the

powerline easement during quail hunts (14 days/year); establish a 2-day family hunt (20 no-cost, quota permits, no exemptions) beginning the second Saturday in February and allow the take of up to 3 deer per family hunt quota permit, but no more than 1 antlered deer per person and no more than 1 antlerless deer per family hunt quota permit; require hunters to check in and out daily during all area quota hunts; clarify that during the muzzleloading gun and general gun seasons, the bag limit for antlered deer is two per quota permit, but no more than one per person; and clarify that during the wild hog-dog season, wild hog may be hunted during the day with or without dogs and no wild hog shall be shot at night until bayed by dogs.

Box-R – clarify that during the youth turkey hunt, one gobbler or bearded turkey may be taken per quota permit; clarify that during spring turkey season, two gobblers or bearded turkeys may be taken per quota permit, but no more than one per person; and clarify that deer taken on the Gulf County portion of the area are not required to be checked, and can therefore be dismembered before leaving the area.

Chipola River WMA, Altha Tract – establish a 2-day youth turkey hunt (10 no-cost, quota permits, no exemptions) beginning the second Saturday in March; and clarify that during spring turkey season, two gobblers or bearded turkeys may be taken per quota permit, but no more than one per person.

Choctawhatchee River WMA – allow rabbit dogs and squirrel dogs to be used for hunting in the Still Hunt Area; allow opossum to be hunted during the raccoon season; and clarify that during the wild hog-dog season, wild hog may be hunted during the day with or without dogs and no wild hog shall be shot at night until bayed by dogs.

Econfina Creek WMA – allow rabbit dogs and squirrel dogs to be used for hunting in the Still Hunt Area; and clarify that migratory birds other than waterfowl can be hunted during their respective statewide seasons.

Econfina Creek WMA, Cat Creek Area – establish a 4-day family hunt (20 no-cost, quota permits, no exemptions) beginning Christmas Eve and allow the take of 1 antlerless deer per family hunt quota permit.

Econfina Creek WMA, Fitzhugh Carter Area – establish a daily quota of 15 to be issued first come, first served at the check station during early waterfowl and small game seasons.

Eglin AFB WMA – specify that the Installation Commander designates when hunters must check in/out and check harvested game; and align the rule language for archery/muzzleloading gun and general gun seasons with when hunts are held on the ground.

Escambia River WMA – allow rabbit dogs and squirrel dogs to be used for hunting in the Still Hunt Area; allow opossum to be hunted during the raccoon season; clarify that during the wild hog-dog season, wild hog may be hunted during the day with or without dogs and no wild hog shall be shot at night until bayed

by dogs; and clarify that during the family hunt, up to two youths, 8-15 years of age, and one adult, not younger than 18 years of age, may hunt as long as each youth is physically accompanied and supervised by the adult.

Escribano Point WMA – prohibit motorized vehicles from one and one-half hours after sunset to one and one-half hours before sunrise.

Flint Rock WMA – remove all applicable rule language due to disestablishment of the area.

Garcon Point WMA – clarify that vessels may enter the Avalon and Garcon tracts anywhere along their coastline boundaries with Escambia and East bays; clarify that nighttime access to improved recreational areas is allowed only for those participating in authorized hunting and fishing activities; clarify that taking wildlife on or from designated hiking trails is prohibited; and adjust rule language for the small game season to ensure current season dates are maintained, given the proposed expansion of the statewide squirrel season.

Joe Budd WMA – remove the daily quota requirement during small game season; and require hunters to check in and out of the area and check harvested game only when the check station is staffed.

Juniper Creek WMA – include in rule the date on which the Zone Tag drawing is held.

Lafayette Creek WMA – delete the redundant wild hog-still season in February (covered by small game season dates); establish a wild hog-still season on the first and third weekends (Friday-Monday) of May-September; establish a 3-day archery/muzzleloading gun hunt (10 no-cost, quota permits, no exemptions) beginning the third Friday in February; and clarify that northern bobwhite may only be released during non-quota periods.

Ochlocknee River WMA – allow waterfowl hunting during statewide seasons (Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays only); establish a quota of 10 no-cost permits (no exemptions) for each hunt during the spring turkey season to address hunter crowding; decrease the quota for the first 5 days of the archery/muzzleloading gun season from 70 to 45 to address hunter crowding; and adjust rule language for the small game season to ensure current season dates are maintained, given the proposed expansion of the statewide squirrel season.

Perdido River WMA – extend the small game season by 10 days to open the second Saturday in November instead of 3 days prior to Thanksgiving; and adjust rule language for the close of the small game season to ensure the current season ending date is maintained, given the proposed expansion of the statewide squirrel season.

Pine Log WMA – decrease the quota for the existing muzzleloading gun and general gun seasons from 60 to 40 per hunt to reduce hunter crowding and offer new hunting opportunities as follows: establish a 2-day family hunt (20 no-

cost, quota permits, no exemptions) beginning the fourth Saturday in December and allow the take of 1 antlerless deer per family hunt quota permit, establish a 3-day archery/muzzleloading gun hunt (40 no-cost, quota permits, no exemptions) beginning the third Friday in February, and allow archery hunting in the archery-only area during general gun season dates without a quota permit (no antlerless take allowed); clarify that during the archery season, the take of antlerless deer is only allowed on the first 23 days; clarify that northern bobwhite may only be released during non-quota periods; and clarify that opossum may be hunted with dogs during the raccoon season.

Plank Road WMA – allow waterfowl hunting during statewide seasons; allow nighttime raccoon hunting during the small game season; and adjust rule language for the small game season to ensure current season dates are maintained, given the proposed expansion of the statewide squirrel season.

Point Washington WMA – convert the existing 13-day quota hunt (150 no-cost, quota permits, no exemptions) at the beginning of general gun season to a 4-day family hunt (50 no-cost, quota permits, no exemptions) followed by a 9-day general gun hunt (150 no-cost, quota permits, no exemptions) and allow the take of 1 antlerless deer per quota permit during the family hunt; establish a nighttime raccoon season opening the first Thursday in July and closing the last Sunday in August (Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays only); clarify that all motorized vehicles are prohibited, except street-legal motor vehicles; and clarify that motor vehicles are limited to named and numbered roads.

Talquin WMA – establish a quota of 10 no-cost permits (no exemptions) for each hunt during the spring turkey season to address hunter crowding; decrease the quota for the first 5 days of the general gun season from 70 to 45 to address hunter crowding; clarify that only Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays are open for hunting during the small game season; and adjust rule language for the small game season to ensure current season dates are maintained, given the proposed expansion of the statewide squirrel season.

Tate's Hell WMA – move the quota period from the first 13 days of the general gun season to the last 13 days of the general gun season to address hunter crowding occurring during the last two weeks of the season; clarify that those hunting raccoon and opossum from one hour after sunset until one hour before sunrise are not required to have a quota permit during any quota period; and clarify that during the deer-dog training season, deer dogs may only be trained during daylight hours.

Tate's Hell WMA, St. James Island Unit – adjust rule language for the small game season to ensure current season dates are maintained, given the proposed expansion of the statewide squirrel season.

Tate's Hell WMA, Womack Creek Unit – establish a 3-day archery/muzzleloading gun hunt (70 no-cost, quota permits, no exemptions) beginning the fourth Friday in January.

Telogia Creek WMA – establish open seasons and regulations for a new WMA (12,384 acres) in Liberty County as follows: 9-day duck season during the statewide September duck seasons (no quota); 16-day dove season during the first 16 days of the statewide mourning and white-winged dove season (no quota); 16-day archery season (no quota); 42-day small game season (no quota); 20-day general gun season split into 5 hunts as follows: three 4-day hunts (no quota) followed by two 4-day hunts (70 no-cost, quota permits for each hunt, no exemptions); 4-day muzzleloading gun season (no quota); 4-day archery/muzzleloading gun season (no quota); 2-day youth turkey season (no quota); 17-day spring turkey season split into 3 hunts as follows: two 4-day hunts (35 no-cost, quota permits for each hunt, no exemptions) followed by one 9-day hunt (no quota); fishing and frogging: allowed year-round; allow hunting of all legal game, wild turkey (gobbler or bearded turkeys only), fish, frogs, and furbearers; the bag limit for deer is 1 antlered deer and 1 antlerless deer per person during the archery season, 2 antlered deer per person during the muzzleloading gun and general gun seasons (except that during general gun quota hunts the bag limit will be 1 antlered deer per quota permit), and 1 antlered deer per person during the archery/muzzleloading gun season; during spring turkey season, the bag limit is one gobbler or bearded turkey per quota permit during quota hunts and the season limit is two gobblers or bearded turkeys per person; during archery season, the season limit is two gobblers or bearded turkeys per person; prohibit the harvest of antlered deer not having at least 1 antler with 2 or more points (except by persons less than 16 years of age); prohibit the harvest of antlerless deer, except during archery season; allow the take of wild turkey during archery and spring turkey seasons only (gobbler or bearded turkeys only); allow the take of wild hog (no bag limit or size restriction) during all area-specific hunting seasons with the following exceptions: duck, dove, and spring turkey (including the youth hunt); allow public access year-round; prohibit motorized vehicles, except street legal vehicles are allowed from one and one-half hours before sunrise until one and one-half hours after sunset on designated roads and parking areas as indicated on the hunt map; prohibit public access other than by foot, bicycle, horseback, or vessel at all other times and in all other portions of the area; prohibit airboats, ATVs, side-by-sides, off-highway motorcycles, swamp buggies, and tracked vehicles; require motor vehicles to enter and exit the area at a designated entrance; prohibit hunting with dogs, with the following exceptions: bird dogs and retrievers may be used to hunt migratory birds whenever their respective statewide seasons overlap with area-specific seasons and bird dogs, rabbit dogs, squirrel dogs, and retrievers may be

used to hunt small game (gray squirrel, migratory birds in season, quail, and rabbits) during the archery, general gun, muzzleloading gun, archery/muzzleloading gun, and small game seasons; require hunters to check all harvested wildlife whenever the check station is staffed; and prohibit camping and fires.

Tyndall AFB WMA – clarify that the small game season for the area is intended to close concurrently with the statewide quail season.

Yellow River WMA – establish a nighttime raccoon season opening the first Thursday in July and closing the last Sunday in August (Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays only).

Additionally, the proposed rule amendment also clarifies existing rules; removes unnecessary, redundant, or conflicting language; corrects prior mistakes; and makes non-substantive, technical corrections.

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE RATIFICATION:

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

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

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. 375.313, FS.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. 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 21-22, 2024, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., each day.

PLACE: Donald L. Tucker Civic Center, 505 West Pensacola Street, Tallahassee, Florida, 32301.

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THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Justin Bingham, Northwest Region Public Hunting Areas Biologist, Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, 620 South Meridian Street,

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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. through 10. No change.

11. Raccoon – Opening September 1 and closing 14 days thereafter (Zone A); reopening one day later and closing 14 days thereafter (Zones B and C); and reopening the day after the last day of general gun season and closing the day before the first day of spring turkey season (Zones A, B, and C).

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. Taking wildlife with dogs is prohibited, except bird dogs and retrievers are allowed during the general gun; muzzleloading gun; September duck; duck, geese and coot; mourning and white-winged dove; and quail seasons. Additionally, any dog may be used to take small game in Zones B and C, ~~and~~ to take gray squirrels during quail season in Zone A, and to take raccoon and opossum during raccoon season. The take of deer and wild hog with dogs is prohibited.

2. No change.

3. Taking wildlife with centerfire and rimfire rifles is prohibited, ~~;~~ Taking wildlife with muzzleloading long guns is prohibited, except during the muzzleloading gun season.

4. through 5. No change.

6. Two hundred zone tags will be issued for archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun, and quail seasons in Zone A on a first-come, first-served basis at the check station. A zone tag is not required to hunt in Zones B or C during these seasons.

7. No change.

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

(2) Apalachicola Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open seasons:

1. through 7. No change.

8. Archery/Muzzleloading gun and archery – Opening the day after the last day of general gun season and closing 10 days thereafter.

9. through 13. No change.

(b) No change.

(c) Camping: Throughout the year. However, on that portion of the area designated as National Forest lands, camping is allowed only in ~~designated~~ designated campsites during the general gun season. On Northwest Florida Water Management District lands, camping is allowed throughout the area (except where posted as no camping), not to exceed 14 days within any

consecutive 30-day period. Camping is limited to tents, trailers or self-propelled camping vehicles only. Lumber, sheet metal or other building materials, kitchen stoves, refrigerators and freezers are prohibited unless contained in mobile campers. Camping within designated campgrounds requires a permit from the Northwest Florida Water Management District.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 3. No change.

4. Taking wildlife with dogs, other than bird dogs and retrievers, is prohibited in that portion of the area lying west and south of County Road 375 and east of the Ochlockonee River; also those lands lying north and east of the Florida River and Larkins Slough. The take of deer with dogs is prohibited, except during the general gun season in the dog hunt area. However, during the deer-dog training season in the fox hunt area, deer dogs may be allowed to run free for training purposes only, but the take of wildlife with a gun while training deer dogs is prohibited. The take of wild hog with dogs is prohibited, except during the general gun and small game seasons in the dog hunt area.

5. through 7. No change.

(3) Apalachicola Wildlife Management Area – Bradwell Unit.

(a) Open season:

1. through 6. No change.

7. Wild hog-dog – Opening the second Friday of July and closing 2 days thereafter and opening the first Friday of the month and closing 2 days thereafter in May, June, ~~July,~~ August, and September.

8. through 11. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 4. No change.

5. During the wild hog-dog season, wild hog may be taken by the aid of a light with dogs and a firearm, provided that no wild hog shall be shot until bayed by dogs. 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) through (e) No change.

(f) General regulations:

1. During the general gun dog (dog hunt area only); small game (dog hunt area only); and the fox, raccoon, opossum and bobcat (fox hunt area only) seasons, hunting as specified in paragraph 68A-24.002(2)(b), F.A.C., is allowed. A quota permit shall not be required to take raccoon and opossum from one hour after sunset until one hour before sunrise during the general gun dog season.

2. Motor v-ehicles may be operated only on named or numbered roads.

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

4. through 5. No change.

6. The use of airboats, tracked vehicles, or off-highway vehicles (including all-terrain vehicles, side-by-sides, unlicensed and unregistered motorcycles, and swamp buggies) on the area is prohibited, except by permit from the Florida Forest Service.

7. No change.

8. During the family hunt and family still hunt, supervising adults other than the permit holder may participate in the hunt, except they may not take wildlife with a gun and all hunters must check in at the designated check station prior to hunting and check all game taken.

9. No change.

~~10. Taking wild hogs during daylight hours is prohibited in the West Boundary Forest Unit (that portion of the area south of State Road 4 and west of County Road 191).~~

10. ~~11.~~ During the wild hog-dog season, wild hog may be taken with or without dogs during the day (except in the West Boundary Forest Unit, delineated as that portion of the area south of State Road 4 and west of County Road 191) or at night by the aid of a light with dogs and a firearm, provided that no wild hog shall be shot at night until bayed by dogs. The hunting of wild hog under this provision by display or use of a light from a moving vehicle, boat or animal is prohibited.

~~11. 12.~~ Taking wildlife with a centerfire rifle is prohibited during the small game ~~season~~ and quail seasons.

(5) Blackwater Wildlife Management Area – Hutton Unit.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – Opening 33 days prior to the first day of Zone D antlered deer season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., and closing 3 days thereafter and reopening ~~the~~ 1 day later and closing 4 days thereafter.

2. through 11. No change.

12. Family hunt – Opening the second Saturday in February and closing one day thereafter.

(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 four or more points or one antler with a main beam of fourteen inches or more in length is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. The bag limit for antlered deer shall be one per quota permit during the archery season and two per quota permit, but no more than one per person, but no more than two per quota permit during muzzleloading gun and general gun seasons. During the family hunt, the bag limit for deer is three per quota permit, but no more than one antlered deer per person and no more than one antlerless deer per quota permit. Two deer (antlered or antlerless) 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, one gobbler or bearded turkey may be taken 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. During hunting seasons, vehicular access is allowed only by individuals possessing quota permits. Vehicles may be operated only on named or numbered roads, except during the mobility-impaired hunts, and shall enter and exit only at the designated entrance as indicated on the hunt map. During quail season, individuals who possess a valid quota permit and their guests may also operate street legal motor vehicles on the powerline roads as designated on the hunt map.

2. Hunters shall check in and out at the check station when entering and exiting the area, or check in and out on a daily basis when staying overnight at a designated campsite, and shall check all game taken during the archery, muzzleloading gun, quail, dove, general gun and mobility-impaired general gun seasons.

3. through 5. No change.

6. Taking wildlife with firearms other than centerfire and muzzleloading shotguns is prohibited during the quail season.

7. No change.

8. During the wild hog-dog season, wild hog may be taken during the day (with or without dogs) or at night by the aid of a light with dogs and a firearm, provided that no wild hog shall be shot at night until bayed by dogs. The hunting of wild hog under this provision by display or use of a light from a moving vehicle, boat or animal is prohibited.

9. through 10. No change.

(6) Blackwater Wildlife Management Area – Carr Unit.

(a) Open season: Small game – Opening the second Saturday of November and closing the first Sunday in March ~~113 days thereafter.~~

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 3. No change.

4. Taking wildlife with firearms other than centerfire and muzzleloading shotguns is prohibited.

5. No change.

6. Northern bobwhite may be released and taken by centerfire or muzzleloading shotgun during the small game season provided each individual or group participating possesses a daily permit and proof (including the name and address of the vendor and date of purchase) that the northern bobwhite were purchased within the past 90 days from a game farm licensed by the Commission or another state. The release of northern bobwhite is allowed only on that portion of the area as designated on the brochure map.

(7) Joe Budd Wildlife Management Area.

(a) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 2. No change.

3. When the check station is staffed, hHunters shall check in and out at the a check station when entering and exiting the area and shall check all harvested wildlife game taken.

4. No change.

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

6. Centerfire and muzzleloading sShotguns are prohibited for taking wildlife during the archery season, and centerfire shotguns are prohibited for taking wildlife during the archery/muzzleloading gun season.

7. through 10. No change.

11. Public access is prohibited from one and one-half 4.5 hours after sunset until one and one-half 4.5 hours before sunrise.

12. During the archery and, archery/muzzleloading gun, small game and dove seasons; and prior to 1:00 p.m. during the youth spring turkey hunt and spring turkey seasons, access to the area shall be restricted to individuals authorized to participate in the hunt.

13. No change.

(8) Point Washington Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – Opening 4 days after Open the first day 58 days of Zone D antlered deer season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C. and closing 53 days later.

2. through 10. No change.

11. Family hunt – Opening the first day of Zone D antlered deer season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C. and closing 3 days thereafter.

12. Raccoon – Opening the first Thursday in July and closing the last Sunday in August (Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays only).

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers. Taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with two

or more points is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. During the family hunt, the bag limit for antlerless deer is one per quota permit.

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. Motor vehicles may be operated only on named or numbered roads.

2. through 4. No change.

5. The use of airboats, tracked vehicles, or off-highway vehicles (including all-terrain vehicles, side-by-sides, unlicensed and unregistered motorcycles, and swamp buggies) is prohibited, except by permit from the Florida Forest Service.

6. through 8. No change.

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

(9) Talquin Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. No change.

2. Small game – Opening 5 days after the last day of general gun season and closing the first Sunday in March (Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays only) last day of gray squirrel season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C.

3. through 9. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 3. No change.

4. Public access is prohibited from one and one-half 4.5 hours after sunset until one and one-half 4.5 hours before sunrise.

5. through 6. No change.

(10) Ochlockonee River Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. No change.

2. Small game – Opening 5 days after the last day of archery/muzzleloading gun season and closing the first Sunday in March last day of gray squirrel season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C. (Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays only).

3. through 7. No change.

8. Ducks, geese, and coot – During the seasons established by Rule 68A-13.003 F.A.C. (Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays only).

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 3. No change.

4. Public access is prohibited from one and one-half 4.5 hours after sunset until one and one-half 4.5 hours before sunrise.

5. through 6. No change.

(11) Tate’s Hell Wildlife Management Area.

(a) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. Deer dogs may be trained from the last Saturday in October and for 19 consecutive days thereafter, but only from one-half hour before sunrise until one-half hour after sunset.

2. During the general gun and small game seasons, hunting as specified by paragraph 68A-24.002(2)(b), F.A.C., is allowed. A quota permit is not required to take raccoon and opossum from one hour after sunset until one hour before sunrise during any quota period.

3. No change.

4. Hunting with dogs other than bird dogs and retrievers is prohibited in the still hunt area, which includes that portion of the area east of Whiskey George Creek and south of Dry Bridge Road, east of Car Body Road, south of River Road, east of Burnt Bridge Road from its intersection with River Road to the New River, south of New River and west of Carrabelle River, and those lands lying south and east of the Crooked River. The take of deer with dogs is prohibited, except during general gun season in the dog hunt area. However, during the deer-dog training season in the dog hunt area, deer dogs may be allowed to run free for training purposes only, but the take of wildlife with a gun while training deer dogs is prohibited. The take of wild hog with dogs is prohibited, except during general gun and small game seasons in the dog hunt area.

5. through 7. No change.

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

(a) Open season:

1. through 12. No change.

13. Archery/muzzleloading gun – Opening the fourth Friday in January and closing 2 days thereafter.

(b) through (d) No change.

(13) Aucilla Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. No change.

2. Small game – Opening the day after the last day of general gun season and ending the first Sunday in March ~~last day of gray squirrel season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C.~~ (except in the Pinhook still hunt area). Opening the day after the last day of general gun season ~~in the Pinhook still hunt area~~ and closing 18 days thereafter (Pinhook still hunt area only).

3. through 15. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, bear (only during the bear season and those portions of the muzzleloading gun season in the Pinhook still hunt area that coincide with the bear season), fish, frogs and furbearers. In the Pinhook still hunt area (which is that portion of the area south of US 98), taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with three or more points or one antler with a main beam of ten inches or more in length is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. In the remainder of the area, taking of antlered deer not having at least

one antler with two or more points is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. During the archery season in the Pinhook still hunt area the bag limit for deer shall be two deer, only one of which can be antlered, per quota permit. During the family hunt the bag limit shall be one antlered and one antlerless deer per quota permit. During the muzzleloading gun and general gun seasons in the Pinhook still hunt area, the bag limit for deer shall be two antlered deer per quota permit, but no more than one antlered deer per person, but not more than two per quota permit. During the wild hog-dog season, only wild hog may be taken.

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

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

2. Taking wildlife with dogs other than bird dogs or waterfowl retrievers is prohibited in the still hunt area (which includes that portion of the area south of US 98 and that portion of the area north of Goose Pasture Road and east of Oneal Tram). ~~The take of deer with dogs is prohibited, except during the general gun season in the dog hunt area. The take of wild hog with dogs is prohibited, except during the general gun and small game seasons in the dog hunt area.~~

3. No change.

4. During the general gun, raccoon, and small game seasons, hunting as specified by paragraph 68A-24.002(2)(b), F.A.C., is allowed in the dog hunt area only. A quota permit is not required to take raccoon and opossum from one hour after sunset until one hour before sunrise during any quota period.

5. through 9. No change.

10. Public access is prohibited in that portion of the still hunt area north of Goose Pasture Road and east of Oneal Tram from one and one-half 1.5 hours after sunset until one and one-half 1.5 hours before sunrise, except by persons possessing a Special Use Authorization from the Suwannee River Water Management District.

11. No change.

12. During the wild hog-dog season, wild hog may be taken during the day (with or without dogs) or at night by the aid of a light with dogs and a firearm, provided that no wild hog shall be shot at night until bayed by dogs. The hunting of wild hog under this provision by display or use of a light from a moving vehicle, boat or animal is prohibited.

13. Northern bobwhite may be released and taken by centerfire or muzzleloading shotgun during the small game

season provided each individual or group participating possesses a daily permit and proof (including the name and address of the vendor and date of purchase) that the northern bobwhite were purchased within the past 90 days from a game farm licensed by the Commission or another state. The release of northern bobwhite is allowed only on FWC-lead managed portions of the area.

~~(14) Flint Rock Wildlife Management Area.~~

~~(a) Open season:~~

~~1. Muzzleloading gun—During the Zone C muzzleloading gun season as established in Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C.~~

~~2. General gun—During the Zone C antlered deer season as established in Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C.~~

~~3. Small game—Opening the day following the close of general gun season and closing the first Sunday in March.~~

~~4. Youth turkey hunt—During the youth turkey hunt established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C.~~

~~5. Spring turkey—During the spring turkey season established in Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C.~~

~~6. Archery—During the Zone C archery season as established in Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C.~~

~~7. September duck—In the September duck seasons established by Rule 68A-13.003, F.A.C.~~

~~8. Duck, geese and coot—During the duck and coot season established by Rule 68A-13.003, F.A.C.~~

~~9. Fishing and frogging—Allowed during periods the area is open for access.~~

~~10. Trapping—Opening the day after the last day of general gun season and closing March 1.~~

~~11. Wild hog still—Open the fourth Friday and closing 6 days thereafter in August and May, and opening the third Friday and closing 6 days thereafter in June.~~

~~(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs, and furbearers. Taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with three or more points or one antler with a main beam of ten inches or more in length is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. During the wild hog still season, only wild hog may be taken.~~

~~(c) Camping: Prohibited.~~

~~(d) General regulations:~~

~~1. Taking wildlife with dogs other than waterfowl retrievers and bird dogs is prohibited.~~

~~2. Access is allowed only by individuals possessing a valid recreational user permit except as provided by Section 379.354, F.S., and only during periods open to hunting and 7 days before each open hunting season (except access for the wild hog still season is restricted to hunt dates only).~~

~~3. Vehicles may be operated only on designated roads, and access is restricted to designated entrances.~~

~~4. Taking wildlife by use of a gun on or from the right of way of U.S. Highway 98 is prohibited as provided by subsection 68A-4.008(4), F.A.C.~~

~~5. Fires are prohibited.~~

~~6. The use of all terrain vehicles is prohibited.~~

~~(14) (15) Pine Log Wildlife Management Area.~~

~~(a) Open season:~~

~~1. Archery – Opening 33 days prior to the first day of Zone D antlered deer season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., and closing 22 days thereafter (throughout the area); and reopening the first day of Zone D antlered deer season and closing 3 days thereafter, reopening 6 20 days later and closing 2 days thereafter, reopening 47 days later and closing 3 days thereafter, and reopening 1 day later and closing 4 days thereafter (in the archery-only area).~~

~~2. through 11. No change.~~

~~12. Family hunt – Opening the fourth Saturday in December and closing 1 day thereafter.~~

~~13. Archery/muzzleloading gun – Opening the third Friday in February and closing 2 days thereafter.~~

~~(b) Legal to take: All legal game, bear (only during those portions of the archery season that coincide with the open season established for the East Panhandle BMU in Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C.), fish, frogs and furbearers. Taking antlered deer not having at least one antler with three or more points is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. Taking antlerless deer is prohibited, except during the family hunt and the first 23 days of archery season. The bag limit for antlerless deer during the family hunt is one per quota permit. During the youth turkey hunt, one gobbler or bearded turkey may be taken per quota permit.~~

~~(c) No change.~~

~~(d) General regulations:~~

~~1. No change.~~

~~2. Taking wildlife with dogs other than bird dogs or retrievers is prohibited, except as specifically authorized by permit, when taking raccoon and opossum during the raccoon season, or when using any dog to take small game during small game season. The take of deer and wild hog with dogs is prohibited.~~

~~3. through 7. No change.~~

~~8. Northern bobwhite may be released and taken by centerfire or muzzleloading shotgun during the small game season provided each individual or group participating possesses a daily permit and proof (including the name and address of the vendor and date of purchase) that the northern bobwhite were purchased within the past 90 days from a game farm licensed by the Commission or another state. The release of northern bobwhite is allowed only during non-quota periods and only on that portion of the area west of Highway 79 and south of Pine Log Creek.~~

9. No change.

~~(15) (16)~~ Eglin AFB Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. through 2. No change.

3. General gun – Opening During the first day of Zone D general gun season as established in Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., and closing 3 days thereafter, reopening 20 days later and closing 16 days thereafter, and reopening 19 days later and closing 8 days thereafter in areas and during days specified by the Installation Commander.

4. Archery/Muzzleloading gun – Opening the second Saturday in February and closing 9 days thereafter During the last 7 days of Zone D muzzleloading gun season as established in Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., in areas and during days specified by the Installation Commander.

5. through 12. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 2. No change.

3. Hunters shall check in and out at a check station when entering and exiting the area and shall check all game taken in areas and during days specified by the Installation Commander.

4. through 11. No change.

12. Northern bobwhite may be released and taken by centerfire or muzzleloading shotgun during the small game season provided each individual or group participating possesses a daily permit and proof (including the name and address of the vendor and date of purchase) that the northern bobwhite were purchased within the past 90 days from a game farm licensed by the Commission or another state. The release of northern bobwhite is allowed only in the Sikes and Choctaw units.

13. No change.

14. Taking wildlife with centerfire and muzzleloading shotguns using slugs or shot larger than number 2 during small game season is prohibited.

15. No change.

~~(16) (17)~~ Escambia River Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. through 7. No change.

8. Fox, ~~opossum~~ and bobcat – November 1 through July 31 except during spring turkey season.

9. through 12. No change.

13. Raccoon and opossum – Throughout the year except during the spring turkey season.

14. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. No change.

2. Taking wildlife with dogs, other than using bird dogs, rabbit dogs, squirrel dogs or retrievers to take small game, is

prohibited in that portion of the area north of State Road 184 in Santa Rosa County, and north of Cedartown Road and Daffin Road in Escambia County, except that dogs may be used to take raccoon and opossum at night during the raccoon and opossum season and to take wild hog during the wild hog-dog season. The take of deer with dogs is prohibited, except during the general gun and family hunt seasons in the dog hunt area. ~~The take of deer with dogs is prohibited, except during the general gun and family hunt seasons in the dog hunt area.~~ The take of wild hog with dogs is prohibited, except during the general gun, family hunt, and small game seasons in the dog hunt area and during the wild hog-dog season throughout the area.

3. through 4. No change.

5. Hunting ~~raccoon~~ as specified by paragraph 68A-24.002(2)(b), F.A.C., is allowed during the raccoon and opossum season.

6. through 7. No change.

8. During the wild hog-dog season, wild hog may be taken during the day (with or without dogs) or at night by the aid of a light with dogs and a firearm, provided that no wild hog shall be shot at night until bayed by dogs. The hunting of wild hog under this provision by display or use of a light from a moving vehicle, boat or animal is prohibited.

9. During the family hunt, one or two youths under 16 years of age, but not younger than 8 years of age, may hunt as provided in Section 790.22, F.S., under the supervision and in the presence of one adult not younger than 18 years of age. The adult may only hunt when in the presence of at least one youth under 16 years of age but not younger than 8 years of age.

~~(17) (18)~~ Tyndall AFB Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. through 6. No change.

7. Small game – Opening the second Saturday in November and closing the first Sunday in March ~~43 days thereafter~~ in areas and during days specified by the Installation Commander.

8. through 10. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 3. No change.

4. The use of rimfire and centerfire handguns and ~~rimfire and centerfire rifles~~ is are prohibited for taking wildlife.

5. Taking deer with centerfire shotguns or muzzleloading guns using ammunition other than slugs or single projectiles is prohibited.

6. No change.

~~(18) (19)~~ Choctawhatchee River Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. through 10. No change.

11. Wild hog-dog – Opening the first Friday of the month and closing 2 days thereafter in May, June, July, August and September except in the Holmes Homes Creek Unit.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. No change.

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

3. through 6. No change.

7. During the wild hog-dog season, wild hog may be taken during the day (with or without dogs) or at night by the aid of a light with dogs and a firearm, provided that no wild hog shall be shot at night until bayed by dogs. The hunting of wild hog under this provision by display or use of a light from a moving vehicle, boat or animal is prohibited.

8. During the general gun and small game seasons, hunting as specified by paragraph 68A-24.002(2)(b), F.A.C., is allowed, except in the East River Island Area and Holmes Creek Unit.

(19) (20) Chipola River Wildlife Management Area.

(a) No change.

(b) Open seasons in the Altha Tract:

1. through 3. No change

4. Small game – Opening the The Saturday after the last day of muzzleloading gun season and closing through the first Sunday in March (Saturdays and Sundays only).

5. through 7. No change.

8. Youth turkey – During the youth turkey hunt established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C.

(c) Legal to take: All legal game, bear (only during the bear season and those portions of the archery season in the Altha Tract that coincide with the bear season), fish, frogs and furbearers. In that portion of the area south of I-10, taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with two or more points is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age.

In that portion of the area north of I-10, taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with three or more points or one antler with a main beam of ten inches or more in length is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. During the archery season in the Altha Tract, the bag limit for deer shall be one antlered or one antlerless deer per person, but not more than two per quota permit. During the family hunt, the bag limit shall be one antlered and one antlerless deer per quota permit. During the muzzleloading gun season in the Altha Tract, the bag limit shall be one antlered deer per person, but not more than two per quota permit. One gobbler or bearded turkey may be taken per quota permit during the youth turkey hunt and two ~~one~~ gobblers or bearded turkeys may be taken per quota permit ~~person~~, but not more than one ~~two~~ per person ~~quota permit~~ during spring turkey season in the Altha Tract. During the wild hog-still season, only wild hog may be taken.

(d) through (e) No change.

(20) (21) Yellow River Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open seasons:

1. through 11. No change.

12. Raccoon – Opening the first Thursday in July and closing the last Sunday in August (Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays only).

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. No change.

2. Taking wildlife with dogs, other than bird dogs or retrievers, is prohibited, except that dogs may be used to hunt raccoon and opossum during the general gun, raccoon, and small game seasons and any dog may be used to take small game during the small game season. The take of deer and wild hog with dogs is prohibited. Only wild hog may be taken during the wild hog-still season.

3. No change.

4. During the general gun, raccoon, and small game seasons, hunting as specified by paragraph 68A-24.002(2)(b), F.A.C., is allowed.

5. through 6. No change.

(21) (22) Econfina Creek Wildlife Management Area.

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

1. through 8. No change.

9. Migratory birds – During seasons established by Rules ~~Rule~~ 68A-13.003 and 68A-13.008, F.A.C.

10. through 11. No change.

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

1. through 3. No change.

4. Small game – Opening the Saturday after the last day of general gun season and closing the first Sunday in March (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).

(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. through 8. No change.

9. Family hunt (Cat Creek Area only) – Opening Christmas Eve and closing 3 days thereafter.

(d) Legal to Take: All legal game, bear (only during the bear season and those portions of the archery season in the Cat Creek and Fitzhugh Carter areas that coincide with the bear season), fish (except as provided below), frogs and furbearers. Taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with two or more points is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. During the family hunt, the bag limit for antlerless deer is one per quota permit. Taking bobcat and otter is prohibited in the Fitzhugh Carter area. During the youth turkey hunt, one gobbler or bearded turkey may be taken per quota permit. In the mobility-impaired hunt area, antlerless deer (bag limit of two per three-day hunt) may be taken during general gun hunts only by persons possessing valid mobility-impaired certificates.

(e) No change.

(f) General regulations:

1. No change.

2. Taking wildlife with dogs, other than using bird dogs, rabbit dogs, squirrel dogs or retrievers to take small game, is prohibited in those portions of the area that are west of State Road 77; south of State Road 20; ~~east of Econfina Creek;~~ south and east of Hampshire Blvd. to Porter Pond Road, east of Porter Pond Road to except that portion of the area lying south of Greenhead Road, north of Greenhead Road to Econfina Creek, and east of Econfina Creek to State Strickland Road 20 (except in that portion of the area lying in Jackson County); west of Econfina Road to State Road 20, north of State Road 20 to State Road 77, east of State Road 77 to and south of Greenhead Road, and south of Greenhead Road to Econfina Road, except that portion of the area lying east of Fox Pond Road to Mabel Porter Road and east of Mabel Porter Road to Econfina Road roads; and north of Deadening Road, except that dogs may be used ~~in that portion of the area in Jackson County and~~ to take raccoons and opossums during raccoon season (except in the ~~M~~mobility-impaired, Cat Creek, and Fitzhugh Carter areas). The take of deer and wild hog with dogs is prohibited, except deer may be taken with dogs during general gun season in the dog hunt area and wild hog may be taken with dogs during general gun and small game seasons in the dog hunt area.

3. through 11. No change.

12. Northern bobwhite may be released and taken by centerfire or muzzleloading shotgun during the small game season provided each individual or group participating possesses a daily permit and proof (including the name and address of the vendor and date of purchase) that the northern

bobwhite were purchased within the past 90 days from a game farm licensed by the Commission or another state. The release of northern bobwhite is allowed only on that portion of the area north of State Road 20 and east of Highway 77.

13. through 14. No change.

~~(22) (23)~~ Box-R Wildlife Management Area.

(a) No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, bear (only during those portions of the archery season that coincide with the open season established for the East Panhandle BMU in Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C.), fish, frogs and furbearers. The bag limit for deer shall be one deer per person, but not more than two per quota permit. Antlerless deer may only be taken during archery season (1 antlerless deer per quota permit) or by antlerless deer permit. Taking antlered deer not having at least one antler with three or more points is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. During the youth turkey hunt, one gobbler or bearded turkey may be taken per quota permit. During spring turkey season, ~~two one~~ gobblers or bearded turkeys may be taken per quota permit person, but not more than one two per person quota permit. During the wild hog-dog season, only wild hog may be taken. The take of deer is prohibited during wild hog-still season.

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 5. No change.

6. No deer shall be dismembered until checked at a check station, except for deer taken in the Gulf County portion of the area.

7. through 11. No change.

~~(23) (24)~~ Lafayette Creek Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. through 4. No change.

5. Small game – During the quail season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C. (except during general gun, family hunt, and muzzleloading gun, and wild hog still seasons).

6. through 8. No change.

9. Wild hog-still – Opening the first Friday and closing three days thereafter and reopening the third Friday and closing three days thereafter in May, June, July, August, and September ~~During the month of February.~~

10. No change.

11. Archery/muzzleloading gun – Opening the third Friday in February and closing 2 days thereafter.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers, ~~except that deer and turkey may not be taken during the wild hog still season.~~ Taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with two or more points is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age.

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 6. No change.

7. Northern bobwhite may be released and taken by centerfire or muzzleloading shotgun during the small game season provided each individual or group participating possesses a daily permit and proof (including the name and address of the vendor and date of purchase) that the northern bobwhite were purchased within the past 90 days from a game farm licensed by the Commission or another state. The release of northern bobwhite is allowed during non-quota periods only.

~~(24)~~ ~~(25)~~ Wakulla Wildlife Management Area.

(a) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 4. No change.

5. Public access is prohibited from one and one-half ~~4-5~~ hours after sunset until one and one-half ~~4-5~~ hours before sunrise.

6. through 7. No change.

~~(25)~~ ~~(26)~~ Perdido River Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. through 5. No change.

6. Small game – Opening ~~3 days prior to the second Saturday in November~~ first day of Zone D antlered deer season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., and closing the first Sunday in March ~~last day of gray squirrel season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C.~~ (except during general gun, family hunt, muzzleloading gun, and archery/muzzleloading gun seasons).

7. through 10. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 6. No change.

7. Public access is prohibited from one and one-half ~~4-5~~ hours after sunset until one and one-half ~~4-5~~ hours before sunrise, except access is allowed throughout the year on Sand Landing Road, at designated campsites or by permit from the Northwest Florida Water Management District.

~~(26)~~ ~~(27)~~ Juniper Creek Wildlife Management Area.

(a) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 2. No change.

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

under 16 years of age but not younger than 8 years of age. During youth turkey hunts, one youth and one adult may participate as provided by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., per zone tag. During the bear hunt, one youth and one adult may participate per zone tag.

4. through 7. No change.

~~(27)~~ ~~(28)~~ Beaverdam Creek Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. through 8. No change.

9. Ducks, geese and coot – During the migratory game bird seasons as established by Rule 68A-13.003, F.A.C.

10. through 12. No change.

13. Raccoon – Opening the first Thursday in July and closing the last Sunday in August (Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays only).

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

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 5. No change.

6. During wild hog-dog hunts, wild hogs may be taken during the day (with or without dogs) or at night by the aid of a light with dogs and a firearm, provided that no wild hog shall be shot at night until bayed by dogs. The hunting of wild hogs under this provision by display or use of a light from a moving vehicle, boat or animal is prohibited.

7. No change.

8. During the raccoon and small game seasons, hunting as specified by paragraph 68A-24.002(2)(b), F.A.C., is allowed. A quota permit is not required to take raccoon and opossum from one hour after sunset until one hour before sunrise during any quota period.

~~(28)~~ ~~(29)~~ Escribano Point Wildlife Management Area.

(a) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 4. No change.

5. Motorized vehicles are prohibited from one and one-half hours after sunset until one and one-half hours before sunrise.

~~(29)~~ ~~(30)~~ Plank Road Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. ~~Ducks, geese, and coot~~ ~~September duck~~ – ~~During the In the September~~ seasons established by Rule 68A-13.003, F.A.C.

2. through 6. No change.

7. Small game – Opening the day following the close of general gun season and closing the first Sunday in March last day of gray squirrel season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C.

8. through 11. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game (~~except hen or beardless turkey~~), fish, frogs and furbearers. Taking antlered deer not having at least one antler with three or more points or one antler with a main beam of 10-inches or more in length is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. The take of antlerless deer is prohibited except during the archery, family hunt, and mobility-impaired general gun seasons. During the family hunt, the bag limit shall be two deer per quota permit, only one of which may be antlerless. During the mobility-impaired general gun season, the bag limit for antlerless deer shall be one per quota permit and only mobility-impaired hunters may take antlerless deer. The take of beardless hen wild turkey is prohibited.

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. Public access allowed year round but only from one and one-half 4-5 hours before sunrise until one and one-half 4-5 hours after sunset, except during the small game season when individuals participating in raccoon and opossum hunting are allowed during nighttime hours and the mobility-impaired general gun hunt when public access is prohibited except for individuals participating in the hunt and non-hunting assistants as provided in Rule 68A-15.005, F.A.C.

2. through 6. No change.

7. During the small game season, hunting as specified by paragraph 68A-24.002(2)(b), F.A.C., is allowed.

(30) (34) Tate's Hell Wildlife Management Area – St. James Island Unit.

(a) Open season:

1. through 4. No change.

5. Small game – Opening the day after the last day of muzzleloading gun season and closing the first Sunday in March last day of gray squirrel season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C.

6. through 9. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game (~~except hen or beardless turkey~~), fish, frogs, and furbearers. Taking of antlered deer not having at least 1 antler with 3 or more points or 1 antler with a main beam of 10 inches or more in length is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. During the archery season, the bag limit for deer shall be 1 deer (except spotted fawn) per quota permit. During the muzzleloading gun and general gun seasons, the bag limit for deer shall be 1 antlered deer per quota

permit. During the family hunt, the bag limit for deer shall be 2 antlered deer per quota permit, but no more than 1 per person. The take of beardless hen wild turkey is prohibited. During the archery, youth turkey, and spring turkey seasons, 1 gobbler or bearded turkey may be taken per quota permit.

(c) through (d) No change.

(31) (32) Garcon Point Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. through 3. No change.

4. Small game – Opening the last Saturday in January and closing the first Sunday in March last day of gray squirrel season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C. (except during the archery/~~and~~ muzzleloading gun season).

5. through 8. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game (~~except hen or beardless turkey~~), fish, frogs, and furbearers. Taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with two or more points is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. During the archery season, the bag limit for deer shall be one deer (except spotted fawn) per quota permit. During the muzzleloading gun, general gun, and archery/~~and~~ muzzleloading gun seasons, the bag limit for deer shall be one antlered deer per quota permit. The take of beardless hen wild turkey is prohibited. During the archery and spring turkey seasons, one gobbler or bearded turkey may be taken per quota permit.

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. Public access is allowed year-round, except from sunset to sunrise, when only individuals participating in hunting and fishing activities may access improved recreational areas as defined and managed by the Northwest Florida Water Management District.

2. Individuals shall enter and exit the area only at designated entrances as indicated on the hunt map, except vessels may enter the Avalon and Garcon tracts anywhere along their coastline boundaries with Escambia and East bays.

3. through 5. No change.

6. Taking wildlife on or from designated hiking trails (as indicated on the brochure map) or with centerfire rifles is prohibited.

7. No change.

(32) Telogia Creek Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Small game – Opening 5 days before Thanksgiving Day and closing 8 days thereafter, reopening 20 days later and closing 16 days thereafter, and reopening 6 days before the first day of the archery/muzzleloading gun season and closing 15 days thereafter.

2. Archery – Opening 33 days prior to the first day of Zone D antlered deer season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., and closing 15 days thereafter.

3. General gun – Opening the first day of Zone D antlered deer season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., and closing 3 days thereafter, reopening 26 days later and closing 3 days thereafter, reopening 4 days later and closing 3 days thereafter, reopening 3 days before the third Monday in January and closing 3 days thereafter, and reopening 3 days before the third Monday in February and closing 3 days thereafter.

4. Muzzleloading gun – Opening 9 days after the first day of Zone D antlered deer season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., and closing 3 days thereafter.

5. Archery/muzzleloading gun – Opening 11 days after the last day of the second-to-last general gun hunt and closing 3 days thereafter.

6. Youth turkey – During the youth turkey hunt established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C.

7. Spring turkey – Opening the first day of spring turkey season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., and closing 3 days thereafter, reopening 10 days later and closing 3 days thereafter, and reopening 12 days later and closing 8 days thereafter.

8. Ducks – As allowed during the September duck seasons established by Rule 68A-13.003, F.A.C.

9. Doves – During the first 16 days of the mourning and white-winged dove season established by Rule 68A-13.008, F.A.C.

9. Fishing and frogging – Allowed year-round.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs, and furbearers. Taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with two or more points is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. During the archery season, the bag limit for deer is one antlered deer and one antlerless deer (except spotted fawn) per person. During the muzzleloading gun and general gun seasons, the bag limit for deer is two antlered deer per person, except during the general gun quota hunts when the bag limit is one antlered deer per quota permit. During the archery/muzzleloading season, the bag limit for deer is one antlered deer per person. The take of beardless hen wild turkey is prohibited. During spring turkey season, the bag limit is one gobbler or bearded turkey per quota permit during quota hunts and the season limit is two gobblers or bearded turkeys per person. During archery season, the season limit is two gobblers or bearded turkeys per person.

(c) Camping: prohibited, except in designated camping areas by permit as provided by Rule 68A-15.004, F.A.C. Only tents, trailers, or self-propelled camping vehicles may be used for camping.

(d) General regulations:

1. Public access is allowed year-round.

2. Motor vehicles must enter and exit the area only at designated entrances as indicated on the hunt map.

3. Motorized vehicles are prohibited, except street legal motor vehicles may be operated from one and one-half hours before sunrise until one and one-half hours after sunset on designated roads and parking areas as indicated on the hunt map. At all other times and in all other portions of the area, public access other than by foot, bicycle, horseback, or vessel is prohibited.

4. Airboats, off-highway vehicles (which include all-terrain vehicles, side-by-sides, and off-highway motorcycles), swamp buggies, and tracked vehicles are prohibited.

5. Taking wildlife with dogs, other than using bird dogs, rabbit dogs, squirrel dogs or retrievers to take small game, is prohibited. The take of deer or wild hog with dogs is prohibited.

6. When check stations are staffed, hunters must check all harvested wildlife at the check station.

7. Fires are prohibited, except at designated campsites by persons with a valid camping permit during the dates listed on their permit.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2024

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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 regulations on Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) in the Northeast Region. 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 revise specific area regulations on WMAs in the Northeast Region as follows:

Bull Creek/Herky Huffman WMA – remove the requirement for non-hunting recreational users to check in and out on the area.

Caravelle Ranch WMA – allow only youth under 16 years of age but not younger than eight years of age to take wildlife with a gun during the family hunt.

Dunns Creek WMA – establish a 15-day small game season for 5 consecutive weekends (Friday – Sunday) ending the last Sunday in January (no quota, walk-in access only); centerfire rifles prohibited for taking wildlife; wild hog legal to take; the use of dogs prohibited for the take of wild hog; and shift the dates for the wild hog quota hunt to the month of May to accommodate the new small game season.

Guana River WMA – prohibit public access to the uplands portion of the WMA during established quota hunts, except for quota permit holders, hunting guests, and exempt hunters in response to feedback from staff and the public regarding crowding on the area.

Ocala WMA – establish in rule that nighttime hunting of fox, coyote and bobcat (when it coincides with the statewide bobcat season) with dogs is allowed in the Pipeline Unit only during the general gun season, and in that portion of the Pipeline Unit south of State Road 40 and west of State Road 19 only during the fox, raccoon, opossum and bobcat season.

Richloam WMA, Baird Unit – require all users to enter and exit the area at a designated entrance; and add a scout day between the 2nd and 3rd archery hunts.

Seminole Forest WMA – clarify the area specific bag limit for turkey from “daily limit of 1” to “2 per quota permit, daily limit of 1 per person”.

Seminole Forest WMA, Lake Tracy Unit – clarify the area specific bag limit for turkey from “daily limit of 1” to “2 per quota permit, daily limit of 1 per person”.

Silver Springs Forest WMA – add a family hunt and modify the formats and dates of other hunts (except small game season and wild hog quota hunts).

Three Lakes WMA, Prairie Lakes Unit – remove the quota permit requirement for the area’s 4 wild hog-still hunts (weekend hunts) to increase participation in hog hunting on the area.

Triple N Ranch WMA – require all users to enter and exit the area at a designated entrance; allow the take of wild hog during 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.

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: Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. 375.313, FS.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. 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 21-22, 2024, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., each day.

PLACE: Donald L. Tucker Civic Center, 505 West Pensacola Street, Tallahassee, Florida, 32301.

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THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Andrea Boliek Walker, Northeast Region Public Hunting Areas Biologist, Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Northeast Regional Office, 1239 SW 10th Street, Ocala, Florida 34471, (352)732-1225 or andrea.boliek@myfwc.com.

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. No change.

2. Small game – Opening the day after the last day of general gun season and closing the first Sunday in March ~~last day of gray squirrel season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C.~~

3. No change.

4. Archery – Opening 49 days prior to the first day of Zone C antlered deer season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C.,

and closing 1 day thereafter and reopening 1 day later and closing 27 days thereafter.

- 5. through 8. No change.
- (b) through (c) No change.
- (d) General regulations:

1. Hunters shall enter and exit at a designated entrance, check in and out at a check station and check all game taken. Persons hunting and entering via the designated non-motorized entrances on Crabgrass Road shall have a daily permit issued from the check station in their possession (except during the small game and raccoon seasons). Persons engaging in recreational activities other than hunting shall enter and exit at a designated entrance ~~and register at the check station upon entering and exiting the area~~, except persons hiking through on the Florida National Scenic Trail.

- 2. through 7. No change.
- (2) Ocala Wildlife Management Area.
- (a) Open season:

- 1. through 3. No change.

4. Small game – Opening the day after the last day of the general gun still season and closing the first Sunday in March ~~last day of gray squirrel season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C.~~ (Church Lake Unit only) and opening the day after the last day of the general gun season and closing the first Sunday in March ~~last day of gray squirrel season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C.~~, F.A.C. (Pipeline, Lake Delancy and Hopkins Prairie units only).

5. Archery – Opening 42 days prior to the first day of Zone C antlered deer season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., and closing 29 days thereafter.

- 6. through 14. No change.
- (b) Legal to take:
- 1. No change.

2. Furbearing animals – Opening 7 days after the first day of Zone C antlered deer season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., through March 1, hunting as specified in paragraph 68A-24.002(2)(b), F.A.C., is allowed only in the Pipeline and Church Lake units. Raccoons may also be hunted, with dogs only, opening the day after the first Sunday in March and closing 41 days thereafter only in that portion of the Pipeline Unit south of S.R. 40 and west of S.R. 19. The hunting of fox, coyote, and bobcat (when it coincides with the statewide bobcat season) shall be allowed 24 hours a day and by the use of dogs only during the general gun season in the Pipeline Unit only and shall be allowed from the day after the last day of the general gun season and closing 97 days thereafter only in that portion of the Pipeline Unit south of S.R. 40 and west of S.R. 19.

- (c) through (e) No change.
- (3) Richloam Wildlife Management Area.
- (a) Open season:

- 1. through 8. No change.

9. Small Game – Opening the day after the last day of the general gun season through the first Sunday in March ~~last day of gray squirrel season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C.~~

- (b) through (d) No change.
- (4) Richloam Wildlife Management Area – Baird Unit.
- (a) Open season:

1. Archery – Opening 35 days prior to the first day of Zone B antlered deer season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., and closing 3 days thereafter, reopening 2 days ~~1 day~~ later and closing 4 days thereafter, and reopening 2 days ~~1 day~~ later and closing 6 days thereafter.

- 2. through 8. No change.
- (b) through (c) No change.
- (d) General regulations:

- 1. through 9. No change.

10. Persons shall only enter and exit the area at a designated entrance.

- (5) Three Lakes Wildlife Management Area.
- (a) Open season:

- 1. No change.

2. Small game – Opening the day after the last day of general gun season and closing the first Sunday in March ~~last day of gray squirrel season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C.~~

- 3. through 12. No change.
- (b) through (e) No change.
- (6) No change.
- (7) Tiger Bay Wildlife Management Area.

- (a) Open season:

- 1. through 3. No change.

4. Small game – Opening the day after the last day of general gun season and closing the first Sunday in March ~~last day of gray squirrel season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C.~~

- 5. through 8. No change.
- (b) through (d) No change.
- (8) through (10) No change.
- (11) Jumper Creek Wildlife Management Area.

- (a) Open season:

1. Archery – Opening 49 days prior to the first day of Zone C antlered deer season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., and closing 29 days thereafter ~~thereafter~~.

- 2. through 3. No change.

4. Small game – Opening the day after the last day of general gun season and closing the first Sunday in March ~~last day of gray squirrel season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C.~~

- 5. through 8. No change.
- (b) through (d) No change.
- (12) No change.

- (13) Guana River Wildlife Management Area.

(a) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. During days designated for scouting, vehicle access for scouting is allowed only one day prior to each 3-day hunt during the archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun, small game and spring turkey hunts from 7:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. during Eastern Daylight Saving Time and from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. during Eastern Standard Time. During the hunts, vehicle access is only allowed from 5:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. during Daylight Savings Time and until 8:00 p.m. during Eastern Standard Time. During the quota hunts (archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun and spring turkey), vehicle access is only allowed by individuals authorized to participate in the hunt, except access is allowed to Lake Ponte Vedra from the east side (when open to public access) or for parking at Guana Dam. Waterfowl scouting is allowed on Lake Ponte Vedra from 5:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on the Saturday prior to the opening of each phase of the duck, light goose and coot season established in Rule 68A-13.003, F.A.C.

2. through 11. No change.

12. Public access is allowed year round, except during quota hunts (archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun and spring turkey), when only individuals authorized to participate in a hunt may access the uplands portion of the area (except public access is still allowed for the Guana Dam and Lake Ponte Vedra).

13. ~~42.~~ During periods when the upland portion is closed to hunting or scouting, public access to the upland portion is restricted to non-motorized only from the Guana Dam and the Roscoe Boulevard Extension entrances only. During periods when the upland portion is open to hunting or scouting, public access to the upland portion is restricted to entering and exiting through the Guana Dam entrance only and only individuals authorized to participate in a hunt may enter during the area's quota hunts.

13. through 17. renumbered 14. through 18. No change.

(e) No change.

(14) No change.

(15) Caravelle Ranch Wildlife Management Area.

(a) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 5. No change.

6. During the family hunt, only persons under 16 years of age, but not younger than eight years of age, and under the supervision and in the presence of an adult not younger than 18 years of age as provided in Section 790.22, F.S., may take wildlife with a gun.

6. through 7. renumbered 7. through 8. No change.

9. 8. Northern bobwhite may be released and taken by centerfire or muzzleloading shotgun during the small game

season provided each individual or group participating possesses a daily permit and proof (including the name and address of the vendor and date of purchase) that the northern bobwhite were purchased within the past 90 days from a game farm licensed by the Commission or another state. Release of northern bobwhite is limited to that portion of the area bounded by Loop road.

(16) Lake George Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. through 3. No change.

4. Small game – Opening the day after the last day of general gun season and closing the first Sunday in March last day of gray squirrel season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C.

5. through 7. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(17) No change.

(18) Seminole Forest Wildlife Management Area.

(a) No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, bear (only during those portions of the general gun for mobility impaired season and the muzzleloading gun season that coincide with the open season established for the Central BMU in Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C.), fish, except as provided below, frogs and furbearers (except otter and bobcat). One antlered and one antlerless deer may be taken per quota permit during the archery season. One antlered deer may be taken per quota permit during the muzzleloading gun and general gun seasons. Taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with three or more points or one antler with a main beam of ten inches or more in length is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. During the archery season, two turkeys of either sex may be taken per quota permit, but no more than one per person per day. During spring turkey season, two gobbler or bearded turkeys may be taken per quota permit, but no more than one gobbler or bearded turkey per person per day.

1. through 2. No change.

(c) through (d) No change.

(19) Triple N Ranch Wildlife Management Area.

(a) No change.

(b) Legal to take: Antlered deer, wild hog and antlerless deer (by antlerless deer permit only) during the special-opportunity deer and special-opportunity muzzleloading gun seasons. One antlered deer may be taken per special-opportunity deer permit. Taking antlered deer not having at least one antler with four or more points is prohibited. Only wild hog may be taken during the wild hog-still season. ~~The take of wild hog is prohibited during small game season.~~ All legal small game and furbearers may be taken during the small game season. One gobbler (or bearded turkey) may be taken per special-opportunity spring turkey permit.

- (c) No change.
- (d) General regulations:
 - 1. through 8. No change.
 - 9. Persons shall only enter and exit the area at a designated entrance.
 - (20) through (21) No change.
 - (22) Lake Panasoffkee Wildlife Management Area.
 - (a) Open season:
 - 1. through 3. No change.
 - 4. Small game – Opening 69 days after the first day of Zone C antlered deer season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., and closing 2 days thereafter, reopening 12 days later and closing 2 days thereafter, reopening 5 days later and closing 2 days thereafter, and reopening 2 days prior to the first Sunday in March last day of gray squirrel season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., and closing 2 days thereafter (Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays only).
 - 5. No change.
 - (b) through (c) No change.
 - (d) General regulations:
 - 1. through 6. No change.
 - 7. Taking wildlife with centerfire and muzzleloading shotguns is prohibited during the special-opportunity archery hunts.
 - 8. through 10. No change.
 - (23) Ross Prairie Wildlife Management Area.
 - (a) through (c) No change.
 - (d) General regulations:
 - 1. through 4. No change.
 - 5. Taking wildlife with firearms other than centerfire and muzzleloading shotguns is prohibited.
 - 6. No change.
 - (24) through (26) No change.
 - (27) Seminole Forest Wildlife Management Area – Lake Tracy Unit.
 - (a) No change.
 - (b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers. Taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with three or more points or one antler with a main beam of ten inches or more in length is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. The bag limit for deer shall be two per quota permit. During the archery season, two turkeys of either sex may be taken per quota permit, but no more than one per person per day. During spring turkey season, two gobbler or bearded turkeys may be taken per quota permit, but no more than one gobbler or bearded turkey per person per day. During the wild hog-still season, only wild hog is legal to take.
 - (c) through (d) No change.
 - (28) Upper St. Johns River Marsh Wildlife Management Area.
 - (a) Open season:

- 1. through 3. No change.
- 4. Small game – Opening the day after the last day of general gun season and closing the first Sunday in March last day of gray squirrel season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C.
- 5. through 8. No change.
- (b) through (c) No change.
- (d) General regulations:
 - 1. through 3. No change.
 - 4. During the duck, geese and coot season in the Stick Marsh/Farm 13, Kenansville Lake, and as posted in the Blue Cypress Water Management Area, taking wildlife with guns other than centerfire and muzzleloading shotguns is prohibited.
 - 5. through 12. No change.
 - (29) Dunns Creek Wildlife Management Area.
 - (a) Open season:
 - 1. through 3. No change.
 - 4. Wild hog-still – Opening 8 days prior to the last Sunday in May and closing 8 days thereafter. 77 days after the first day of Zone C antlered deer season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., and closing 8 days thereafter.
 - 5. Small game - Opening 30 days prior to the last Sunday in January and closing 30 days thereafter (Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays only).
 - 5. through 6. renumbered 6. through 7. No change.
 - (b) through (c) No change.
 - (d) General regulations:
 - 1. through 6. No change.
 - 7. Motorized vehicle ~~Vehicle~~ access is allowed only to those individuals authorized to hunt and only on hunt days and the weekend and day before all hunts, except spring turkey season, when vehicle access shall be allowed only on hunt days and the day before each hunt and small game season, when access shall be walk-in only (no motorized vehicle access).
 - 8. No change.
 - 9. Taking wildlife with centerfire rifles is prohibited during small game season.
 - (30) Salt Lake Wildlife Management Area.
 - (a) through (c) No change.
 - (d) General regulations:
 - 1. through 9. No change.
 - 10. Northern bobwhite may be released and taken by centerfire and muzzleloading shotgun during the small game season provided each individual or group participating possesses a daily permit and proof (including the name and address of the vendor and date of purchase) that the northern bobwhite were purchased within the past 90 days from a game farm licensed by the Commission or another state.
 - (31) No change.
 - (32) Lake Monroe Wildlife Management Area.
 - (a) Open season:

1. Non-migratory game – Zonal seasons established under Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., except that open season for rabbit and gray squirrel will open the first Saturday in November and run through the first Sunday in March ~~close of zonal squirrel season~~ only, antlered deer season will open the first Saturday in November and close 57 days thereafter and there shall be no crossbow season.

2. through 5. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(33) No change.

(34) Marshall Swamp Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. through 3. No change.

4. Small game – Opening the second Saturday in November through the first Sunday in March ~~last day of gray squirrel season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C.~~, that does not coincide with the established area general gun season dates.

5. through 7. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(35) Silver Springs Forest Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – Opening 43 days prior to the first day of the Zone C antlered deer season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., and closing 16 days thereafter (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only). ~~Opening 42 days prior to the first day of Zone C antlered deer season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., and closing 15 days thereafter.~~

2. Muzzleloading gun – Opening 14 days prior to the first day of the Zone C antlered deer season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., and closing 2 days thereafter. ~~Opening 8 days prior to the first day of Zone C antlered deer season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., and closing 2 days thereafter.~~

3. Family hunt – Opening the first day of the Zone C antlered deer season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., and closing 1 day thereafter.

4. ~~3.~~ General gun – Opening 6 days after the first day of the Zone C antlered deer season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., and closing 2 days thereafter, reopening 12 days later and closing 2 days thereafter. ~~Opening 7 days after the first day of Zone C antlered deer season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., and closing 8 days thereafter.~~

4. through 5. renumbered 5. through 6. No change.

7. ~~6.~~ Spring turkey – Opening the first day of the spring turkey season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., and closing 2 days thereafter, reopening 4 days later and closing 2 days thereafter, and reopening 5 days later and closing 2 days thereafter. ~~Opening 5 days after the first day of spring turkey season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., and closing 3~~

~~days thereafter and reopening 4 days later and closing 3 days thereafter.~~

7. through 8. Renumbered 8. Through 9. No change

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers (except bobcat and otter are prohibited). Taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with three or more points or one antler with a main beam of ten inches or more in length is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. During archery, ~~muzzleloading muzzleloading~~ gun, family hunt 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, one gobbler (or bearded turkey) may be taken per person, but not more than two per quota permit.

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. Vehicle access is prohibited except persons participating in a hunt are allowed vehicle access from 1.5 hours before sunrise until 1.5 hours after sunset during archery, muzzleloading gun, family, general gun, youth turkey and spring turkey seasons and one day prior to and one day after each of these seasons. In addition, during the youth turkey hunt only individuals participating in a hunt and one-hunting guest may have vehicle access in the area. During small game season motorized vehicles are prohibited except in designated parking areas. Horses and bicycles are allowed only on roads, firelines, and designated trails.

2. through 8. No change.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2024.

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 6-29-82, 7-1-83, 7-5-84, 10-1-84, 7-1-85, 5-7-86, 5-10-87, 5-1-88, 7-1-89, 12-19-89, 7-1-90, 7-1-91, 7-2-91, 7-2-92, 7-1-93, 7-1-94, 7-1-95, 7-1-96, 9-15-96, 6-1-97, 7-1-98, 7-2-98, 8-11-98, 12-28-98, 7-1-99, Formerly 39-15.065, Amended 12-20-99, 7-1-00, 12-26-00, 7-1-01, 6-2-02, 7-28-02, 5-1-03, 7-1-03, 10-12-03, 7-1-04, 7-1-05, 1-4-06, 7-1-06, 8-22-06, 7-1-07, 7-1-08, 7-1-09, 7-1-10, 7-1-11, 8-11-11, 7-1-12, 7-26-12, 7-1-13, 9-9-13, 7-1-14, 7-1-15, 7-29-15, 7-1-16, 7-1-17, 9-14-17, 7-1-18, 7-1-19, 8-19-19, 7-1-20, 7-1-21, 7-1-22, 7-1-23, 7-1-24.

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE:

George Warthen, 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 5, 2023

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: December 14, 2023.

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 revise regulations regarding hunting equipment and deer-dog hunting on Wildlife and Environmental Areas (WEAs). The effect of the proposed rule amendment will be to reduce confusion on hunting equipment regulations and improve management of deer-dog hunting on WEAs.

SUMMARY: The proposed rule amendment adjusts current regulations on WEAs as follows:

Hunting equipment on WEAs – define the term “hunting equipment” for the purposes of this rule as “tree stands and elevated shooting platforms” when referencing what items can and cannot be left on WEAs; and use the term “hunt” instead of the term “season” when referencing time periods when tree stands and elevated shooting platforms are allowed on WEAs.

Deer-dog hunting permit – require a no-cost permit for taking deer with dogs on WEAs. This free permit was requested by Florida dog hunting organizations to provide a method of collecting information regarding participation in deer-dog hunting on Commission-managed lands.

Additionally, the proposed rule amendment also clarifies existing rules; removes unnecessary, redundant, or conflicting language; corrects prior mistakes; and makes non-substantive, technical corrections.

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE RATIFICATION:

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

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

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const.

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

DATE AND TIME: During the Commission’s regular meeting February 21-22, 2024, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., each day.

PLACE: Donald L. Tucker Civic Center, 505 West Pensacola Street, Tallahassee, Florida, 32301.

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THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Paul Scharine, Public Hunting Areas Program Coordinator, Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, 620 South Meridian Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1600, (850)617-9487 or paul.scharine@myfwc.com.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

68A-17.004 General Regulations Relating to Wildlife and Environmental Areas.

(1) through (4) No change.

(5) Hunters:

(a) Authorized hunting equipment, defined for the purposes of this rule as tree stands and elevated shooting platforms, or dogs (if permitted by area regulations) may be taken on the area after 8:00 a.m. one day before the opening of the hunt season and shall be removed from the area before 6 p.m. one day following the close of the hunt season unless otherwise provided by specific area regulations.

(b) No change.

(6) Guns:

(a) No change.

(b) Taking wild turkey with firearms other than centerfire or muzzleloading shotguns using number 2 or smaller diameter shot during the spring turkey season is prohibited, except that muzzleloading rifles are not prohibited for taking wild turkey on Santa Fe Swamp Wildlife and Environmental Area.

(c) Taking migratory birds and non-protected birds with centerfire and muzzleloading shotguns is allowed during established area seasons when one or more migratory game birds are legal to take except when prohibited by specific area rule.

(d) through (e) No change.

(7) Dogs:

(a) through (d) No change.

(e) No person shall take deer using the aid of dogs without a valid Commission-issued deer-dog hunting permit.

(8) through (17) No change.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2024

Rulemaking Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. Law Implemented Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const., 379.354, 375.313 FS. History—New 4-12-98, Amended 12-28-98, Formerly 39-17.004, Amended 7-1-00, 7-1-04, 7-1-05, 7-1-06, 7-29-07, 7-1-08, 7-1-09, 7-1-10, 1-1-11, 3-25-12,

4-9-13, 7-1-14, 7-1-15, 7-1-16, 7-1-18, 7-1-19, 9-13-20, 7-1-21, 7-1-22, 7-1-23, 7-1-24.

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE: George Warthen, 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 5, 2023

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: December 14, 2023.

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). 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 revise specific area regulations on WEAs as follows:

Southwest Region

Lake Wales Ridge WEA – shift the opening of the wild hog-still hunt from the first Saturday in May to the second Saturday in May.

North Central Region

Watermelon Pond WEA – establish a 3-day spring turkey season (5 no-cost, quota permits, no exemptions) to occur the third weekend of the statewide spring turkey season; and allow users to access the area from County Road 337 and SW 250th Street by removing the requirement to enter and exit the area at a designated entrance.

Northwest Region

Apalachicola River WEA – extend the existing May-September wild hog-dog hunts from 3 days to 7 days each; allow wild hogs to be hunted with dogs throughout the dog hunt area during the wild hog-dog season; and clarify that during the wild hog-dog season, wild hog may be hunted during the day with or without dogs and no wild hog shall be shot at night until bayed by dogs.

South Region

CREW WEA – add a 2-day youth turkey hunt (10 no-cost, quota permits, no exemptions) beginning the last Saturday of February and establish a bag limit of one gobbler or bearded turkey per youth turkey quota permit.

DuPuis WEA – establish an archery-only hunting area east of the dove field, west of Powerline Grade, south of State Road 76, and north of Jim Lake Grade and the firebreak connecting Jim Lake and Powerline grades.

Additionally, the proposed rule amendment also clarifies existing rules; removes unnecessary, redundant, or conflicting language; corrects prior mistakes; and makes non-substantive, technical corrections.

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: Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. 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 21-22, 2024, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., each day.

PLACE: Donald L. Tucker Civic Center, 505 West Pensacola Street, Tallahassee, Florida, 32301.

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THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Paul Scharine, Public Hunting Areas Program Coordinator, Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, 620 South Meridian Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1600, (850)617-9487 or paul.scharine@myfwc.com.

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. through c. No change.
 - d. Wild hog-still – Opening the ~~second first~~ Saturday in May and closing 8 days thereafter (Saturdays and Sundays only).
 - e. Youth turkey hunt – During the youth turkey ~~hunt season~~ established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C.
 - f. through g. No change.
2. through 3. No change.
- (g) through (k) No change.
- (2) North Central Region.
 - (a) Santa Fe Swamp – Bradford County.
 1. through 2. No change.
3. General regulations:
 - a. through b. No change.
 - c. Centerfire or rimfire rifles, centerfire shotguns, centerfire pistols, and crossbows are prohibited for taking wildlife except centerfire shotguns may be used to take wild turkey during spring turkey season.
 - d. through e. No change.
 - (b) Fort White Mitigation Park – Gilchrist County.
 1. Open season:
 - a. No change.
 - b. Small game – Opening 12 days after the first day of Zone C antlered deer season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., and closing the first Sunday in March ~~last day of gray squirrel season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C.~~
 - c. Youth ~~spring~~ turkey – During the youth turkey hunt season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C.
 - d. through f. No change.
 2. through 4. No change.
 - (c) through (e) No change.
 - (f) Lafayette Forest Wildlife and Environmental Area.
 1. Open seasons:
 - a. through c. No change.
 - d. Small game – Opening the day after the last day of the family hunt and closing the first Sunday in March ~~last day of gray squirrel season as established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C.~~
 - e. Youth ~~spring~~ turkey – During the youth turkey hunt season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C.
 - f. through h. No change.
 2. through 3. No change.
 - (g) Watermelon Pond Wildlife and Environmental Area.
 1. Open seasons:
 - a. through b. No change.
 - c. Youth ~~spring~~ turkey – During the youth turkey hunt season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C.
 - d. through f. No change.
 - g. Spring turkey – Opening 13 days after the first day of the spring turkey season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., and closing 2 days thereafter.

2. through 3. No change.
4. General regulations:
 - a. Persons shall enter and exit the area only through County Road 337, SW 250th street, at designated entrances or via Watermelon Pond.
 - b. through e. No change.
 - f. Northern bobwhite may be released and taken by centerfire or muzzleloading shotgun during the small game season provided each individual or group participating possesses a daily permit and proof (including the name and address of the vendor and date of purchase) that the northern bobwhite were purchased within the past 90 days from a game farm licensed by the Commission or another state. Participants must enter and exit the area only at a designated quail release entrance.
 - g. No change.
 - (3) Northwest Region.
 - (a) No change.
 - (b) Apalachicola River – Gulf and Franklin counties.
 1. Open seasons:
 - a. through c. No change.
 - d. Small game – During the open seasons established in Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., except gray squirrel season shall open the second Saturday of November and close the first Sunday in March.
 - e. No change.
 - f. Spring turkey – During the spring turkey season established for Zone D in Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., ~~excluding the youth turkey hunt.~~
 - g. Wild hog-dog – Opening the third Friday and closing 6 ± days thereafter in the months of July, August, September, May and June, ~~except in that portion of the area east of the Apalachicola River, east of the East River and north of Sam's Creek Cut off.~~
 - h. through m. No change.
 2. through 3. No change.
 4. General regulations:
 - a. through g. No change.
 - h. During the wild hog-dog season, wild hog may be taken during the day (with or without dogs) or at night by the aid of a light with dogs and a firearm, provided that no wild hog shall be shot at night until bayed by dogs. The hunting of wild hog under this provision by display or use of a light from a moving vehicle, boat or animal is prohibited.
 - i. Northern bobwhite may be released and taken by centerfire or muzzleloading shotgun during the small game season provided each individual or group participating possesses a daily permit and proof (including the name and address of the vendor and date of purchase) that the northern bobwhite were purchased within the past 90 days from a game farm licensed by the Commission or another state. The release

of northern bobwhite is allowed only in that portion of the area east of the Apalachicola River, east of the East River, north of Sam’s Creek Cutoff, and west of East Bay.

(c) L. Kirk Edwards – Leon County.

1. Open seasons for that portion of the area west of Chaires Cross Road:

a. Small game – Opening the second Saturday in November and closing ~~through the close of the first Sunday in March~~ gray squirrel season established in Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C.

b. Youth turkey hunt – During the youth turkey hunt ~~for Zone C~~ established in Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C.

c. through h. No change.

2. through 3. No change.

4. General regulations:

a. through e. No change.

f. Northern bobwhite may be released and taken by centerfire or muzzleloading shotgun during the small game season provided each individual or group participating possesses a daily permit and proof (including the name and address of the vendor and date of purchase) that the northern bobwhite were purchased within the past 90 days from a game farm licensed by the Commission or another state.

g. No change.

(4) South Region.

(a) Southern Glades – Dade County.

1. No change.

2. Legal to take: All legal game (except turkey), fish, frogs and furbearers (except bobcat and otter). Take of antlerless deer is prohibited during archery season. Taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with two or more points is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. Notwithstanding the ~~gray squirrel and quail season~~ seasons established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., ~~gray squirrel and quail~~ may be taken throughout the general gun season established for this area.

3. No change.

(b) John G. and Susan H. Dupuis Jr. – Palm Beach and Martin counties.

1. Open season:

a. through e. No change.

f. Youth turkey hunt – During the youth turkey hunt season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C.

g. through j. No change.

2. through 3. No change.

4. General regulations:

a. through i. No change.

j. Taking wildlife with firearms other than centerfire and muzzleloading shotguns is prohibited during the small game season.

k. Taking wildlife with guns other than bows is prohibited in the archery-only area, delineated as that portion of the area lying east of the dove field, west of Powerline Grade, south of

State Road 76, and north of Jim Lake Grade and the firebreak connecting Jim Lake and Powerline grades.

(c) CREW – Collier and Lee Counties.

1. Open season:

a. through j. No change.

k. Youth turkey – During the youth turkey hunt established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C.

2. Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs, and furbearers (except bobcat and otter). The bag limit for deer shall be one per quota permit. Taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with three or more points or one antler with a main beam of ten inches or more in length is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. The taking of deer is prohibited in the Corkscrew Marsh Unit. One gobbler (or bearded turkey) may be taken per spring turkey and youth turkey quota permit. The taking of turkey and antlerless deer is prohibited during the archery season.

3. through 4. No change.

(d) No change.

(e) John C. and Mariana Jones/Hungryland – Palm Beach and Martin Counties.

1. No change.

2. Legal to take: All legal game (~~except hen or beardless turkey~~), fish, frogs and furbearers (except bobcat and otter). The bag limit for deer shall be two per quota permit, but no more than one per person. The taking of antlerless deer and turkey is prohibited during the archery season. Taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with three or more points or one antler with a main beam of ten inches or more in length is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. Notwithstanding the ~~gray squirrel and quail season~~ seasons established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., ~~gray squirrel and quail~~ may be taken throughout the general gun season established for this area.

3. through 4. No change.

(5) No change.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2024

Rulemaking Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. Law Implemented Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const., 379.2223, 375.313 FS. History–New 7-1-83, Amended 11-30-83, 7-1-84, 8-21-85, Formerly 39-17.05, Amended 6-1-86, 8-13-87, 8-18-88, 8-17-89, 4-11-90, 7-1-91, 10-31-91, 4-14-92, 4-20-93, 7-1-94, 9-15-94, 3-30-95, 8-15-95, 7-1-96, 4-3-97, 10-28-97, 7-1-98, 8-11-98, 7-1-99, Formerly 39-17.005, Amended 7-1-00, 5-1-01, 6-2-02, 5-25-03, 7-1-04, 7-1-05, 7-1-06, 7-1-07, 7-1-08, 1-6-09, 7-1-09, 10-29-09, 7-1-10, 7-1-11, 11-14-11, 7-1-12, 7-26-12, 7-1-13, 7-1-14, 7-2-14, 7-1-15, 7-29-15, 7-1-16, 7-1-17, 9-14-17, 7-1-18, 7-1-19, 7-1-20, 7-1-21, 7-1-22, 7-1-23, 7-1-24.

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE:

George Warthen, 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 5, 2023

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: December 14, 2023.

FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Freshwater Fish and Wildlife

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:
68A-24.002 Methods of Taking Fur-Bearing Animals; Possession; Open Season

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose of the proposed rule amendment is to make a correction resulting from the incompatibility of the term “Muzzleloading gun”, as defined in Florida Administrative Code, with federal firearm definitions. The effect of the proposed rule amendment will be to allow muzzleloading shotguns in addition to centerfire shotguns.

SUMMARY: The proposed rule amendment allows the use of a single-shot, .410-gauge centerfire or muzzleloading shotgun, firing shot no larger than No. 6, for taking raccoon or opossum at night.

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: Paul Scharine, Public Hunting Areas Program Coordinator, Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, 620 South Meridian Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1600, (850)617-9487 or paul.scharine@myfwc.com.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

68A-24.002 Methods of Taking Fur-Bearing Animals; Possession; Open Season.

- (1) No change.
- (2) Fur-bearing animals may be taken in accordance with the following:
 - (a) No change.
 - (b) Raccoon or opossum may be taken at night by the aid of a light and dogs, with .22 rimfire firearms other than .22 magnum, or with a single-shot .410 gauge centerfire or muzzleloading shotgun using shot no larger than No. 6. The hunting of raccoon or opossum under the provisions of this paragraph by display or use of a light from a moving vehicle, boat or animal is prohibited.
 - (c) through (d) No change.
 - (3) No change.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2024

Rulemaking Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. Law Implemented Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. History—New 8-1-79, Amended 6-22-80, 6-4-81, 6-21-82, 7-1-83, 7-5-84, 7-1-85, Formerly 39-24.02, Amended 10-8-87, 4-11-90, Formerly 39-24.002, Amended 5-13-02, 7-1-08, 10-5-10, 3-25-12, 7-1-14, 7-29-15, 7-1-24.

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FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Freshwater Fish and Wildlife

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:
68A-24.005 Transporting and Shipping Live Raccoons
PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose of the proposed rule amendment is to modify regulations for transporting live

raccoons. The effect of the proposed rule amendment will be to remove unnecessary restrictions for wildlife rehabilitators.

SUMMARY: The proposed rule amendment allows transport of wild-trapped, live raccoons by persons possessing a valid wildlife rehabilitation permit.

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 FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

68A-24.005 Transporting and Shipping Live Raccoons.

No person shall transport within, into, or from the state any wild-trapped, live raccoon, except as authorized by Rules 68A-9.006, 68A-9.010 and 68A-9.012, F.A.C.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2024

Rulemaking Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. Law Implemented Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. FS. History—New 8-1-79, Amended 7-5-84, Formerly 39-24.05, 39-24.005, Amended 7-1-08, 7-27-10, 7-1-24.

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE: George Warthen, 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.

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Section III Notice of Changes, Corrections and Withdrawals

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Division of Public Health Statistics and Performance Management

RULE NOS.:	RULE TITLES:
64W-6.005	Award Prioritization and Awards
64W-6.007	Non-Compliance

NOTICE OF CORRECTION

Notice is hereby given that the following correction has been made to the proposed rules in Vol. 49 No. 247, December 22, 2023, issue of the Florida Administrative Register.

Rule 64W-6.005(2)(e) is corrected to add Figure 1, which was inadvertently left out of the previously notice:

$$= \left(\left(\left(\frac{DPCH}{40} \times DHPSA \text{ Score} \right) \times .85 \right) + \left(\frac{\text{Longest Employment by Days}}{100} \times .15 \right) + \left(\frac{\text{Medicaid Percentage}}{10} \right) \right)$$

Rule 64W-6.007 was incorrectly published as 64W-4.007 in the Florida Administrative Register. The rule number is corrected to 64W-6.007.

Section IV Emergency Rules

NONE

Section V
Petitions and Dispositions Regarding Rule
Variance or Waiver

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Division of Arts and Culture
The Florida Division of Arts and Culture and the Florida
Council on Arts and Culture announces a public meeting to
which all persons are invited.
DATE AND TIME: January 23, 2024 at 1:00 pm –
CANCELED
PLACE: 22nd Floor Capitol Gallery
GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:
Notice is hereby given that the meeting of the Florida
Council on Arts and Culture scheduled for Tuesday, January
23rd at 1:00 pm has been cancelled until a later date.
For more information, you may contact: Rachele Ashmore at
rachele.ashmore@dos.myflorida.com.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:
14-73.001 Public Transportation
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on January 10, 2024, the
Department of Transportation, received a petition for a variance
from the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority
(SFRTA), seeking a variance from the provisions of Rule 14-
73.001, Florida Administrative Code. Rule 14-73.001
establishes requirements for the recipients of the Department’s
transit grant funds. SFRTA proposes the Department grant a
variance to the deadline for adoption of SFRTA’s Major Transit
Development Plan update.
A copy of the Petition for Variance or Waiver may be obtained
by contacting: Clerk of Agency Proceedings, Department of
Transportation, 605 Suwannee Street, M.S. 58, Tallahassee,
Florida 32399-0458.

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL
REGULATION
Division of Hotels and Restaurants
RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:
61C-1.004 General Sanitation and Safety Requirements
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on January 22, 2024, the
Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation,
Division of Hotels and Restaurants, received a petition for An
Emergency Variance for paragraph 61C-1.004(1)(a), Florida
Administrative Code and Paragraph 5-202.11(A), 2017 FDA
Food Code from B10 Collaboration LLC located in Lake Buena
Vista. The above referenced F.A.C. addresses the requirement
that each establishment have an approved plumbing system
installed to transport potable water and wastewater. They are

requesting to utilize holding tanks to provide potable water and
to collect wastewater at the handwash sink.
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
before 5:00 p.m.
A copy of the Petition for Variance or Waiver may be obtained
by contacting: Daisy.Lee@myfloridalicense.com, Division of
Hotels and Restaurants, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee,
Florida 32399-1011.

Section VI
Notice of Meetings, Workshops and Public
Hearings

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DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL AFFAIRS
The Florida Commission on the Status of Women announces a
telephone conference call to which all persons are invited.
DATE AND TIME: Monday, January 29, 2024, 1:00 p.m.
PLACE: Please call (850)414-3300 for instructions on
participation.
GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:
Executive Director Interviews
NOTE: In the absence of quorum, items on this agenda will be
discussed as workshop, and notes will be recorded although no
formal action will be taken. If you have any questions, please
call (850)414-3300.
A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Florida
Commission on the Status of Women at the Office of the
Attorney General, The Capitol, Tallahassee, FL 32399-1050
PHONE: (850)414-3300 FAX: (850)921-4131.
Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities
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participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the
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contacting: Florida Commission on the Status of Women at the

Office of the Attorney General, The Capitol, Tallahassee, FL 32399-1050 PHONE: (850)414-3300 FAX: (850)921-4131. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing, he/she will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence from which the appeal is to be issued.

For more information, you may contact: Florida Commission on the Status of Women at the Office of the Attorney General, The Capitol, Tallahassee, FL 32399-1050 PHONE: (850)414-3300 FAX: (850)921-4131.

DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL AFFAIRS

The Florida Commission on the Status of Women announces a telephone conference call to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: February 2, 2024, 2:00 p.m.

PLACE: Please call (850)414-3300 for instructions on participation.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:
Executive Director Selection Committee

NOTE: In the absence of quorum, items on this agenda will be discussed as workshop, and notes will be recorded although no formal action will be taken. If you have any questions, please call (850)414-3300.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Florida Commission on the Status of Women at the Office of the Attorney General, The Capitol, Tallahassee, FL 32399-1050 PHONE: (850)414-3300 FAX: (850)921-4131.

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DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL AFFAIRS

Florida Elections Commission

The Florida Elections Commission announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: February 7, 2024, 9:00 a.m., until adjourned

PLACE: 402 South Monroe Street, 12 HOB, Tallahassee, Florida 32399

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:
Agency matters. Review and adjudication of cases relating to alleged violations of Chapters 104 and 106, Florida Statutes, and to the late filing of campaign treasurer's reports. Rules Review. Portions of this meeting are confidential and closed to the public.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: the Commission Clerk at (850)922-4539, by e-mail: FEC@myfloridalegal.com or write to: 107 West Gaines Street, Suite 224, Collins Building, Tallahassee, FL 32399-1050, or by viewing the Commission's web site: www.fec.state.fl.us.

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For more information, you may contact: the Commission Clerk at (850)922-4539 or by email: FEC@myfloridalegal.com.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Division of Blind Services

The Florida Rehabilitation Council for the Blind and the Division of Blind Services announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATES AND TIMES: February 8-9, 2024, 8:30 a.m. until completion of business.

PLACE: Four Points by Sheraton Tallahassee Downtown 316 W Tennessee St. Tallahassee FL.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:
Quarterly Meeting of the Florida Rehabilitation Council for the Blind

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: The Division of Blind Services, 325 West Gaines Street, Turlington

Bldg., Room 1114, Tallahassee, FL 32399, Phone: (850)245-9305, Email: DBSRehabCouncil@dbs.fldoe.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 10 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: The Division of Blind Services at (850)245-0300. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

For more information, you may contact: Phone: (850)245-9305, Email: DBSRehabCouncil@dbs.fldoe.org.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Division of Blind Services

The Florida Rehabilitation Council for the Blind and the Division of Blind Services announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATES AND TIMES: February 6-7, 2024, 5:00 p.m. until completion of business.

PLACE: Four Points by Sheraton Tallahassee Downtown 316 W Tennessee St. Tallahassee FL.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Tallahassee legislative Event Overview

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: No Agenda

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For more information, you may contact: Phone: (850)245-9305, Email: DBSRehabCouncil@dbs.fldoe.org.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Division of Blind Services

The Florida Rehabilitation Council for the Blind and the Division of Blind Services announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: February 8, 2024, 5:00 p.m. until completion of business

PLACE: Four Points by Sheraton Tallahassee Downtown 316 W Tennessee St. Tallahassee FL. 32301

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Public Forum Meeting of the Florida Rehabilitation Council for the Blind

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: No agenda

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For more information, you may contact: Phone: (850)245-9305, Email: DBSRehabCouncil@dbs.fldoe.org.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

The Florida Rehabilitation Council announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: February 5, 2024, 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

PLACE: FRC TEAMS Meeting at:

https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_ODYyM2M1MGUuOTI4Yi000Tc1LWE3YzMtNzJhMDg5NTk2NGYz%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22tid%22%3a%2263bf107b-cb6f-4173-8c1c-1406bb5cb794%22%2c%22oid%22%3a%2261f02920-7175-4b3f-8c98-31c02c8b6ef9%22%7d

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Florida Rehabilitation Council - Evaluation and Planning Committee - Planning and Organizational Meeting

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: FRC staff at FRCCustomers@vr.fl DOE.org or (850)245-3397.

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For more information, you may contact: FRC staff at FRCCustomers@vr.fl DOE.org or (850)245-3397.

AGENCY FOR HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION

Medicaid

The Agency for Health Care Administration announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATES AND TIMES: January 31, 2024, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon, EST at the Medical Care Advisory Committee Meeting; February 1, 2024, 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m., EST

PLACE: January 31, 2024: Agency for Health Care Administration, 2727 Mahan Drive, Building 3, Tallahassee, Florida 32308, Audio: (850)792-4898, Phone Conference ID: 324 032 061#.

February 1, 2024: DMS Orlando North Tower Conference Room, 400 W. Robinson St., Ste N109, Orlando, FL 32801.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Florida Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) intends to submit to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) a request for a new title XXI section 1115 demonstration to offer income eligibility for the state’s Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) to children in households with income that ranges from above 200% of the federal poverty level (FPL) up to 300% of the FPL, with premium requirements. The new demonstration will be called the “Children’s Health Insurance Program Eligibility

Extension.” AHCA provides this notice in accordance with federal requirements to inform the public that we are providing a 30-day public comment period on the proposed new demonstration starting on January 23, 2024 at 3:00 p.m., EST. The draft application proposal and more detailed information for submitting public comments is available at: <https://ahca.myflorida.com/medicaid/medicaid-policy-quality-and-operations/medicaid-policy-and-quality/medicaid-policy/federal-authorities/federal-waivers>. Hard copies of the application may be obtained by contacting Kimberly Quinn at (850)412-4277 or by email, Kimberly.Quinn@ahca.myflorida.com.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Kimberly Quinn at (850)412-4277 or by email, Kimberly.Quinn@ahca.myflorida.com.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Board of Massage Therapy

The Board of Massage Therapy announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: March 20, 2024, 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: Video Conference Link: <https://meet.goto.com/FL-BOMT/conference-calls>

Teleconference Phone: 1(877)309-2073; Access code: 985-532-741

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: General business of the Board.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting:

<https://floridasmassagetherapy.gov/meeting-information/upcoming-meetings/>

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Board of Massage Therapy

The Board of Massage Therapy announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATES AND TIMES: April 25-26, 2024, 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: Drury Plaza Hotel Tallahassee, 1690 Raymond Diehl Rd., Tallahassee, FL 32308

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:
General business of the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Board of Massage Therapy

The Board of Massage Therapy announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: June 19, 2024, 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: Video Conference Link: <https://meet.goto.com/FL-BOMT/conference-calls> Teleconference Phone: 1(877)309-2073; Access code: 985-532-741

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:
General business of the Board.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting:

<https://floridasmassagetherapy.gov/meeting-information/upcoming-meetings/>

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Board of Massage Therapy

The Board of Massage Therapy announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATES AND TIMES: July 25-26, 2024, 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: Drury Inn and Suites, 4000 SW 40th Blvd., Gainesville, FL 32608

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:
General business of the Board.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting:

<https://floridasmassagetherapy.gov/meeting-information/upcoming-meetings/>

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Board of Massage Therapy

The Board of Massage Therapy announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: August 28, 2024, 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: Video Conference Link: <https://meet.goto.com/FL-BOMT/conference-calls> Teleconference Phone: 1(877)309-2073; Access code: 985-532-741

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:
General business of the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Board of Massage Therapy

The Board of Massage Therapy announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATES AND TIMES: October 24-25, 2024, 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: Aloft Jacksonville Tapestry Park, 4812 Deer Lake Drive West, Jacksonville, FL 32246

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: General business of the Board.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting:

<https://floridasmassagetherapy.gov/meeting-information/upcoming-meetings/>

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Board of Massage Therapy

The Board of Massage Therapy announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: December 11, 2024, 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: Video Conference Link: <https://meet.goto.com/FL-BOMT/conference-calls> Teleconference Phone: 1(877)309-2073; Access code: 985-532-741

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: General business of the Board.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting:

<https://floridasmassagetherapy.gov/meeting-information/upcoming-meetings/>

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DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Family Safety and Preservation Program

The Independent Living Services Advisory Council announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: February 12, 2024, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

PLACE: Microsoft Teams

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 276 667 536 844

Passcode: F7AZAT

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GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Independent Living Services Advisory Council General Meeting

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Eric Wetzel, Eric.Wetzel@myflfamilies.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 3 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Eric Wetzel, Eric.Wetzel@myflfamilies.com. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

For more information, you may contact: Eric Wetzel, Eric.Wetzel@myflfamilies.com.

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Family Safety and Preservation Program

The Independent Living Services Advisory Council announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: February 26, 2024, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

PLACE: Microsoft Teams

[Join on your computer, mobile app or room device](#)

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 279 172 660 268

Passcode: yfw5mV

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GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: IL Services Advisory Council General Meeting.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Eric Wetzel, Eric.Wetzel@myflfamilies.com.

For more information, you may contact: Eric Wetzel, Eric.Wetzel@myflfamilies.com.

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Refugee Services

The Orlando Area Refugee Task Force announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, February 14, 2024; 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon

PLACE: Meeting will take place via the Microsoft Teams platform. Use the below link to connect to the meeting:

https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_ZGVmMzJIYTctODI0ZS00MTY0LTk3NWQtZWQwN2E5Y2FIOGI0%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22tid%22%3a%22f70dba48-b283-4c57-8831-cb411445a94c%22%2c%22oid%22%3a%224c7ac74e-0835-4242-a8cf-f26976fc1c32%22%7d

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The purpose of the Orlando Area Refugee Task Force meeting is to increase awareness of the refugee populations, share best practices, spot trends in refugee populations, build collaborations between agencies, help create good communication among service providers, get informed about upcoming community events, and discuss refugee program service needs and possible solutions to meeting those needs.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: David Draper at (407)317-7335 or Rosa Chaves at (407)317-7336.

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: David Draper at (407)317-7335 or Rosa Chaves at (407)317-7336. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

For more information, you may contact: David Draper at (407)317-7335 or Rosa Chaves at (407)317-7336.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Division of Workforce Services

The Reemployment Assistance Appeals Commission announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: January 31, 2024, 9:30 a.m.

PLACE: Reemployment Assistance Appeals Commission, 1211 Governors Square Boulevard, Suite 300, Tallahassee, Florida 32301. Attendance by telephone is also available by

calling (850)988-5144 and entering phone conference ID: 261 180 880#.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Disposition of cases pending before the Reemployment Assistance Appeals Commission and Commission business. No public testimony or comment will be taken.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: the office of the Reemployment Assistance Appeals Commission at RAAC.Inquiries@commerce.fl.gov or by visiting <https://floridajobs.org/Reemployment-Assistance-Service-Center/reemployment-assistance-appeals-commission/about-the-reemployment-assistance-appeals-commission2/raac-notices>.

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: the Commission Clerk at (850)692-0180. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

For more information, you may contact: the Commission Clerk at (850)692-0180.

FLORIDA COLLEGE SYSTEM RISK MANAGEMENT CONSORTIUM

The Florida College System Risk Management Consortium announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: February 2, 2024, 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: Renaissance Orlando Airport Hotel

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: General Business Meeting

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: ndyksterhouse@fcsrmc.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 hours before the workshop/meeting by contacting: ndyksterhouse@fcsrmc.com. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

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For more information, you may contact: FCSRMC, 4500 NW 27th Ave., Suite B2, Gainesville, FL 32606

CARPE DIEM COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS, INC.
 The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.
 DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, February 7, 2024, 12:00 noon, (EST)
 PLACE: Online, www.nwflroads.com/virtualmeetings
 GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will hold a virtual project update to present information and gather feedback concerning the resurfacing improvements to State Road (S.R.) 263 (Capital Circle Northwest) from south of U.S. 90 (Tennessee Street) to north of Interstate 10 in Leon County. This virtual project update can be viewed beginning at 12:00 noon, (EST) Wednesday, February 7, 2024, at www.nwflroads.com/virtualmeetings.
 The intent of this project is to resurface existing travel lanes, auxiliary lanes, bike lanes, median crossovers, turn lanes, bus stops, and paved shoulders.
 Additional improvements include:

- Extending the northbound left-turn lane at Tharpe Street.
- Adding northbound right-turn lane at Brittany Boulevard and Gearhart Road.
- Upgrading right-turn lane traffic signals in both directions at U.S. 90.
- Improving Star Metro Azelea route by moving the bus stop located south of Brittany Boulevard to north of Brittany Boulevard.
- Adding seven-foot buffered bike lane on both sides of the road.
- Upgrading pedestrian features to meet current Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards.
- Minor drainage improvements.

No additional right-of-way will be required. Bids for construction are scheduled to occur spring 2024.
 Maps, drawings, and other information is available online at 12:00 noon, (EST) Wednesday, February 7, 2024, at www.nwflroads.com/virtualmeetings. The project materials may also be viewed by contacting the FDOT Project Manager at the below information.
 FDOT representatives are available to discuss the proposed improvements, answer questions, and receive comments.
 Persons wishing to submit written comments may contact Sandra Lamb, P.E., FDOT Project Manager, at (850)415-9005, or via email at slamb@hntb.com, or by mail at 1282 Office Park Drive, Chipley, FL 32428. The deadline to submit official comments related to this project update is Friday, March 8, 2024.
 Public participation is held without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, or family status.
 A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: the FDOT Project Manager using the information above.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least seven days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: the FDOT Project Manager using the information above. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).
 For more information, you may contact: Ian Satter, FDOT District Three Public Information Director, at (888)638-0250, ext. 1205 or via email at ian.satter@dot.state.fl.us.

Section VII
Notice of Petitions and Dispositions
Regarding Declaratory Statements

NONE

Section VIII
Notice of Petitions and Dispositions
Regarding the Validity of Rules

Notice of Petition for Administrative Determination has been filed with the Division of Administrative Hearings on the following rules:

NONE

Notice of Disposition of Petition for Administrative Determination has been filed with the Division of Administrative Hearings on the following rules:

NONE

Section IX
Notice of Petitions and Dispositions
Regarding Non-rule Policy Challenges

NONE

Section X
Announcements and Objection Reports of
the Joint Administrative Procedures
Committee

NONE

Section XI Notices Regarding Bids, Proposals and Purchasing

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

University of Florida
UF FY24-ITN-022 Challenge Course at Lake Wauburg South Shore

University of Florida Procurement Services will receive sealed bids for FY24-ITN-022, Challenge Course at Lake Wauburg South Shore. A Non-mandatory Pre-bid Conference will be held on January 31, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. at the site. Contractor questions and requests for clarification are due February 6, 2024. Bids are due February 22, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. All questions can be directed to Karen Olitsky, Procurement Manager, at kolitsk@ufl.edu. For bid documents and all other information visit:

<https://bids.sciquest.com/apps/Router/PublicEvent?CustomerOrg=Florida>.

PASCO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

IFB-DS-24-031 East Pasco Government Center Roofing Replacement

IFB-DS-24-031 East Pasco Government Center Roofing Replacement.

MANDATORY Pre-Bid Meeting: February 7, 2024 at 10:00 a.m., ET

Location: East Pasco Government Center, 14236 6th St., Dade City, FL 33523.

Questions Deadline: February 13, 2024, at 4:00 p.m., ET.

Bid Submissions Due: February 19, 2024 at 1:30 p.m., ET.

All questions and bids **MUST** be submitted online by visiting <https://pascocountyfl.bonfirehub.com/opportunities/119384>

Section XII Miscellaneous

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Index of Administrative Rules Filed with the Secretary of State Pursuant to subparagraph 120.55(1)(b)6. – 7., F.S., the below list of rules were filed in the Office of the Secretary of State between 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 16, 2024, and 3:00 p.m., Monday, January 22, 2024.

Rule No.	File Date	Effective Date
5IER24-2	1/16/2024	1/16/2024
12A-1.097	1/22/2024	2/11/2024
12A-1.116	1/22/2024	2/11/2024
12A-19.100	1/22/2024	2/11/2024

12D-7.0155	1/19/2024	2/8/2024
12D-16.002	1/19/2024	2/8/2024
12D-16.002	1/19/2024	2/8/2024
19-8.029	1/17/2024	2/6/2024
64B6-8.002	1/17/2024	2/6/2024
65A-1.603	1/18/2024	2/7/2024
69K-8.006	1/19/2024	2/8/2024
LIST OF RULES AWAITING LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL SECTIONS 120.541(3), 373.139(7) AND/OR 373.1391(6), FLORIDA STATUTES		
Rule No.	File Date	Effective Date
40C-4.091	3/31/2023	**/**/****
40C-41.043	3/31/2023	**/**/****
40E-4.091	6/26/2023	**/**/****
60FF1-5.009	7/21/2016	**/**/****
62-330.010	4/28/2023	**/**/****
62-330.050	4/28/2023	**/**/****
62-330.055	4/28/2023	**/**/****
62-330.301	4/28/2023	**/**/****
62-330.310	4/28/2023	**/**/****
62-330.311	4/28/2023	**/**/****
62-330.350	4/28/2023	**/**/****
62-330.405	4/28/2023	**/**/****
64B8-10.003	12/9/2015	**/**/****
65C-9.004	3/31/2022	**/**/****

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Division of Community Development
Commerce Final Order No. COM-24-005

FINAL ORDER

APPROVING MONROE COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 022-2023

The Florida Department of Commerce (“Department”) hereby issues its Final Order, pursuant to sections 380.05(6) and 380.0552(9), Florida Statutes, approving land development regulations adopted by Monroe County, Florida (the “County”), Ordinance No. 022-2023 (the “Ordinance”).

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Florida Keys Area is designated by Section 380.0552, Florida Statutes, as an area of critical state concern. The County is a local government within the Florida Keys Area.
2. The Ordinance was adopted by the County on October 18, 2023, and rendered to the Department on November 24, 2023.

3. The Ordinance amends the County Land Development Code (“Code”) Section 130-141 to create the Ocean Reef Overlay District. In addition, the Ordinance establishes the development standards, deviations, and exemptions for the Ocean Reef Overlay District.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

4. The Department is required to approve or reject land development regulations that are adopted by any local government in an area of critical state concern. See §§ 380.05(6) and 380.0552(9), Fla Stat.
5. “Land development regulations” include local zoning, subdivision, building, and other regulations controlling the development of land. § 380.031(8), Fla. Stat. The regulations adopted by the Ordinance are land development regulations.
6. The Ordinance is consistent with the Monroe County Comprehensive Plan generally, as required by Section 163.3177(1), Florida Statutes, and specifically, with Goal 101, Policy 101.3.1, Objective 101.5, Policy 101.5.27, Policy 102.1.1, Policy 105.1.4, Policy 105.2.1, and Policy 205.1.1.
7. All land development regulations enacted, amended, or rescinded within an area of critical state concern must be consistent with the principles for guiding development for that area. §§ 380.05(6) and 380.0552(9), Fla Stat. The Principles for Guiding Development for the Florida Keys Area of Critical State Concern are set forth in Section 380.0552(7), Florida Statutes.
8. The Ordinance is consistent with the Principles for Guiding Development as a whole, and specifically complies with the following:
 - (b) Protecting shoreline and marine resources, including mangroves, coral reef formations, seagrass beds, wetlands, fish and wildlife, and their habitat.
 - (c) Protecting upland resources, tropical biological communities, freshwater wetlands, native tropical vegetation (for example, hardwood hammocks and pinelands), dune ridges and beaches, wildlife, and their habitat.
 - (e) Limiting the adverse impacts of development on the quality of water throughout the Florida Keys.
 - (f) Enhancing natural scenic resources, promoting the aesthetic benefits of the natural environment, and ensuring that development is compatible with the unique historic character of the Florida Keys.
 - (n) Protecting the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the Florida Keys and maintaining the Florida Keys as a unique Florida resource.

WHEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the Department finds that Monroe County Ordinance No. 022-2023 is consistent with the Monroe County Comprehensive Plan and Principles for

Guiding Development for the Florida Keys Area of Critical State Concern and is hereby APPROVED.

This Order becomes effective 21 days after publication in the Florida Administrative Register, unless a petition is timely filed as described in the Notice of Administrative Rights below.

DONE AND ORDERED in Tallahassee, Florida.

/s/ Kate Doyle, Kate Doyle, Assistant Deputy Secretary, Division of Community Development, Florida Department of Commerce

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE RIGHTS

ANY PERSON WHOSE SUBSTANTIAL INTERESTS ARE AFFECTED BY THIS ORDER HAS THE OPPORTUNITY FOR AN ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING PURSUANT TO SECTION 120.569, FLORIDA STATUTES, BY FILING A PETITION.

A PETITION MUST BE FILED WITH THE AGENCY CLERK OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE WITHIN 21 CALENDAR DAYS OF BEING PUBLISHED IN THE FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE REGISTER. A PETITION IS FILED WHEN IT IS RECEIVED BY:

AGENCY CLERK, FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL, 107 EAST MADISON ST., MSC 110, TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 32399-4128, FAX (850)921-3230, AGENCY.CLERK@COMMERCE.FL.GOV

YOU WAIVE THE RIGHT TO ANY ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING IF YOU DO NOT FILE A PETITION WITH THE AGENCY CLERK WITHIN 21 CALENDAR DAYS OF BEING PUBLISHED IN THE FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE REGISTER.

FOR THE REQUIRED CONTENTS OF A PETITION CHALLENGING AGENCY ACTION, REFER TO RULES 28-106.104(2), 28-106.201(2), AND 28-106.301, FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE.

DEPENDING ON WHETHER OR NOT MATERIAL FACTS ARE DISPUTED IN THE PETITION, A HEARING WILL BE CONDUCTED PURSUANT TO EITHER SECTIONS 120.569 AND 120.57(1), FLORIDA STATUTES, OR SECTIONS 120.569 AND 120.57(2), FLORIDA STATUTES. PURSUANT TO SECTION 120.573, FLORIDA STATUTES, AND CHAPTER 28, PART IV, FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, YOU ARE NOTIFIED THAT MEDIATION IS NOT AVAILABLE.

CERTIFICATE OF FILING AND SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the original of the foregoing Final Order has been filed with the undersigned designated Agency Clerk, and that true and correct copies have been furnished to the following persons by the methods indicated this 22nd day of January 2024.

/s/ Karis De Gannes, Agency Clerk, Florida Department of Commerce, 107 East Madison Street, MSC 110, Tallahassee,

FL 32399-4128, Telephone: (850)245-7151, Facsimile: (850)921-3230
 By U.S. Mail:
 The Honorable Craig Cates, Mayor, Monroe County, 1100 Simonton Street, Key West, Florida 33040
 Kevin Madok, Clerk, Monroe County, Board of County Commissioners, 500 Whitehead Street, Key West, Florida 33040

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