

**Section I**

**Notices of Development of Proposed Rules and Negotiated Rulemaking**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT TRUST FUND**

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**Section II  
Proposed Rules**

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**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 the number of Recreational User Permits (RUPs) issued for Gulf Hammock Wildlife Management Area (WMA). The proposed rule amendment will allow an unlimited number of permits to be issued for the WMA.

**SUMMARY:** The proposed rule amendment would adjust the number of Recreational User Permits (RUPs) as follows:  
Gulf Hammock WMA – increase the number of recreational user permits issued from 450 to unlimited.

**SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS:** The Agency has determined that this will not have an impact on small business. An SERC has not been prepared by the agency.

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

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

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

**DATES AND TIME:** During the regular meeting of the Commission, February 23-24, 2011, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., each day.

**PLACE:** Franklin County Courthouse, 3rd Floor Courtroom, 33 Market Street, Apalachicola, FL 32320

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

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

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

(1) 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 Section 379.354(8)(g) and (h), F.S.

(a) through (b) No change.

(c) 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. through 5. No change.
6. Gulf Hammock – unlimited 450
7. No change.

(d) through (f) No change.

(2) No change.

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

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

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

DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: December 1, 2010

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAW: December 23, 2010

**FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**Freshwater Fish and Wildlife**

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

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose of the proposed rule amendment is to establish regulations regarding a telephone and internet based white-tailed deer harvest reporting system. The effect of the proposed rule amendment will be to enable the agency to better manage white-tailed deer populations throughout the state.

SUMMARY: The proposed rule amendment would require all hunters to report harvested deer to a telephone and internet based deer harvest reporting system that would be available 24 hours a day; require all deer hunters to use deer harvest tags; require hunters to record their first and last name, customer number (if applicable) and telephone number of the person who killed it, the date and county where taken and the sex of the deer taken on the harvest tag prior to field dressing or moving the deer from the point of harvest; require harvest tags be securely affixed to the harvested deer immediately upon arrival at a residence or camp and prior to loading the deer onto any conveyance (truck, ATV, boat, etc.) and remain on the deer until the deer is processed; require all hunters to report harvested deer by midnight the day after leaving the hunted

area (e.g., WMA, public hunting area, lease, farm, etc); require hunters to report their deer harvest prior to dropping off any portion of a deer off at a taxidermist or meat processor; require hunters to record the harvest reporting system confirmation number on the harvest tag immediately after the deer is reported; and require exempt hunters to obtain a customer number prior to hunting and to renew their customer number every 5 years or when the person’s address or name changes.

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS: The Agency has determined that this will not have an impact on small business. An SERC has not been prepared by the agency.

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

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

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THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

68A-12.003 Protection of Certain Deer and Turkey; Tagging of Deer and Turkey; Deer Harvest Reporting; Evidence of Sex Required.

(1) Turkey:

(a) It is unlawful for any person to take or possess any unbearded turkey hen during any gobbler season ~~or any antlerless deer within the state unless authorized by these rules.~~

(b)(2) Positive evidence of sex identification, including the head, shall remain ~~on deer taken or killed within the state and~~ on all turkey taken during any gobbler season when taking of turkey hens is prohibited so long as such ~~deer or~~ turkey is

kept in camp or forest or is en route to the domicile of its possessor or until such deer or turkey has been cooked or stored at the domicile of its possessor.

~~(c)(3) Turkey Deer and turkey~~ may be dismembered in the field or camp but each portion shall have a tag affixed to it identifying the name, address, customer number ~~hunting license number~~ (if a hunting license is required) of the person who killed it, the date and location at which it was taken, and shall be readily traceable to the portion of the animal bearing the sex identification.

(2) Deer:

(a) Immediately after taking a deer, and prior to moving the carcass from the point of harvest, a person shall accurately record, in writing, on a harvest tag authorized by the Commission: the first and last name, customer number (if applicable) and telephone number of the person who killed it, the date and county where taken and the sex of the deer taken. The harvest tag may remain on the taker's person while the harvested deer is being physically dragged from the point of harvest. The harvest tag must be securely affixed to the harvested deer immediately upon arrival at a residence or camp and prior to loading the deer onto any conveyance and shall remain on the deer until the deer is processed.

(b) Positive evidence of sex identification, including the head, shall remain on harvested deer for the duration that such deer is kept in camp or forest or is en route to the domicile of its possessor or until such deer has been cooked or stored at the domicile of its possessor.

(c) Properly tagged deer may be dismembered in the field or camp but each portion shall have a tag affixed to it identifying the first and last name, customer number and telephone number of the person who killed it, the date and county where taken and the sex of the deer taken, and shall be readily traceable to the portion of the animal bearing the sex identification.

(d) All harvested deer shall be accurately reported through the Commission's Harvest Reporting System prior to midnight the day after leaving the hunted land unit (managed area, public hunting area, hunt club, hunt lease, farm, residence, etc.), prior to final processing, prior to any parts of the deer being transferred to any meat processor or taxidermist or prior to leaving the state. Harvest reporting must be done by the taker of the deer or in the taker's immediate presence. The Harvest Reporting System will provide a confirmation number once a harvest has been successfully reported and the confirmation number shall be immediately recorded on the harvest tag.

(e) Anyone taking deer must have a customer number. Exempt hunters shall obtain a customer number prior to hunting and shall renew their customer number every 5 years or when the person's address or name changes.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2011.

Rulemaking Specific 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 7-1-11.

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

DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: December 1, 2010

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAW: January 14, 2011

**FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**Freshwater Fish and Wildlife**

RULE NO.: 68A-12.004

RULE TITLE: Possession or Sale of Birds or Mammals; Taxidermy Operations and Mounting Requirements; Commercial Deer Processing Requirements

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose of the proposed rule amendment is to establish a telephone and internet based white-tailed deer harvest reporting system. The effect of the proposed rule amendment will be to enable the agency to better manage white-tailed deer populations throughout the state.

SUMMARY: The proposed rule amendment would require taxidermists to record the deer harvest reporting system confirmation number for deer taken in Florida; require commercial meat processors to maintain a logbook for any deer meat or parts possessed or received that includes the first and last name of the person taking or acquiring the deer, the person's address, and date taken or acquired; require log entries for deer taken in Florida to include the customer number (if applicable) of the person who killed it and the harvest reporting system confirmation number; require the log book be kept on the premises for inspection by Commission personnel; require all deer and portions thereof to remain tagged with the hunter's harvest tag until processed and packaged for final consumption.

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS: The Agency has determined that this will not have an impact on small business. An SERC has not been prepared by the agency.

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THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

68A-12.004 Possession or Sale of Birds or Mammals; Taxidermy Operations and Mounting Requirements; Commercial Deer Processing Requirements.

(1) through (10) No change.

(11) Taxidermy operations and mounting requirements:

(a) Any person engaged in taxidermy shall tag all carcasses (whole specimens), untanned hides, and uncured animal parts of fish and wildlife, possessed or received with the first and last name of the person taking or acquiring such fish or wildlife, the person's address, and date taken or acquired. In addition, deer taken in the state shall also have the customer number (if applicable) of the person who killed it and the Harvest Reporting System confirmation number recorded on the tag. As an alternative to individual tagging, persons engaged in taxidermy may choose to use a log book and numbering system. The log book shall contain the same information required of the tag, and the name of the person taking or acquiring such fish or wildlife, the person's address and the date taken or acquired. carcass, untagged hide, or

uncured animal part shall be assigned a number, which shall be affixed to the specimen so as to be readily identifiable and traceable to the log book information. The log book shall be kept on premises for inspection by Commission personnel.

(b) through (e) No change.

(12) No change.

(13) Commercial meat processors must maintain a logbook for any deer meat or parts possessed or received that includes the first and last name of the person taking or acquiring the deer, the person's address, and date taken or acquired. In addition, log entries for deer taken in Florida shall also have the customer number (if applicable) of the person who killed the deer and the harvest reporting system's confirmation number. The log book shall be kept on the premises for inspection by Commission personnel. All deer and portions thereof must remain tagged with the hunter's harvest tag until processed and packaged for final consumption.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2011.

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**FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**Freshwater Fish and Wildlife**

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

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose of the proposed rule amendment is to allow for a new youth turkey hunt quota category for youth turkey hunts that are being proposed on

various wildlife management areas. This quota category would allow for youth less than 16 years of age on the last day of the latest hunt date to apply.

**SUMMARY:** The proposed rule amendment would create a Youth Turkey Hunt quota category to effect quotas for Youth Turkey Hunts that are being proposed on select wildlife management areas. These Youth Turkey Hunt quotas are being proposed to increase the chances for a quality hunting experience for Florida's hunting youth.

**SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS:** The Agency has determined that this will not have an impact on small business. An SERC has not been prepared by the agency.

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**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) Quota Hunt Types.

1. through 11. No change.

12. Youth Turkey Hunt

(b) through (d) No change.

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

1. Applicant Requirements.

a. through e. No change.

f. Applicants for the Youth Turkey Hunt must be less than 16 years old on the last day of the latest hunt date that they apply for.

2. through 5. No change.

(3) through (6) No change.

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

**DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD:** December 1, 2010

**DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAW:** December 23, 2010

**FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**Freshwater Fish and Wildlife**

<b>RULE NO.:</b>	<b>RULE TITLE:</b>
68A-15.006	Regulations Relating to Miscellaneous Areas

**PURPOSE AND EFFECT:** The purpose of the proposed rule amendment is to better manage fish and wildlife resources and public hunting on miscellaneous areas and conform to calendar

year date changes. The effect of the proposed rule amendment will be to enable the agency to better manage fish and wildlife resources and public use on miscellaneous.

SUMMARY: The proposed rule amendment would adjust season dates to conform to calendar year changes on miscellaneous areas. There are also proposed changes to some hunting seasons on FWC-managed areas in an effort to better align season dates with times of peak deer activity associated with the breeding season and other hunter preferences.

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS: The Agency has determined that this will not have an impact on small business. An SERC has not been prepared by the agency.

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THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

68A-15.006 Regulations Relating to Miscellaneous Areas.

(1) through (2) No change.

(3) Babcock Ranch Preserve.

(a) Open season (in the FWC designated hunting area):

1. Archery – July 30 through August 2 and August 6-9  
~~September 11-14 and 18-21.~~

2. Muzzleloading gun – September 3-5 ~~October 15-17.~~

3. Family – September 17-18 and December 17-18  
~~October 30-31 and January 1-2.~~

4. General gun for mobility-impaired – December 2-4  
~~October 22-24.~~

5. General gun – September 23-25, September 30 through  
~~October 2 November 12-14, 19-21 and December 9-11 17-19.~~

6. Small game – January 7-22 ~~8-23~~ and February 4-5 ~~5-6~~  
(Saturdays and Sundays only).

7. Spring turkey – March 3-5 ~~5-7~~ and 10-12 ~~12-14.~~

8. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(4) Kissimmee Chain of Lakes Area.

(a) Open season:

1. through 2. No change.

3. Furbearers – During zonal antlered deer season  
established for Zone B only.

~~4.3.~~ No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game (~~except the take of turkeys shall be limited to bearded turkey or gobblers~~), wild turkey (but only bearded turkey or gobblers), wild hog, non-protected mammals, furbearers (except bobcat and otter), fish and frogs. The take of deer is prohibited in the Drasdo, East, and West Shore Units. The take of antlerless deer is prohibited.

(c) General regulations:

1. through 3. No change.

~~4. Furbearers – During the zonal antlered deer season only.~~

5. through 15. renumbered 4. through 14. No change.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2011.

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

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

DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: December 1, 2010

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## FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

### Freshwater Fish and Wildlife

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

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

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

Avon Park Air Force Range WMA – establish a 2-day youth turkey hunt in areas specified by the Installation Commander; and expand the small game season to match the zonal season dates with hunting allowed on dates and in areas specified by the Installation Commander.

Chassahowitzka WMA – establish a 2-day youth turkey hunt (quota of 5, no exemptions) with a bag limit of one turkey per quota permit; and remove the limitation of one gun per hunting party during the wild hog-dog season.

Green Swamp WMA – remove the limitation of one gun per hunting party during the wild hog-dog season.

Green Swamp WMA West Unit – remove the limitation of one gun per hunting party during the wild hog-dog season.

Hilochee WMA – establish a 2-day youth turkey hunt (quota of 5, no exemptions) with a bag limit of one turkey per quota permit.

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

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

(1) Green Swamp Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~19~~ <sup>13</sup> through January ~~15~~ <sup>9</sup>.

2. Archery – ~~October 15 through November 13~~ <sup>September 25 through October 24</sup>, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only.

3. Small game – January ~~21~~ <sup>15</sup> through February ~~19~~ <sup>13</sup>, Saturdays and Sundays only.

4. Wild hog-dog – February ~~11-19~~ <sup>5-13</sup> and ~~February 25 through March 4~~ <sup>19-27</sup>, Saturdays and Sundays only.

5. Spring turkey – March ~~17~~ <sup>19</sup> through April ~~22~~ <sup>24</sup>.

6. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 10. No change.

11. During the wild hog-dog season, a wild hog-dog quota permit shall allow a hunting group of two persons and a guest, as authorized by Rule 68A-15.005, F.A.C., (3 total) to participate in the hunt, ~~and only one gun may be used to take wildlife per hunting group.~~

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

(a) Open season:

1. Special-opportunity turkey – March ~~17-20, 26-29, March 31 through April 3, April 9-12 19-22, March 28-31, April 2-5, 11-14 and 14-17~~ 16-19.

2. Special-opportunity archery – November ~~5-8 6-9 and 17-20~~ 18-21.

3. Special-opportunity general gun – January 26-29, February 6-9 and 15-18 ~~December 16-19, January 10-13 and 20-23.~~

4. Wild hog-still – December 16-18 ~~February 4-6.~~

5. Wild hog-dog – January 11-13 ~~February 16-18.~~

6. Small game – February 24-26 ~~25-27~~ and March 2-4 ~~4-6.~~

7. through 8. No change.

(b) No change.

(c) Camping: Camping is allowed at designated campsites during hunting season and at other times by permit from the Southwest Florida Water Management District. Kitchen stoves, refrigerators, and freezers, unless contained in mobile campers are prohibited. Lumber, sheet metal or other building materials is prohibited. Each camper shall assure that their campsite is clean at all times. The alteration, defacing, moving, or tampering in any way with official markings of campsites is prohibited.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 8. No change.

9. During the wild hog-dog season, a quota permit shall allow a hunting group of two persons and a guest, as authorized by Rule 68A-15.005, F.A.C., (3 total) to participate in the hunt, ~~and only one gun may be used to take wildlife per hunting group.~~

10. through 11. No change.

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

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~17-18 11-12.~~

2. Bird dog training – Bird dogs may be trained in the recreation area September ~~17 18~~ through February ~~12 13~~ and bird dogs may be trained in zones A, B, C and D during the small game season on those days when daily quail permits are not issued, which shall include the day that the season quota for daily quail permits is attained.

3. General gun – November 5-13 ~~October 30 through November 7.~~

4. Small game – November 14-27 and Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays only November 30 through January 15. Opening twelve days prior to Thanksgiving Day and closing 8 days thereafter, and opening one day prior to

~~Thanksgiving Day and closing 53 days thereafter, provided hunting shall be allowed on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, Sundays and the Friday after Thanksgiving Day only.~~

5. Field trial quail – January ~~28-29 29-30.~~

6. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 6. No change.

7. Vehicles shall be operated on named or numbered ~~number~~ roads only, except during the bird dog training, general gun and small game seasons.

8. through 16. No change.

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

(a) Open season:

1. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~14-16 15-17.~~

2. General gun – November 5-13 ~~October 30 through November 7.~~

3. Small game – November 16 through January 15 on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays only ~~Opening twelve days prior to Thanksgiving Day and closing 64 days thereafter, provided hunting shall be allowed on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, Sundays and the Friday after Thanksgiving Day only.~~

4. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(5) Upper Hillsborough Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Wild hog-dog – November 8-10.

~~2. Archery – December 10-11, 17-18, 11-19 and January 7-8 and 14-15 8-16, Saturdays and Sundays only.~~

~~3. Muzzleloading gun – January 21-22, 28-29, February 4-5 and 11-12 November 13 through December 5, Saturdays and Sundays only.~~

~~4. Small game – February 18-19, 25-26 and March 3-4 January 22 through February 6, Saturdays and Sundays only.~~

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

~~6. No change.~~

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs, and furbearers. Taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with three or more points, one inch or more in length, is prohibited. During the wild hog-dog season only wild hog may be taken.

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 7. No change.

8. Hunting with dogs other than bird dogs is prohibited except that dogs may be used during the wild hog-dog season. During the wild hog-dog season, no more than three free-running dogs per quota permit shall be allowed. During



non-hunting periods the possession of dogs shall only be as authorized by the Southwest Florida Water Management District.

9. through 10. No change.

11. During the small game season, wildlife may be taken only with shotguns. During the spring turkey season only ~~muzzleloading guns~~, shotguns and bows and arrows are allowed for taking turkeys. During the wild hog-dog season wildlife may be taken only with shotguns and centerfire handguns.

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

(6) Arbuckle Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – October 15 ~~16~~ through November 4 ~~5~~.
2. Muzzleloading gun – December 10-18 ~~11-19~~.
3. Small game – January 7-8 ~~8-9~~ and 28-29 ~~29-30~~.
4. Spring turkey – March 20-22 ~~22-24~~ and April 3-5 ~~5-7~~.
5. No change.

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

(c) Camping is permitted at the designated campground located off Rucks Dairy Road; at designated campsites along the Florida Trail; and at other sites by Special-Use Permit issued ~~the~~ by the Division of Forestry.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 7. No change.

~~8. The use of centerfire rifles for taking wild turkey during the spring turkey season is prohibited.~~

(7) KICCO Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September 17 ~~25~~ through October 16 ~~24~~, Saturdays and Sundays only.
2. Muzzleloading gun – October 22-23 and 29-30 ~~30 through November 7, Saturdays and Sundays only.~~
3. Wild hog-still – November 12 ~~13~~ through December 11 ~~12~~, Saturdays and Sundays only.
4. Small game – December 17 ~~18~~ through January 22 ~~23~~.
5. Spring turkey – March 17 ~~19~~ through April 15 ~~17~~, Saturdays and Sundays only.
6. No change.
- (b) through (c) No change.
- (d) General regulations:
  1. through 6. No change.

7. Hunting with dogs is prohibited during the archery, muzzleloading gun; and wild hog-still ~~and general gun~~ seasons. The use of dogs, other than retrievers, bird dogs and dogs with a shoulder height of 15 inches or less is prohibited during the small game season.

8. through 9. No change.

(8) Hickory Hammock Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Wild hog-still – September 16-18 ~~17-19~~, 23-25 ~~24-26~~ and January 13-15 ~~14-16~~.
2. Archery – October 14-16 ~~22-24~~.
3. Muzzleloading gun – October 22-24 and 26-28 ~~November 1-3 and 5-7~~.
4. General gun – November 5-7 ~~12-14~~.
5. Small game – November 14-27 ~~15-28~~ and January 23 ~~24~~ through March 4 ~~6~~.
6. General gun for mobility-impaired – December 3-4 ~~4-5~~.
7. No change.
8. Spring turkey – March 22-24 ~~24-26~~ and April 12-14 ~~14-16~~.
9. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

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

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – October 1-2 ~~2-3~~, 3-6 ~~4-7~~, 7-9 ~~8-10~~, 10-13 ~~11-14~~ and 14-16 ~~15-17~~.
2. Muzzleloading gun – December 10-13 ~~11-14~~ and 14-18 ~~15-19~~.
3. Wild hog-still – January 14-17 ~~15-18~~ and 18-22 ~~19-23~~.
4. Small game – February 4-12 ~~5-13~~ and February 25 ~~26~~ through March 4 ~~6~~.
5. No change.
- (b) through (d) No change.

(10) Hilochee Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Youth turkey hunt – March 10-11.
- ~~2.1.~~ Spring turkey – March 23-25 ~~25-27~~ and April 6-8 ~~8-10~~.
- ~~3.2.~~ Muzzleloading gun – February 17-19 ~~November 5-7~~.
- ~~4.3.~~ Wild hog-still – December 2-4 ~~3-5~~, January 13-15 ~~14-16~~ and 20-22 ~~21-23~~.
- ~~5.4.~~ Small game – January 27 ~~28~~ through February 5 ~~6~~.
- ~~6.5.~~ Archery – February 10-12 ~~October 22-24~~.
- ~~7.6.~~ No change.
- ~~8.7.~~ Raccoon – September 1-25 ~~2-26~~ (from 1.5 hours before sunset on Thursday until 1.5 hours after sunrise on Sunday).

(b) through (d) No change.

(11) Lake Marion Creek Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – ~~October 15-17 and 21-23~~ ~~September 25-27~~ and ~~October 1-3~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – ~~November 25-27~~ ~~October 30~~ through ~~November 1~~.

3. General gun – ~~January 20-22 and February 3-5~~ ~~November 13-15 and 19-21~~.

4. Small game – December ~~30~~ ~~31~~ through January ~~1~~ ~~2~~ and ~~January 6-8~~ ~~7-9~~.

5. Wild hog-still – December ~~9-11~~ ~~10-12~~ and ~~23-25~~ ~~24-26~~.

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

~~7.6~~ Spring turkey – March ~~17-19~~ ~~19-21~~, ~~March 30~~ through April ~~1~~ ~~1-3~~ and ~~April 13-15~~ ~~15-17~~.

~~8.7~~ No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 2. No change.

3. During periods when the area is closed to hunting public access other than by foot or bicycle is prohibited, except persons participating in a hunt may operate motor vehicles from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. one day prior to each hunt except small game. During periods open for hunting only persons participating in the hunt may operate motor vehicles on the area and vehicles may only be operated from 1.5 hours before sunrise until 1.5 hours after sunset, except no motor vehicle access is allowed during small game hunts. Vehicles shall be operated only by hunters possessing a valid quota hunt permit or daily hunt permit. Vehicles shall be operated only on named or numbered roads and shall be parked in designated parking areas or within 25 feet of a named or numbered road.

4. through 6. No change.

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

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~17~~ ~~25~~ through October ~~16~~ ~~24~~ in areas and during days specified by the Installation Commander or a designee.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~22~~ ~~30~~ through November ~~4~~ ~~7~~ in areas and during days specified by the Installation Commander or a designee.

3. General gun – November ~~5~~ ~~13~~ through January ~~22~~ ~~23~~ in areas and during days specified by the Installation Commander or a designee.

4. Small game – ~~November 12~~ ~~January 3~~ through March ~~4~~ ~~6~~ in areas and during days specified by the Installation Commander or a designee.

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

~~6.5~~ Spring turkey – March ~~17~~ ~~19~~ through April ~~22~~ ~~24~~ in areas and during days specified by the Installation Commander or a designee.

~~7.6~~ Antlerless deer – November ~~19-25~~ ~~20-26~~ in areas and during days specified by the Installation Commander or a designee.

7. through 8. renumbered 8. through 9. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(13) Croom Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~22-24~~ ~~29-31~~.

2. General gun – November ~~5-27~~ ~~13~~ through December ~~5~~.

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

4. Spring turkey – March ~~20-22~~ ~~22-24~~, April ~~3-5~~ ~~5-7~~ and ~~17-19~~ ~~19-21~~.

5. Fox, raccoon and bobcat – December ~~15~~ ~~16~~ through March ~~11~~ ~~13~~. Hunting is allowed from 5 p.m. Thursday to sunrise Sunday with dogs only. Taking wildlife with guns is prohibited during this season.

6. through 7. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 6. No change.

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(14) Chassahowitzka Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~17~~ ~~25~~ through October ~~16~~ ~~24~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~22-24~~ ~~29-31~~.

3. General gun – November ~~5~~ ~~13~~ through January ~~1~~ ~~9~~.

4. Wild hog-dog – January ~~13-15~~ ~~14-16~~ and ~~20-22~~ ~~21-23~~.

5. through 6. No change.

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

~~8.7~~ Spring turkey – March ~~23-25~~ ~~25-27~~, April ~~6-8~~ ~~8-10~~ and ~~20-22~~ ~~22-24~~.

~~9.8~~ Raccoon – February ~~2-26~~ ~~3-27~~ and May ~~3-27~~ ~~5-29~~ (from 1.5 hours before sunset on Thursday until 1.5 hours after sunrise on Sunday).

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers. The taking of bobcat and otter is prohibited. During the spring turkey season t~~The bag limit for turkeys shall be one gobbler (or bearded turkey) per ~~spring turkey~~ quota permit. Only wild hog may be taken during the wild hog-dog season. Waterfowl and coot may be taken on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays only. During the raccoon season, only raccoon and opossum may be taken.~~

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 10. No change.

11. During the wild hog-dog season, a quota permit shall allow a hunting group of two persons and a guest, as authorized by Rule 68A-15.005, F.A.C., (3 total) to participate in the hunt, ~~and only one gun may be used to take wildlife per hunting group.~~

12. through 13. No change.

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

(15) Hilochee Wildlife Management Area – Osprey Unit.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – October ~~8-9~~ ~~9-10~~ and ~~15-16~~ ~~16-17~~.
2. Family hunt – November ~~12-13~~ ~~13-14~~.
3. Wild hog-still – November ~~26-27~~ ~~27-28~~.
4. Wild hog-dog – January ~~7-8~~ ~~8-9~~ and ~~28-29~~ ~~29-30~~.
5. Small game – February ~~2-13~~ ~~3-14~~.
- ~~6. Youth turkey hunt – March 10-11.~~
- ~~7. Spring turkey – April 13-14~~ ~~15-16~~ and ~~20-21~~ ~~22-23~~.
7. through 8. renumbered 8. through 9. No change.

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9. through 11. No change.

**PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2011.**

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DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: December 1, 2010

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**FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**Freshwater Fish and Wildlife**

<b>RULE NO.:</b>	<b>RULE TITLE:</b>
68A-15.062	Specific Regulations for Wildlife Management Areas – North Central Region

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

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

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- Big Bend WMA, Snipe Island Unit – establish a 2-day youth turkey hunt (quota of 40, no exemptions) with a bag limit of one turkey per quota permit
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- Big Bend WMA, Tide Swamp Unit – establish a 2-day youth turkey hunt (no quota permit required)
- Big Shoals WMA – establish a 2-day youth turkey hunt (quota of 20, no exemptions)
- Camp Blanding WMA – establish a 2-day youth turkey hunt in locations to be determined by the Camp Blanding Post Commander (quota of 35, no exemptions); prohibit take of wildlife on/within 100' of Dade, Treat and Impact Roads.
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Osceola WMA – clarify that motorized vehicles are allowed only on designated, named or numbered roads and mixed-used roads, except all-terrain vehicles are allowed only on designated motorized trails and mixed-use roads and establish a 2-day youth turkey hunt (no quota permit required).

Potts WMA – remove the limitation of one gun per hunting party during the wild hog-dog season.

Raiford WMA – establish a 2-day youth turkey hunt (quota of 25, no exemptions).

Ralph E. Simmons WMA – establish a 2-day youth turkey hunt (quota of 15, no exemptions).

Steinhatchee Springs WMA – establish a 2-day youth turkey hunt (no quota permit required); remove the limitation of one gun per hunting party during the wild hog-dog season.

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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~~ ~~Saturday~~ before Thanksgiving and continuing for ~~55~~ ~~57~~ days thereafter, only in the following areas:

a. through b. No change.

2. General gun dog – Opening the ~~Monday~~ ~~Saturday~~ before Thanksgiving and continuing for eight days thereafter, and opening the Saturday before Christmas (or Christmas Day when it occurs on a Saturday) and continuing for eight days thereafter. Only in the dog hunt area, which is north of State Road 16 and County Road 215, and east of County Road 225 and West Road.

3. Youth turkey hunt – As established by subparagraph 68A-13.004(2)(c)2., F.A.C., except with specific hunt dates and locations to be determined by the Camp Blanding Post Commander.

~~4.3.~~ No change.

5.4. Archery – September ~~27-29~~ ~~28-30~~ and October ~~4-6~~ ~~5-7~~, only in the still hunt areas; and the Monday Saturday before Thanksgiving and continuing for 55 ~~57~~ days thereafter in the archery-only area, which is within the area described by a line beginning at the intersection of County Road 225 and Woodbury Road, then southeast on County Road 225 to State Road 16, then south on State Road 16 and County Road 230 to the Camp Blanding boundary on the east side of County Road 230, then east along the Camp Blanding boundary to Duval Road, then south on Duval Road to Yerkes Road, then west on Yerkes Road to Treat Road, then north on Treat Road to Lightning Strike Road, then west and north on Lightning Strike Road to State Road 230, then west on State Road 230 to the Camp Blanding boundary, then north along the Camp Blanding boundary to State Road 16, then east on the south side of State Road 16 to Lightning Strike Road, then north on Lightning Strike Road to Bessent Road, then north on Bessent Road to the starting point. A disjunct portion of the archery - only area is south of County Road 215, east of Rifle Range Road, north of State Road 16 and west of the Camp Blanding boundary.

6.5. No change.

7.6. Muzzleloading gun – October 11-13 ~~12-14~~ and 18-20 ~~19-21~~, only in the still hunt areas.

8.7. No change.

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

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. ~~All~~ Persons shall check in and out at a check station when entering and exiting the area and ~~shall~~ check all game taken.

2. through 14. No change.

15. It shall be unlawful to take wildlife on or within 100 feet, upon or from the rights-of-way of Dade, Treat and Impact Roads.

(2) Cypress Creek Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Youth turkey hunt – March 10-11.

2. Spring turkey – March 17-25 ~~19-27~~.

3. Archery – September 24-25 through October 9 ~~10~~.

4. Muzzleloading gun – October 22-24 ~~29-31~~.

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

(b) through (d) No change.

(3) Gulf Hammock Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November 5 ~~13~~ through January 22 ~~23~~.

2. Youth turkey hunt – March 10-11.

3. Spring turkey – March 17 ~~19~~ through April 22 ~~24~~.

4. Archery – September 17 ~~25~~ through October 16 ~~24~~.

5. Muzzleloading gun – October 22 ~~30~~ through November 4 ~~7~~.

6.5. renumbered 6. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. No change.

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

3. through 7. No change.

(4) Lochloosa Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November 5-18 ~~13-26~~, November 19 ~~27~~ through December 4 ~~12~~ and December 5 ~~13~~ through January 1 ~~9~~.

2. Youth turkey hunt – March 10-11.

3. Spring turkey – March 17 ~~19~~ through April 22 ~~24~~.

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

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

6.5. No change.

7. Small game – January 2 ~~10~~ through March 4 ~~6~~.

8.7. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 4. No change.

5. Fires are prohibited ~~on the area~~.

6. No change.

(5) Osceola Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November 12 ~~13~~ through January 8 ~~9~~.

2. Small game – January 9 ~~10~~ through March 4 ~~6~~.

3. Youth turkey hunt – March 10-11.

4. Spring turkey – March 17 ~~19~~ through April 22 ~~24~~.

5. Archery – September 24-25 through October 16 ~~17~~.

6.5. No change.

7. Fox, raccoon, opossum and bobcat – July 30 ~~August 7~~ through September 20 ~~28~~ in the dog hunt portion of the area only from sunset to sunrise.

7. through 8. renumbered 8. through 9. No change.

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

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. No change.

2. Deer dogs may be trained from October 29 ~~31~~ through November 7 ~~9~~, except in the still hunt area.

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, and bicycles shall be restricted to numbered roads or those roads posted as mixed use roads.

5. through 8. No change.

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

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~5-13~~ through January 1-9.
2. Archery – September ~~24-25~~ through October 23-24.
3. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~28-30~~ 29-31.
4. Small game – January ~~2-10~~ through February 26 ~~March~~

6.

5. through 6. No change.

7. Youth turkey hunt – March 10-11.

~~8.7.~~ Spring turkey – March ~~17-19~~ through April 22-24.

~~9.8.~~ Trapping – January ~~9-10~~ through March 1.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 2. No change.

3. During the muzzleloading gun season, the youth turkey hunt, and the first 16 days of the archery, general gun and spring turkey seasons, hunters shall check in and out at a check station when entering or exiting the area, obtain a daily permit, which they shall keep on their person, and check all game taken.

4. through 7. No change.

8. ~~All~~ Persons shall enter and exit the area ~~only~~ at designated entrances.

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

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November 5-13 ~~13-21~~ and November 14 ~~14~~ through January 1-9.

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

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

4. Small game – January ~~2-10~~ through March 4-6.

5. Youth turkey hunt – March 10-11.

~~6.5.~~ Spring turkey – March ~~17-19~~ through April 22-24.

~~7.6.~~ Trapping – January ~~9-10~~ through March 1.

7. through 8. renumbered 8. through 9. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. During the muzzleloading gun season, the youth turkey hunt, and the first 16 days of the archery, general gun and spring turkey seasons, hunters shall check in and out at a check station when entering or exiting the area and shall check all game taken.

2. through 6. No change.

7. ~~All~~ Persons shall enter and exit the area ~~only~~ at designated entrances.

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

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~5-13~~ 13-21, 14-20 ~~22-28~~ and November 21-29 through January 1-9.

2. Small game – January ~~2-10~~ through February 26 ~~March~~

6.

3. Spring turkey – March ~~17-19~~ through April 22-24.

4. Archery – ~~September 25 through~~ October 1-30 24.

5. through 7. No change.

8. Trapping – January ~~9-10~~ through March 1.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 11. No change.

12. Hunting with dogs is prohibited during the archery season except that waterfowl retrievers may be used during the special September duck season.

13. ~~All~~ Persons shall enter and exit the area ~~only~~ at designated entrances. The Painted Rock Road entrance shall only be used during the general gun season.

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

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~5-13~~ 13-21 and November 14 ~~22~~ through January 1-9.

2. Spring turkey – March ~~17-19~~ through April 22-24.

3. Small game – January ~~2-10~~ through February 26 ~~March~~

6.

4. through 5. No change.

6. Trapping – January ~~9-10~~ through March 1.

(b) through (d) No change.

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

(a) Open season:

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

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

3. General gun – November 5-13 and November 14-27 ~~13 through December 5~~.

4. Small game – ~~December 31~~ January 8 through January 29 ~~February 6~~.

5. Youth turkey hunt – March 10-11.

~~6.5.~~ Spring turkey – March ~~17-25~~ 19-27, March 26-28 through April 1-3 and April ~~2-8~~ 4-10.

~~7.6.~~ Trapping – January 7-8 through March 1.

~~8.7.~~ No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 3. No change.

4. During the muzzleloading gun season, the youth turkey hunt and the first 16 days of the archery, general gun and spring turkey seasons, hunters shall check in and out at a check station when entering or exiting the area and check all game taken.

5. through 8. No change.

(11) PotashCorp – White Springs Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. No change.

2. Fishing and frogging – Prohibited during periods open to hunting; and allowed only by landowner permit during periods closed to hunting on other days if in possession of written permission from landowner.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. Hunters shall check in and out at the check station a check point when entering and exiting the area and shall check all game taken.

2. through 8. No change.

(12) Raiford Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~24 25~~ through October ~~9 10~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~22-24 29-31~~.

3. Archery and muzzleloading gun – November ~~5-13 13-21~~.

4. Youth turkey hunt – March 10-11.

~~5.4.~~ Spring turkey – March ~~17-25 19-27~~.

~~6.5.~~ No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. Hunting with dogs is prohibited except ~~that~~ bird dogs are allowed during the archery and muzzleloading gun season.

2. through 7. No change.

(13) Cedar Key Scrub Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~5-13 13-21~~.

2. Archery – September ~~24 25~~ through October ~~9 10~~.

3. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~22-24 29-31~~.

(b) through (d) No change.

(14) Andrews Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September 23-25 and September 30 through October 2 ~~October 1 3 and 8 10~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – ~~October 29-31 and~~ November 4-6 and 11-13 ~~5-7~~.

3. General gun – November ~~18-20 19-21~~.

4. Small game – December 30 through January 1, January 6-8 7-9, and 13-15 ~~14 16 and 21 23~~.

5. Family hunt – December 3-4 and 10-11 ~~February 5-6 and 12-13~~.

6. Youth turkey hunt – March 10-11.

~~7.6.~~ Spring turkey – March ~~23-25 25-27~~ and April ~~13-15 14-17~~.

~~8.7.~~ Supervised deer/hog youth hunt – October ~~22-23 16-17 and 29-30 23-24~~.

~~9.8.~~ No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. No person shall hunt in any zone other than that to which he or she is assigned by zone tag. Zone tags shall not be transferred. ~~All H~~ 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. No change.

3. Vehicles may be operated only on improved portions of named or numbered roads. During periods when the area is closed to hunting, persons may enter the area no earlier than one-half hour before sunrise and shall exit no later than one-half hour after sunset. Horses and all-terrain vehicles are prohibited ~~on the area~~.

4. No change.

5. During the 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 hunt.

6. through 9. No change.

(15) Big Shoals Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~26 27~~ through October ~~1 2, October 3-8 4-9 and 10-15 11-16~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~28-30 29-31~~ and November ~~4-6 5-7~~.

3. Small game – December ~~19-24 20-25~~ and ~~26-31 December 27 through January 1~~.

4. Youth turkey hunt – March 10-11.

~~5.4.~~ Spring turkey – March ~~22-24 24-26~~ and April ~~12-14 14-16~~.

~~6.5.~~ No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal fish. During the archery season only antlerless and antlered deer, wild hog, turkey of either sex, rabbit, and gray squirrel may be taken. During the muzzleloading gun season only antlered deer, wild hog, rabbit and gray squirrel may be taken. During the small game season only wild hog, rabbit and gray squirrel may be taken. During the spring turkey season only bearded turkeys or gobblers may be taken. ~~All legal fish~~.

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. No person shall hunt in any zone other than that to which he or she is assigned by zone tag. Zone tags shall not be transferred. ~~All H~~ hunters shall keep the zone tag in their possession.

2. No change.

3. During hunting periods, access for hunters will ~~be~~ only be through the check station on C.R. 135.

4. Vehicles may be operated only on portions of named or numbered roads. The use of airboats, all-terrain vehicles, tracked vehicles and unlicensed and unregistered motorcycles is prohibited ~~on the area~~. Horses are allowed only on roads open to vehicular use or on designated horse trails.

5. through 6. No change.

~~7. The use of centerfire rifles for taking wild turkey during the spring turkey season is prohibited.~~

(16) Twin Rivers Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~24-30~~ 25 through October ~~1~~ and October ~~1-9~~ 2-10.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~22-24~~ 29-31.

3. General gun – November ~~5-8~~ 13-16 and ~~9-15~~ 17-23.

4. Small game – November 26 through December 18 ~~4-26~~.

5. Youth turkey hunt – March 10-11.

~~6.5. Spring turkey – March 23-25 ~~25-27~~ and April 13-15 ~~15-17~~.~~

~~7.6. No change.~~

(b) Legal to take: Antlered deer, turkey (archery and spring turkey seasons season only), gray squirrel, quail, rabbit and fish. The bag limit for deer is one per person per season for each of the following seasons: archery, muzzleloading gun and general gun. The bag limit for turkey is one per person per hunt during the archery and spring turkey seasons ~~season~~ except that the bag limit is only one per quota permit and one per 3 day hunt period during the youth turkey hunt ~~spring turkey season~~.

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. Hunters shall check in and out at the check station ~~on Highway 90 in Zone B~~ during the archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun and spring turkey seasons and report all game taken.

2. 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.

3. No change.

4. Horses are allowed only during daylight hours and only on designated roads.

5. through 8. No change.

~~9. The use of centerfire rifles for taking wild turkey during the spring turkey season is prohibited.~~

~~9.10. No change.~~

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

(a) through (b) No change.

(c) Camping: Prohibited during periods open to hunting and allowed only by landowner permit during periods closed to hunting.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 3. No change.

4. Persons participating in bird dog training or quail hunts shall enter and exit ~~the area only~~ at the entrance designated on the current hunt brochure.

5. through 7. No change.

(18) Jennings Forest Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~24-27~~ 25-28, September ~~28~~ 29 through October ~~1~~ 2, October ~~2-5~~ 3-6 and ~~6-9~~ 7-10.

2. Supervised small game – October ~~15-23~~ 16-24, east of Yellow Water Creek, and east of the North Fork Black Creek but only south of its convergence with Yellow Water Creek.

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

4. No change.

5. General gun – November ~~5-8~~ 13-16, ~~9-12~~ 17-20, ~~13-16~~ 21-24 and ~~17-20~~ 25-28.

6. Small game – January ~~6~~ 14 through February ~~5~~ 13, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only.

7. No change.

8. Youth turkey hunt – March 10-11.

~~9.8. Spring turkey – March 17-19 ~~19-21~~, 20-22 ~~22-24~~ and 23-25 ~~25-27~~.~~

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

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish and furbearers (“except bobcat and otter”). Taking antlered deer not having at least one antler with three or more points, each point one inch or more in length, is prohibited. During the archery, muzzleloading gun and general gun seasons, the bag limit for deer shall be one per quota permit. During the spring turkey season, the bag limit for turkeys shall be one gobbler or bearded turkey per quota permit. Killing quail is prohibited on the quail enhancement area (that portion of the area lying north of the North Fork Black Creek, east of County Road 217 and west of the Yellow Water Creek) except during ~~the~~ quail season. The bag limit for quail on the quail enhancement area is six per quota permit.

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 10. No change.

~~11. The use of centerfire rifles for taking wild turkey during the spring turkey season is prohibited.~~

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

(19) Holton Creek Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Mobility-impaired general gun – October ~~14-16~~ 15-17, ~~28-30~~ 29-31, November ~~4-6~~ 5-7 and December ~~16-18~~ 17-19.

2. Mobility-impaired spring turkey – March ~~23-25~~ 25-27 and April ~~13-15~~ 15-17.

3. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(20) Goethe Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~24~~ 25 through October ~~16~~ 17.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~22-24~~ 29-31.

3. General gun (still hunt) – November ~~5-7~~ 13-15 and ~~8-10~~ 16-18.

4. General gun (dog hunt) – November ~~11-13~~ 19-21 and ~~14-17~~ 22-25.



5. Small game – January ~~7-29 15~~ through February 6.
6. Spring turkey – March ~~17-23 19-25~~ and March ~~24 26~~ through April ~~1 3~~.
7. No change.
- (b) through (c) No change.
- (d) General regulations:
  1. through 11. No change.
  - ~~12. The use of centerfire rifles for taking wild turkey during the spring turkey season is prohibited.~~
  - (21) Citrus Wildlife Management Area.
    - (a) Open season:
      1. General gun – December ~~10-11 18-19~~ and ~~December 31~~ through January ~~1 8-9~~.
      2. Small game – January ~~2 10~~ through ~~February 26~~ March 6.
      3. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~3-4 11-12~~ and ~~17-18~~ January ~~1-2~~.
      4. Archery – November ~~5-27 13~~ through December 5.
      5. Youth turkey hunt – March 10-11.
      - ~~6,5.~~ Spring turkey – March ~~20-22 22-24~~, April ~~3-5 5-7~~ and ~~17-19 19-21~~.
      - ~~7,6.~~ No change.
    - (b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers. During the archery season, take of antlerless deer shall be by antlerless deer permit only. Turkey may be taken only during the spring turkey season. ~~when t~~The bag limit shall be one gobbler or bearded turkey per ~~spring turkey~~ quota permit.
    - (c) No change.
    - (d) General regulations:
      1. Only bird dogs may be used for hunting during the small game season. Except during the small game season, authorized training and field trials, the possession or use of dogs is prohibited except as provided by paragraph 68A-15.004(7)(c) or (d), F.A.C. Dogs are prohibited at other times except as authorized.
      2. through 11. No change.
      - ~~12. The use of centerfire rifles for taking wild turkey during the spring turkey season is prohibited.~~
      - (22) Flying Eagle Wildlife Management Area.
        - (a) Open season:
          1. Archery – October ~~1-4 2-5~~ and ~~7-11 8-12~~.
          2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~22-24 29-31~~.
          3. General gun – November ~~5-8 13-16~~ and ~~11-15 19-23~~.
          4. Small game – November ~~25-27 26-28~~ and December ~~16-18 17-19~~.
          5. Spring turkey – March ~~17-20 19-22~~ and ~~23-27 25-29~~.
          6. through 7. No change.
        - (b) through (d) No change.
      - (23) Potts Wildlife Management Area.
        - (a) Open season:

1. Spring turkey – March ~~17-20 19-22~~ and ~~23-27 25-29~~.
2. Archery – October ~~6-9 9-12~~ and ~~12-16 15-19~~.
3. Muzzleloading gun – ~~October 28-30~~ November 5-7.
4. Wild ~~gun~~ hog-dog – November ~~18-20 19-21~~.
5. Small game – December ~~9-11 10-12~~, January ~~6-8 7-9~~, and February ~~3-5 4-6~~.
6. through 7. No change.
- (b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers (“except bobcat and otter”). The bag limit for turkey shall be one gobbler or bearded turkey per spring turkey quota permit. Only wild hog may be taken during the wild hog-dog season.
- (c) No change.
- (d) General regulations:
  1. through 8. No change.
  9. During the wild hog-dog season, a quota permit allows a hunting group of two persons and a guest, as authorized by Rule 68A-15.005, F.A.C., (three total) to participate in the hunt, ~~and only one gun may be used to take wildlife per hunting group.~~
  10. No change.
  - (24) Homosassa Wildlife Management Area.
    - (a) Open season:
      1. Archery – ~~October 14-16, 28-30, September 25-27, October 8-10~~ and ~~November 4-6 22-24~~.
      2. Small game – November ~~12 13~~ through December ~~4 5~~ and December ~~24 25~~ through January ~~8 9~~.
      3. Wild hog-still – February ~~2-5 10-13~~ and ~~16-19 24-27~~.
      4. Special-opportunity spring turkey – March ~~17-23 19-25~~ and ~~March 31~~ through April ~~6 2-8~~.
      5. No change.
    - (b) through (d) No change.
  - (25) Devil’s Hammock Wildlife Management Area.
    - (a) Open season:
      1. Archery – September ~~17-20, 21-25 and 26-30 25-28, September 29~~ through October 3 and October 4-10.
      2. Family hunt – October ~~8-9 16-17~~ and ~~15-16 23-24~~.
      3. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~22-24 29-31~~.
      4. General gun – November ~~5-8 13-16~~ and ~~9-13 17-21~~.
      5. Small game – November ~~19 27~~ through December ~~18 26~~.
      6. Wild hog-still – January ~~16 24~~ through February ~~12 20~~.
      7. Youth turkey hunt – March 10-11.
      - ~~8,7.~~ Spring turkey – March ~~17-20 19-22~~ and ~~21-25 23-27~~.
      8. through 9. renumbered 9. through 10. No change.
      - (b) through (c) No change.
      - (d) General regulations:
        1. through 2. No change.
        3. Public access is prohibited from 1.5 hours after sunset until 1.5 hours before sunrise, except by person possessing a Special Use Authorization from the Suwannee River Water

Management District. Persons shall enter and exit at designated entrances. The public shall enter and exit the area at designated entrances only.

4. Hunters shall check in and out at the check station ~~on SR-24~~ and check all game taken during the archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun, and spring turkey seasons. During small game season, hunters shall sign in and out upon entry or exit at the designated entrances.

5. through 6. No change.

(26) Mallory Swamp Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September 17 25 through October 16 24.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October 22-30 30 through November 7 (still hunt area only).

3. General gun – November 12 13 through January 8 9.

4. Small game – January 9 10 through February 19 20.

5. Wild hog-dog – February 24-26 25-27.

6. Spring turkey – March 17 19 through April 1 3.

7. No change.

8. Trapping – January 9 10 through March 1.

9. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. No change.

2. The use of airboats, all-terrain vehicles, tracked vehicles and unlicensed and unregistered motorcycles is prohibited, except that all-terrain vehicles and unlicensed and unregistered motorcycles shall be allowed only by permit from the Suwannee River Water Management District. Horses are allowed only on roads and designated horse trails during daylight hours.

3. through 8. No change.

(27) Middle Aucilla Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November 5 13 through December 1 9 and December 2 10 through January 1 9.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October 22-30 30 through November 7.

3. Small game – January 2 10 through March 4 6.

4. Archery – September 17 25 through October 16 24.

5. Youth turkey hunt – March 10-11.

~~6.5.~~ Spring turkey – March 17 19 through April 22 24.

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

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 4. No change.

~~5. A quota permit is required of all hunters entering the area during open hunting seasons, except during the small game season.~~

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

(28) Little River Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September 24-26 25-27, October 1-3 2-4 and 8-10 9-11.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October 22-24 29-31.

3. Small game – November 26-30 and December 17-21 4-8 and 25-29.

4. through 5. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 2. No change.

3. ~~All P~~persons shall enter and exit ~~only~~ at designated entrances.

4. through 6. No change.

(29) Troy Springs Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Small game – November 12 13 through January 8 9, except on Sundays, and only in that portion of the area known as the Adams Tract located northeast of U.S. 27, east and south of County Road 251, and southwest of the Suwannee River.

2. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 3. No change.

4. Persons shall enter and exit at designated entrances ~~Public access is allowed only through designated access points.~~

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

6. No change.

(30) Bayard Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September 24 25 through October 9 10 and November 12-20 20-28.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October 22-30 30 through November 7.

3. Youth turkey hunt – March 10-11.

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

(b) No change.

(c) Camping: Only tent camping is allowed and only at designated campsites sites. Camping is allowed year-round in Area 1 and in Area 3, except that during periods open to hunting, only quota permit holders and their hunting guests may camp in Area 3 during non-hunting periods in Area 3. ~~During periods open to hunting, only quota permit holders and their hunting guests may camp in Area 3.~~

(d) General regulations:

1. through 5. No change.

6. ~~All H~~hunters must check in and out at the designated check station and check all game taken.

7. through 11. No change.

~~12. Vessels may be used to access the area from the St. Johns River.~~

(31) Grove Park Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~17 25~~ through October ~~16 24~~.
2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~22 30~~ through November

~~4 7.~~

3. General gun – November ~~12 13~~ through January ~~8 9~~.
4. Small game – January ~~9 10~~ through March ~~4 6~~.
5. No change.
6. Trapping – December 1 through January ~~8 9~~.

7. Youth turkey hunt – March 10-11.

~~8.7. Spring turkey – March 17 19 through April 22 24.~~

~~9.8. No change.~~

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 3. No change.
4. Fires are prohibited ~~on the area.~~
5. through 7. No change.

(32) Steinhathee Springs Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~24 25~~ through October ~~23 24~~.
2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~28-30 29-31~~.
3. General gun – November ~~5-13 13-24~~ and November ~~14 22~~ through December ~~4 12~~.
4. Small game – January ~~14 24~~ through February ~~12 20~~.
5. Wild hog-dog – February ~~17-19 25-27~~ and ~~24-26 March~~

~~4-6.~~

6. Youth turkey hunt – March 10-11.

~~7.6. Spring turkey – March 17-20 19-22, 21-25 23-27 and March 26 28 through April 8 10.~~

7. through 8. renumbered 8. through 9. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 8. No change.

9. During the wild hog-dog season a quota permit shall allow a hunting group of two persons and a guest (3 total), as authorized by Rule 68A-15.005, F.A.C., to participate in the hunt, ~~and only one gun may be used to take wildlife per hunting group.~~

(33) Nassau Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~5 13~~ through January ~~1 9~~.
2. Small game – January ~~2 10~~ through March ~~4 6~~.
3. Youth turkey hunt – March 10-11.

~~4.3. Spring turkey – March 17 19 through April 22 24.~~

~~5.4. Archery – September 23 25 through October 21 24.~~

~~6.5. Muzzleloading gun – October 22 30 through November 4 7.~~

~~7.6. No change.~~

~~8.7. Trapping – January 9 10 through March 1.~~

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 4. No change.

5. Vehicles are prohibited on the area from 1.5 hours after sunset to 1.5 hours before sunrise. Vehicles ~~shall may only~~ enter and exit ~~the area~~ at designated entrances ~~locations~~.

6. No change.

(34) Cary Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~24-26 25-27~~ and September 30 through October 2 1-3.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~22-24 15-17~~ and ~~28-30 October 29-31.~~

3. Family hunt – November ~~5-6 13-14.~~

4. General gun – November ~~11-13 19-21~~ and ~~25-27 26-28.~~

5. Small game – December ~~2 3~~ through January ~~8 9~~ (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).

6. Spring turkey – March ~~17-19 19-21, 23-25 25-27~~ and March 30 through April 1 1-3.

7. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. No change.

2. Taking wildlife with dogs is prohibited except that bird dogs are allowed during the small game season and waterfowl retrievers are allowed during the duck, geese and coot season.

3. through 6. No change.

7. Hunters shall enter and exit ~~the area only~~ at designated entrances.

8. No change.

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

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~19-27 20-28.~~

2. Archery – September ~~24 25~~ through October ~~2 3.~~

3. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~22-30 30 through November 7.~~

4. General gun for mobility-impaired – October ~~15-18 16-19.~~

5. Small game – December ~~12-25 20 through January 2~~ and January 28 through February 5 5-13.

6. No change.

7. Youth turkey hunt – March 10-11.

7. through 8. renumbered 8. through 9. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers. The bag limit for deer shall be one antlered and one antlerless deer per quota permit. Antlerless deer (except spotted fawns) may be taken only during the archery and general gun for mobility-impaired seasons. During the

mobility-impaired hunt only certified mobility-impaired hunters may take ~~an~~ antlerless deer. Only one quota permit may be utilized per individual, per season.

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

(d) General regulations:

1. through 5. No change.

6. ~~All H~~ hunters must check in and out at the designated check station and check all game taken.

7. through 8. No change.

~~9. The use of centerfire rifles for taking wild turkey during the spring turkey season is prohibited.~~

(36) Lower Econfina River Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – October 8-23 ~~September 25 through October 40.~~

2. No change.

3. Small game – January 16 24 through February 26 ~~March 6.~~

4. Youth turkey hunt – March 10-11.

~~5.4.~~ Spring turkey – March 17-25 19-27.

~~6.5.~~ No change.

(b) No change.

(c) General regulations:

1. The possession or use of dogs, other than bird dogs or dogs with a shoulder height of 15 ~~fifteen~~ inches or less is prohibited, except as provided by paragraph 68A-15.004(7)(c) or (d), F.A.C.

2. through 6. No change.

(37) Belmore Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September 24-26 25-27, September 30 ~~through~~ October 2 1-3 and October 7-9 8-10.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October 22-24 29-31.

3. Family hunt – November 5-6 13-14.

4. General gun – November 10-13 18-21 and 23-27 24-28.

5. Small game – December 2 3 through January 8 9 (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).

6. No change.

7. Youth turkey hunt – March 10-11.

~~8.7.~~ Spring turkey – March 17-19 19-21, 23-25 25-27 and March 30 through April 1 1-3.

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

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. No change.

2. Airboats, all-terrain vehicles, tracked ~~tracted~~ vehicles and unlicensed and unregistered motorcycles are prohibited.

~~5.3.~~ No change.

6. ~~All P~~ persons shall enter and exit the area ~~only~~ at designated entrances.

~~7. The use of centerfire rifles for taking wild turkey during the spring turkey season is prohibited.~~

(38) Four Creeks Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September 24-26 25-27, September 30 ~~through~~ October 2 1-3 and October 7-9 8-10.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October 22-24 29-31.

3. Family hunt – November 5-6 13-14.

4. General gun – November 11-13, 18-20 18-21 and 25-27 24-28.

5. Small game – December 2 3 through January 8 9 (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).

6. No change.

7. Youth turkey hunt – March 10-11.

~~8.7.~~ Spring turkey – March 17-19 19-21, 23-25 25-27 and March 30 through April 1 1-3.

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

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 5. No change.

6. ~~All P~~ persons shall enter and exit ~~the area only~~ at designated entrances or via the Nassau River or Boggy, Mills or Thomas Creeks.

7. No change.

~~8. The use of centerfire rifles for taking wild turkey during the spring turkey season is prohibited.~~

(39) Hatchet Creek Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September 24-26, September 30 ~~through~~ October 2 25-27, and October 7-9 1-3 and 8-10.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October 22-24 29-31.

3. Family hunt – November 5-6 13-14.

4. General gun – November 11-13 19-21 and 25-27 26-28.

5. No change.

6. Youth turkey hunt – March 10-11.

~~7.6.~~ Spring turkey – March 17-19 19-21, 23-25 25-27 and March 30 through April 1 1-3.

~~8.7.~~ No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 4. No change.

5. ~~All H~~ hunters shall enter and exit the ~~area only~~ at the designated entrance, check in and out at the check station and check all game taken.

6. ~~All hunters must check in and out at the designated check station and check all game taken.~~

7. through 9. renumbered 6. through 8. No change.

(40) Log Landing Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~24 25~~ through October ~~9 10~~ and ~~October 29 through November 6 13-21~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~22-24 29-31~~.

3. Small game – ~~November 25 December 3~~ through January ~~1 9~~ (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).

4. No change.

5. Youth turkey hunt – March 10-11.

~~6.5~~ Spring turkey – March ~~17-25 19-27~~.

~~7.6~~ No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 5. No change.

6. ~~All P~~ persons shall enter and exit the area ~~only~~ at designated entrances or via the Suwannee River.

7. No change.

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

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~24-26 25-27~~, October ~~3-5 4-6~~ and ~~10-12 11-13~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~22-24 29-31~~.

3. Family hunt – November ~~5-6 13-14~~.

4. General gun – November ~~18-20 19-21~~ and ~~25-27 24-26~~.

5. Small game – December ~~2-7 3-8, 12-14 13-15, 23-25 24-26~~, December ~~30 31~~ through January ~~1 2~~ and January ~~9-11 10-12~~.

6. No change.

7. Youth turkey hunt – March 10-11.

~~8.7~~ Spring turkey – March ~~17-19 19-21, 26-28 28-30~~ and April ~~2-4 4-6~~.

~~9.8~~ No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. ~~All P~~ persons shall enter and exit ~~the area only~~ at designated entrances.

2. No change.

3. Motorized vehicles are allowed only in designated parking areas ~~prohibited~~.

4. through 7. No change.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2011.

Rulemaking Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. Law Implemented Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const., 379.2223, 375.313 FS. History–New 6-21-82, Amended 7-1-83, 11-17-83, 7-5-84, 7-1-85, 2-16-86, 5-7-86, 6-10-86, 11-27-86, 5-10-87, 5-1-88, 6-7-88, 7-1-89, 8-17-89, 7-1-90, 9-1-90, 7-1-91, 7-2-91, 7-1-92, 7-2-92, 8-23-92, 10-22-92, 7-1-93, 7-1-94, 2-9-95, 7-1-95, 7-1-96, 9-15-96, 6-1-97, 7-1-98, 7-2-98, 7-1-99, Formerly 39-15.062, Amended 12-9-99, 7-1-00, 7-1-01, 11-11-01, 6-2-02, 10-16-02, 5-25-03, 7-7-03, 9-29-03, 7-1-04, 8-1-04, 7-1-05, 8-1-05, 7-1-06, 7-2-06, 7-1-07, 7-5-07, 7-1-08, 7-1-09, 7-20-09, 7-1-10, 7-1-11.

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

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

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

DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: December 1, 2010

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAW: December 23, 2010

## FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

### Freshwater Fish and Wildlife

RULE NO.:

68A-15.063

RULE TITLE:

Specific Regulations for Wildlife Management Areas – Northwest Region

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

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

Apalachicola WMA – clarify that motorized vehicles are allowed only on designated, named or numbered roads and mixed-used roads, except all-terrain vehicles are allowed only on designated motorized trails and mixed-use roads; and establish a 2-day youth turkey hunt (no quota permit required).  
Apalachicola WMA, Bradwell Unit – remove the limitation of one gun per hunting party during the wild hog-dog season.

Aucilla WMA – establish a 2-day youth turkey hunt (no quota permit required); remove the small game-only status for the area south of U.S. Highway 98 and designate it as a three points on a side still hunt area (the Pinhook still hunt area) with the following seasons and regulations: two 9-day archery hunts (quota 20 per hunt, no exemptions); a 3-day muzzleloading gun season (quota 20, no exemptions); a 2-day family hunt (quota 20, no exemptions); a 23-day general gun season (divided into 7-, 7-, and 9-day hunts, respectively; quota 20 per hunt, no exemptions); a 16-day wild hog-still season (no quota permit required); a 2-day youth turkey hunt (no quota permit required); other seasons as currently allowed on Aucilla WMA; require that antlered deer have at least one antler with three or more points, each point one-inch or more in length; set the bag limit for deer during the archery season at two deer, only one of which can be antlered, per quota permit; set the bag limit for deer during the family hunts at one antlered and one antlerless deer per quota permit; set the bag limit for deer during the muzzleloading gun and general gun seasons at one antlered deer per quota permit; require hunters to enter the Pinhook still hunt area at a designated entrance; and all other rules that currently apply to the Aucilla WMA.

Blackwater WMA – establish a 2-day youth turkey hunt (no quota permit required); allow vehicles only on named and numbered roads; prohibit hunting from Bryant Bridge, Norman Riley, Sandy Forest and Pleasant Home roads; exempt individuals hunting raccoons at night in the dog hunt area from quota permit requirements; allow rabbits to be chased during the fox, raccoon, opossum and bobcat season; and convert the quail season on the Field Trial Area from two 4-day hunts with three quotas each, to four 2-day hunts with a quota of four each.

Blackwater WMA, Hutton Unit – remove the quota permit requirement during the wild hog-dog season; remove the limitation of one gun and three free-running dogs per hunting party during the wild hog-dog season; and establish a 2-day youth turkey hunt (quota of 5, no exemptions) with a bag limit of one gobbler or bearded turkey per quota permit.

Box-R WMA – remove the limitation of one gun per hunting party during the wild hog-dog season.

Choctawhatchee River WMA – establish a 2-day youth turkey hunt for the entire area and in the quota hunt portion of the area, set a quota of 5 permits (no exemptions) with a bag limit of one gobbler or bearded turkey per quota permit.

Econfina Creek WMA – establish a 2-day youth turkey hunt, except in the mobility-impaired area, with a quota of 3 in the Cat Creek and Fitzhugh Carter areas (no exemptions), a quota of 10 in the still hunt and dog hunt areas (no exemptions) and a bag limit of one gobbler or bearded turkey per quota permit.

Eglin AFB WMA – establish a 2-day youth turkey hunt (no quota permit required) in areas specified by the Installation Commander.

Escambia River WMA – establish a 2-day youth turkey hunt (no quota permit required).

Flint Rock WMA – establish a 2-day youth turkey hunt (Recreational Use Permit required); allow wild hog to be hunted during existing seasons, as well as the small game season, with no height or bag limit restrictions; and allow the use of dogs to hunt wild hogs during the small game season.

Joe Budd WMA – establish a 2-day youth turkey hunt (quota of 20, no exemptions) with a bag limit of one gobbler or bearded turkey per quota permit.

Juniper Creek WMA (NEW) 914 acres – establish a new wildlife management area with the following open seasons: five 3-day family hunts; a 2-day youth turkey hunt; establish as legal to take antlered deer, antlerless deer, wild hog and wild turkey (during the spring turkey season only); set the bag limit for deer at one antlered or one antlerless deer per person; set the bag limit for turkey during the spring turkey season at one gobbler or bearded turkey per person; prohibit camping on the area; prohibit hunting with dogs; allow public access during closed seasons by foot (pedestrian) only except that authorized hunters may use motorized vehicles one day immediately prior to each hunt; during hunting seasons, require possession of a U.S. Forest Service zone tag to access and hunt on the property; allow vehicles only on named and numbered roads; prohibit airboats, tracked vehicles, all-terrain vehicles and unlicensed and unregistered motorcycles; and prohibit fires.

Ochlockonee River WMA – establish a 2-day youth turkey hunt (quota of 5, no exemptions) with a bag limit of one gobbler or bearded turkey per quota permit; and allow wild hog to be hunted during the small game season.

Perdido River WMA – establish a 2-day youth turkey hunt (quota of 5, no exemptions) with a bag limit of one gobbler or bearded turkey per quota permit.

Pine Log WMA – establish a 2-day youth turkey hunt (quota of 5, no exemptions) with a bag limit of one gobbler or bearded turkey per quota permit; and allow wild hog to be hunted during the small game season.

Point Washington WMA – allow wild hog to be hunted during the small game season; and prohibit hunting from all named and numbered roads.

Talquin WMA – establish a 2-day youth turkey hunt (quota of 5, no exemptions) with a bag limit of one gobbler or bearded turkey per quota permit; and allow wild hog to be hunted during the small game season;

Tate's Hell WMA, Womack Creek Unit – establish a 2-day youth turkey hunt (quota of 10, no exemptions) with a bag limit of one gobbler or bearded turkey per quota permit.

Tyndall AFB WMA – establish a 2-day youth turkey hunt (no quota permit required) in areas specified by the Installation Commander; and allow the Installation Commander to set dates for supervised youth hunts anytime between the beginning of archery season and December 31.

Upper Chipola River WMA – rename the management area as “Chipola River WMA”; establish a 2-day youth turkey hunt (quota of 5, no exemptions), except in the Altha tract, with a bag limit of one gobbler or bearded turkey per quota permit; and establish the following seasons and regulations for the new Altha tract: two archery hunts (7 and 9 days, respectively; quota 10 per hunt, no exemptions); a 4-day family hunt (quota 5, no exemptions); a 3-day muzzleloading gun season (quota 10, no exemptions); an 18-day small game season (9 Saturday-Sunday hunts); and three 3-day spring turkey hunts (quota 5 per hunt, no exemptions); establish as legal to take all legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers; allow fishing and frogging year round; allow trapping from December 1 through March 1; set the bag limit for deer during the archery season at one antlered or one antlerless deer per quota permit; set the bag limit for deer during the family hunts at one antlered and one antlerless deer per quota permit; set the bag limit for deer during the muzzleloading gun season at one antlered deer per quota permit; set the bag limit for turkey during the spring turkey season at one gobbler or bearded turkey per quota permit; prohibit the possession or consumption of intoxicating beverages; and all other rules that currently apply to the Upper Chipola River WMA.

Wakulla WMA – add an additional day of hunting to the second archery/muzzleloading gun hunt to make it a 3-day hunt; and establish a 2-day youth turkey hunt (quota of 5, no exemptions) with a bag limit of one gobbler or bearded turkey per quota permit.

Yellow River WMA – establish a 2-day youth turkey hunt in the Burnt Grocery Creek area (quota of 3, no exemptions) with a bag limit of one gobbler or bearded turkey per quota permit. Additionally the proposed rule amendment would provide non-substantive technical changes, such as grammatical corrections and language standardization. There are also proposed changes to some hunting seasons on FWC-managed areas in an effort to better align season dates with times of peak deer activity associated with the breeding season and other hunter preferences.

**SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS:** The Agency has determined that this will not have an impact on small business. An 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.

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

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

**DATES AND TIME:** During the regular meeting of the Commission, February 23-24, 2011, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., each day

**PLACE:** Franklin County Courthouse, 3rd Floor Courtroom, 33 Market Street, Apalachicola, FL 32320

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

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

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

(1) Apalachee Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~24-27~~ 25-28 and December ~~10~~ 11 through February ~~12~~ 13 (Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays closed to hunting in Zones A and B, except hunting is allowed the Friday after Thanksgiving).

2. Archery – October ~~22~~ 16 through November ~~20~~ 14.

3. No change.

4. Muzzleloading gun – ~~December 3-5~~ November 19-21.

5. through 7. No change.

8. Quail (Zone A) – December ~~20~~ 21 through January ~~29~~ 30 (Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays closed to hunting).

9. Spring turkey (Zones B and C) – March ~~17~~ 19 through April ~~22~~ 24 (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).

(b) through (d) No change.

(2) Apalachicola Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open seasons:

1. General gun – November ~~24-27~~ 25-28 and December ~~10~~ 11 through February ~~1~~ 2.

2. Small game – November ~~12-23~~ 13-24, November ~~28~~ 29 through December ~~9~~ 10 and February ~~2~~ 3 through March ~~4~~ 6.

3. No change.

4. Youth turkey hunt – March 10-11.

~~5.4~~ Spring turkey – March ~~17~~ 19 through April ~~22~~ 24.

~~6.5~~ Archery – October ~~22~~ 16 through November ~~20~~ 14.

~~7.6~~ Muzzleloading gun – ~~December 3-5~~ November 19-21.

~~8.7~~ Muzzleloading gun and archery – February ~~2-12~~ 17-27.

~~9.8~~ No change.

~~10.9.~~ Fox, raccoon, opossum and bobcat – October 1 through March ~~4~~ 6 in that portion of the area in Liberty County lying west of State Road 65 (except in that portion of the area lying north and east of the Florida River and Larkins Slough) and in that portion in Leon County and Wakulla County south of State Road 267 bounded on the east by Forest Roads 313, F.H. 13 and 356, on the south by Forest Roads 349 and 357, on the west by Forest Roads 348 and F.H. 13, 309, 314 and 344.

~~11.10.~~ Trapping – February ~~2~~ 3 through March 1.

~~12.11.~~ No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers. Bearded turkeys or gobblers may be taken from November ~~24-27~~ 25-28 and from December ~~10-21~~ 11-22. Killing quail is prohibited on the quail enhancement area (that portion of the area lying north of Oak Ridge Road, east of State Road 61 and Highway 319, south of State Road 263 and west of State Road 363) except by quail permit during the quail season. The bag limit for quail on the quail enhancement area is six (6) per quota permit.

(c) Camping: Throughout the year. Camping is allowed only in designated campsites during general gun season, except on Northwest Florida Water Management District lands where camping is allowed throughout the area (except where posted as no camping), but for no more than 14 consecutive days at a time and limited to tents, trailers or self-propelled camping vehicles only. Kitchen stoves, refrigerators and freezers are prohibited on Northwest Florida Water Management District lands, unless contained in mobile campers; lumber, sheet metal or other building materials are prohibited.

(d) General regulations:

~~1. Camping is allowed only on designated campsites during general gun season, except on Northwest Florida Water Management District lands where camping is allowed throughout the area (except where posted as no camping), but for no more than 14 consecutive days at a time and limited to tents, trailers or self-propelled camping vehicles only. Kitchen stoves, refrigerators and freezers are prohibited on Northwest Florida Water Management District lands, unless contained in mobile campers; lumber, sheet metal or other building materials are prohibited.~~

~~1.2.~~ Bird dogs may be trained from June 1 through March ~~4~~ 6, except on the quail enhancement area where bird dogs may be trained November 1 through December 31. Deer dogs may be trained from October ~~29~~ 30 through November ~~17~~ 18 in that portion of the area open to hunting fox, raccoon, opossum and bobcats.

3. through 6. renumbered 2. through 5. No change.

6.7. 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. The use of all-terrain vehicles is prohibited on that portion of the area posted as Northwest Florida Water Management District lands.

8. through 10. renumbered 7. through 9. No change.

(3) Apalachicola Wildlife Management Area – Bradwell Unit.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~24-27~~ 25-28 and December ~~10-14~~ 11-15.

2. Archery – October ~~22-28~~ 16-22 and October ~~29~~ through November 6 ~~23-31~~.

3. Muzzleloading gun – ~~December 3-5~~ November 19-21.

4. Small game – November ~~12-13~~ 13-14 and December ~~24~~ 18 through January ~~8~~ 2.

5. Spring turkey – March ~~17-18~~ 19-20 and March 30 ~~through~~ April ~~1-3~~.

6. Wild hog-dog – July ~~1-3~~ 2-4, August ~~5-7~~ 6-8 and September ~~2-4, 2011~~ 3-5, 2010, and May ~~4-6~~ 6-8 and June ~~1-3, 2012~~ 3-5, 2011.

7. Wild hog-still – July ~~15-17~~ 16-18, August ~~19-21~~ 20-22 and September ~~16-18, 2011~~ 17-19, 2010, and May ~~18-20~~ 20-22 and June ~~15-17, 2012~~ 17-19, 2011.

8. through 9. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 2. No change.

3. During the wild hog-dog season, a quota permit shall allow a hunting group of two persons and a guest, as authorized by Rule 68A-15.005, F.A.C., (3 total) to participate in the hunt ~~and only one gun may be used to take wildlife per hunting group.~~

4. through 6. No change.

(4) Blackwater Wildlife Management Area.

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

1. General gun – November ~~24-27~~ 25-28 and December ~~17~~ 11 through February ~~8~~ 2.

2. Family still hunt (only in that portion of the still hunt area north of Highway 4 and east of Highway 191) – December ~~10-11~~ 4-5.

3. Small game – November ~~12-23~~ 13-24, November ~~28~~ 29 through December ~~16~~ 10 and February ~~9~~ 3 through March ~~4~~ 6.

4. Youth turkey hunt – March 10-11.

~~5.4.~~ Spring turkey – March ~~17~~ 19 through April ~~22~~ 24.

~~6.5.~~ Archery – October ~~22~~ 16 through November ~~20~~ 14.

~~7.6.~~ Muzzleloading gun – ~~December 3-5~~ November 19-21.

~~8.7.~~ Muzzleloading gun and archery – February ~~16-26~~ 17-27.



8. through 12. renumbered 9. through 13. No change.

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

1. General gun dog – November ~~24-27~~ 25-28, December ~~17 through January 1~~ 14-26 and January ~~16~~ 10 through February ~~8~~ 2.

2. General gun still – ~~December 27 through January 2-15~~ 9.

3. Family still hunt (only in that portion of the dog hunt area north of Highway 4 and east of Highway 191) – December ~~10-11~~ 4-5.

4. Small game – November ~~12-23~~ 13-24, November ~~28~~ 29 through December ~~16~~ 10 and February ~~9~~ 3 through March ~~4~~ 6.

5. Youth turkey hunt – March 10-11.

~~6.5.~~ Spring turkey – March ~~17~~ 19 through April ~~22~~ 24.

~~7.6.~~ Archery – October ~~22~~ 16 through November ~~20~~ 14.

~~8.7.~~ Muzzleloading gun – ~~December 3-5~~ November 19-21.

~~9.8.~~ Muzzleloading gun and archery – February ~~16-26~~ 17-27.

~~10.9.~~ Fox, raccoon, opossum and bobcat – May 1 through March ~~4~~ 13, in that portion of the dog hunt area east of Belandville Road.

10. through 13. renumbered 11. through 14. No change.

(c) Open seasons in the field trial area (which includes that portion of the area bounded by Coldwater Creek on the northwest, the western boundary of Blackwater State Forest to the west and south, State Road 191 on the southeast, and on a line running west 3/4 mile from the intersection of State Road 191 and Forest Road 64 (Spanish Trail), then north one mile and then three miles west to Coldwater Creek at a point 1/2 mile northeast of the Coldwater Recreation Area):

1. Archery – October ~~22~~ 16 through November ~~20~~ 14.

2. Muzzleloading gun and archery – January ~~20-22~~ 21-23.

3. through 5. No change.

6. Quail – February ~~6-7, 8-9, 20-21 and 22-23~~ 7-10 and February ~~21-24~~.

7. No change.

(d) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers. During the muzzleloading gun and archery season on the field trial portion of the area any deer (daily bag limit one) except spotted fawns may be taken. During the family still hunt, any deer (bag limit of three per quota permit) may be taken except spotted fawns. Taking quail is prohibited on the

field trial area and the quail enhancement area (that portion of the area lying north of Bryant Bridge Road, east of Sandy Forest Road, east of County Road 191 between Sandy Forest Road and State Highway 4, south of State Highway 4 and west of Norman Riley Road) except by quail permit during the quail seasons. The bag limit for quail on the field trial area is 12 per hunting group each day. A group for the purpose of quail hunting on the field trial area shall include up to 2 persons. Taking quail after 3 p.m. Central Time is prohibited during the quail season on the field trial area. The bag limit for quail on the quail enhancement area is six (6) per quota permit. During the fox, raccoon, opossum and bobcat season, rabbit may be chased by the use of free-running dogs but may not be harvested except as allowed during other open seasons.

(e) No change.

(f) General regulations:

1. During the general gun dog and the fox, raccoon, opossum and bobcat ~~seasons~~ season, 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. Vehicles may be operated only on named or numbered roads, ~~except on that portion of the area lying south of State Road 4 and east of County Road 191 where vehicles may be operated only on established roads.~~

3. through 4. No change.

5. Taking of wildlife by use of a gun on, upon or from rights-of-way of State Road 4, 191, 189 and 2; U.S. Highway 90; County Highway 180; Bryant Bridge, Norman Riley, Sandy Forest and Pleasant Home roads, and Carpenter Road from County Road 191 to Juniper Creek; Forest Road 31, 47, 25, 86, 23, 72, 48, 6 and the paved portions of Forest Roads 57, 2 and 9 is prohibited as provided by Rule 68A-4.008, F.A.C.

6. through 8. No change.

~~9. The use of centerfire rifles for taking wild turkey during the spring turkey season is prohibited.~~

~~9.10.~~ No change.

(5) Blackwater Wildlife Management Area – Hutton Unit.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – October ~~22-25 and 26-30~~ 16-19 and 20-24.

2. Muzzleloading gun – ~~December 3-5~~ November 19-21.

3. Quail – November ~~12-13, 19-20, 23-24~~ 13-14, 24-25, December ~~12-13, 17-18, 26-27~~ and December 31 through January ~~1~~ 4-5, 13-14, 18-19, 27-28 and January 1-2.

4. General gun – January ~~14-17 and 18-22~~ 15-18 and 19-23.

5. Mobility-impaired general gun – January ~~27-29~~ 28-30 and February ~~3-5~~ 4-6.

6. Youth turkey hunt – March 10-11.

~~7.6.~~ Spring turkey – March ~~17-19~~ 19-21, March 30 through April ~~1-3~~ and April ~~13-15~~ 15-17.

~~8.7.~~ Wild hog-dog – July 15-17 ~~16-18~~, August 19-21 ~~20-22~~ and September 16-18, 2011 ~~17-19~~, ~~2010~~, and May 18-20 ~~20-22~~ and June 15-17, 2012 ~~17-19~~, ~~2011~~.

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

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

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 2. No change.

3. Taking wildlife with dogs other than bird dogs or retrievers is prohibited, except during the wild hog-dog season or as specifically authorized by permit. ~~During the wild hog-dog season, no more than 3 free-running dogs per quota permit may be used.~~

4. through 6. No change.

~~7. The use of centerfire rifles for taking wild turkey during the spring turkey season is prohibited.~~

~~7.8.~~ No change.

~~9. During the wild hog-dog season, a quota permit shall allow a hunting group of two persons and a guest, as authorized by Rule 68A-15.005, F.A.C., (3 total) to participate in the hunt and only one gun may be used to take wildlife per hunting group.~~

~~8.10.~~ No change.

(6) Blackwater Wildlife Management Area – Carr Unit.

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

(b) through (d) No change.

(7) Joe Budd Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – December 9 ~~10~~ through January 8 ~~9~~ (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).

2. Archery and muzzleloading gun – January 13-29 ~~14-30~~ (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).

3. Small game – October 1 ~~2~~ through December 4 ~~5~~ (Saturdays and Sundays only).

4. Youth turkey hunt – March 10-11.

5.4. Spring turkey – March 17 ~~19~~ through April 22 ~~24~~ (Saturdays and Sundays only).

~~6.5.~~ No change.

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

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. No change.

2. Taking wildlife with dogs is prohibited except that bird dogs and retrievers are allowed ~~permitted~~ during small game hunts.

3. through 11. No change.

(8) Point Washington Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November 24-27 ~~25-28~~ and December 10 ~~11~~ through February 1 ~~2~~.

2. Small game – November 12-23 ~~13-24~~, November 28 ~~29~~ through December 9 ~~10~~ and February 2 ~~3~~ through March 4 ~~6~~.

3. Spring turkey – March 17 ~~19~~ through April 22 ~~24~~.

4. Archery – October 22 ~~16~~ through November 20 ~~14~~.

5. Muzzleloading gun – December 3-5 ~~November 19-21~~.

6. Archery and muzzleloading gun – February 2-12 ~~17-27~~.

7. through 9. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers. ~~The take of wild hog is prohibited during small game season.~~

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 5. No change.

6. Taking of wildlife by use of a gun on or from rights-of-way of all named and numbered roads ~~U.S. 98~~ is prohibited as provided by Rule 68A-4.008, F.A.C.

7. No change.

~~8. The use of centerfire rifles for taking wild turkey during the spring turkey season is prohibited.~~

(9) Talquin Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November 25-27 ~~26-28~~ and December 10 ~~11~~ through January 1 ~~2~~ (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).

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

3. Archery – October ~~22~~ <sup>16</sup> through November ~~20~~ <sup>14</sup> (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).

4. Youth turkey hunt – March 10-11.

~~5.4.~~ Spring turkey – March ~~17~~ <sup>19</sup> through April ~~22~~ <sup>24</sup> (Saturdays and Sundays only).

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

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish and furbearers. During the youth turkey hunt, the bag limit shall be one gobbler or bearded turkey per quota permit. The take of wild hog is prohibited during small game season.

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 5. No change.

~~6. The use of centerfire rifles for taking wild turkey during the spring turkey season is prohibited.~~

(10) Ochlockonee River Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery and muzzleloading gun – November ~~25-27~~ <sup>26-28</sup> and December ~~10~~ <sup>11</sup> through January ~~1~~ <sup>2</sup> (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).

2. Small game – January ~~6~~ <sup>7</sup> through March ~~4~~ <sup>6</sup> (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).

3. Archery – October ~~22~~ <sup>16</sup> through November ~~20~~ <sup>14</sup> (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).

4. Youth turkey hunt – March 10-11.

~~5.4.~~ Spring turkey – March ~~17~~ <sup>19</sup> through April ~~22~~ <sup>24</sup> (Saturdays and Sundays only).

~~6.5.~~ No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, ~~including gobblers or bearded turkeys~~, fish, frogs and furbearers. Gobblers or bearded turkeys may be taken during the archery/muzzleloading gun season. During the youth turkey hunt, the bag limit shall be one gobbler or bearded turkey per quota permit. The take of wild hog is prohibited during small game season.

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 2. No change.

3. Only ~~modern~~ shotguns, ~~muzzleloading guns~~ and bows are allowed for taking turkey during the spring turkey season.

4. through 6. No change.

(11) Tate's Hell Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~24-27~~ <sup>25-28</sup> and December ~~10~~ <sup>11</sup> through February ~~1~~ <sup>2</sup>.

2. Small game – November ~~12-23~~ <sup>13-24</sup>, November ~~28~~ <sup>29</sup> through December ~~9~~ <sup>10</sup> and February ~~2~~ <sup>3</sup> through March ~~4~~ <sup>6</sup>.

3. Archery – October ~~22~~ <sup>16</sup> through November ~~20~~ <sup>14</sup>.

4. Muzzleloading gun – ~~December 3-5~~ <sup>November 19-21</sup>.

5. Muzzleloading gun and archery – February ~~2-12~~ <sup>17-27</sup>.

6. through 7. No change.

8. Spring turkey – March ~~17~~ <sup>19</sup> through April ~~22~~ <sup>24</sup>.

9. through 11. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. Deer dogs may be trained from October ~~29~~ <sup>30</sup> through November ~~17~~ <sup>18</sup>.

2. through 6. No change.

~~7. The use of centerfire rifles for taking wild turkey during the spring turkey season is prohibited.~~

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

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – October ~~22-30~~ <sup>16-24</sup>.

2. Muzzleloading gun – ~~December 3-5~~ <sup>November 19-21</sup>.

3. Small game – November ~~12-23~~ <sup>13-24</sup>, November ~~28~~ <sup>29</sup> through December ~~9~~ <sup>10</sup>, December ~~19-23~~ <sup>20-23</sup> and January 6 through February ~~1~~ <sup>2</sup>.

4. General gun still – November ~~24-27~~ <sup>25-28</sup> and December ~~10-18~~ <sup>11-19</sup>.

5. through 6. No change.

7. Youth turkey hunt – March 10-11.

~~8.7.~~ Spring turkey – March ~~17-20~~ <sup>19-22</sup>, March ~~29~~ <sup>31</sup> through April ~~1~~ <sup>3</sup> and April ~~5-8~~ <sup>7-10</sup>.

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

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs, and furbearers. Taking of antlered deer not having at least one forked antler and having one or more antlers at least 5 inches in length visible above the hairline is prohibited. The forked antler shall have at least two points one inch or greater in length. During the youth turkey hunt, the bag limit shall be one gobbler or bearded turkey per quota permit. The take of wild hog is prohibited during small game season.

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 4. No change.

~~5. The use of centerfire rifles for taking turkey during the spring turkey season is prohibited.~~

(13) Aucilla Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~5~~ <sup>13</sup> through January ~~1~~ <sup>1</sup>, except in the Pinhook still hunt area ~~9.~~ <sup>November 5-11, 12-18, and 19-27 in the Pinhook still hunt area.</sup>

2. Small game – January ~~2~~ <sup>10</sup> through March ~~4~~ <sup>6</sup>.

3. Youth turkey hunt – March 10-11.

~~4.3.~~ Spring turkey – March ~~17~~ <sup>19</sup> through April ~~22~~ <sup>24</sup>.

~~5.4.~~ Archery – September ~~17~~ <sup>25</sup> through October ~~16~~ <sup>16</sup>, except in the Pinhook still hunt area ~~24.~~ <sup>September 17-25 and October 8-16 in the Pinhook still hunt area.</sup>

~~6.5.~~ Muzzleloading gun – October ~~22-24~~ <sup>29-31</sup>.

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

8. Wild hog-still – December 17 through January 1, in the Pinhook still hunt area only.

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

~~12.9.~~ Trapping – January ~~2~~ 4 through March 1.

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

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 8. No change.

9. Hunters shall enter and exit the Pinhook still hunt area at a designated entrance.

~~9. On that portion of the area south of U.S. 98, hunting shall be restricted to small game and wild hog, except deer may be taken by bow during archery and general gun seasons.~~

10. No change.

(14) Flint Rock Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~22~~ 30 through November ~~4~~ 7.

2. General gun – November ~~5~~ 13 through January ~~22~~ 23.

3. Small game – January ~~23~~ 24 through March ~~4~~ 6.

4. Youth turkey hunt – March 10-11.

~~5.4.~~ Spring turkey – March ~~17~~ 19 through April ~~22~~ 24.

~~6.5.~~ Archery – September ~~17~~ 25 through October ~~16~~ 24.

6. through 8. renumbered 7. through 9. No change.

~~10.9.~~ Trapping – January ~~23~~ 24 through March 1.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs, and furbearers. Taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with three or more points, one inch or more in length, is prohibited. ~~The take of wild hog is prohibited during small game season. Wild hog: daily bag, 1; possession limit, 2.~~

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. Taking wildlife with dogs other than waterfowl retrievers and bird dogs is prohibited, except that any dog may be used to take wild hog during the small game season.

2. through 6. No change.

(15) Pine Log Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – October ~~22~~ through November ~~6~~ 16-31.

2. Muzzleloading gun – ~~December 3-5~~ November 19-21.

3. General gun – November ~~24-27~~ 25-28, January ~~21-24~~ and ~~25-29~~ 22-25 and ~~26-30~~.

4. Small game – December ~~6-31~~ 4-31.

5. Youth turkey hunt – March 10-11.

~~6.5.~~ Spring turkey – March ~~17~~ 19 through April ~~1~~ 3.

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

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers. Taking antlered deer not having at least one antler with three or more points, one inch or more in length, is prohibited. During the youth turkey hunt, the bag limit shall be one gobbler or bearded turkey per quota permit. The take of wild hog is prohibited during small game season.

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 6. No change.

~~7. The use of centerfire rifles for taking wild turkey during the spring turkey season is prohibited.~~

(16) Eglin AFB Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – October ~~22~~ 16 through November ~~23~~ 14 in areas and during days specified by the Installation Commander.

2. Muzzleloading gun – ~~December 3-9~~ November 19-21 in areas specified by the Installation Commander.

3. General gun – November ~~24-27~~ 25-28, December ~~10~~ 11 through February ~~19~~ 16 in areas and during days specified by the Installation Commander.

4. Archery and muzzleloading gun – February ~~20-26~~ 17-27 in areas and during days specified by the Installation Commander.

5. Small game – November ~~12~~ 13 through March ~~4~~ 6 in areas and during days specified by the Installation Commander.

6. No change.

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

~~8.7.~~ Spring turkey – March ~~17~~ 19 through April ~~22~~ 24 in areas and during days specified by the Installation Commander.

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

(b) through (d) No change.

(17) Escambia River Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~24-27~~ 25-28 and December ~~10~~ 11 through February ~~1~~ 2.

2. Archery – October ~~22~~ 16 through November ~~20~~ 14.

3. Muzzleloading gun – ~~December 3-5~~ November 19-21.

4. Archery and muzzleloading gun – February ~~2-12~~ 17-27.

5. Small game – November ~~12-23~~ 13-24, November ~~28~~ 29 through December ~~9~~ 10 and February ~~2~~ 3 through March ~~4~~ 6.

6. Youth turkey hunt – March 10-11.

~~7.6.~~ Spring turkey – March ~~17~~ 19 through April ~~22~~ 24.

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

(b) through (d) No change.

(18) Tyndall AFB Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – October ~~22~~ ~~16~~ through November ~~23~~ ~~14~~ during days specified by the Installation Commander.

2. Muzzleloading gun – ~~December 3-9~~ ~~November 19-21~~.

3. General gun – November ~~24-27~~ ~~25-28~~ and December ~~10~~ ~~11~~ through February ~~19~~ ~~16~~ during days specified by the Installation Commander.

4. Supervised youth – October 22 through December 31 ~~November 20-21, December 4-5 and 18-19~~ (only in areas and during days designated by the Installation Commander).

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

~~6.5.~~ Spring turkey – March ~~17~~ ~~19~~ through April ~~22~~ ~~24~~ during days specified by the Installation Commander.

~~7.6.~~ Small game – November ~~12~~ ~~13~~ through March ~~4~~ ~~6~~ during days specified by the Installation Commander.

7. through 8. renumbered 8. through 9. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(19) Choctawhatchee River Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – October ~~22~~ ~~16~~ through November ~~20~~ ~~14~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – ~~December 3-5~~ ~~November 19-21~~.

3. General gun – November ~~24-27~~ ~~25-28~~ and December ~~10~~ ~~11~~ through February ~~1~~ ~~2~~ except Holmes Creek Unit and East River Island.

4. Small game – November ~~12-23~~ ~~13-24~~, November ~~28~~ ~~29~~ through December ~~9~~ ~~10~~ and February ~~2~~ ~~3~~ through March ~~4~~ ~~6~~.

5. Archery and muzzleloading gun – February ~~2-12~~ ~~17-27~~. Holmes Creek Unit and East River Island November ~~24-27~~ ~~and 25-28~~, December ~~10~~ ~~11~~ through February ~~12~~ ~~2~~ ~~and February 17-27~~.

6. Youth turkey hunt – March 10-11.

~~7.6.~~ Spring turkey – March ~~17~~ ~~19~~ through April ~~22~~ ~~24~~ only in that portion of the area south of the pipeline right-of-way located up river (north) of Cedar Log Landing (Walton County) and Billy Lee Landing (Washington County). March ~~17-19~~ ~~19-21~~ and March 30 through April ~~1-3~~ in that portion of the area north of the pipeline right-of-way.

7. through 8. renumbered 8. through 9. No change.

~~10.9.~~ Trapping – December 1 through March 1 in still hunt areas and February ~~2~~ ~~3~~ through March 1 in dog hunt areas.

(b) through (d) No change.

(20) ~~Upper~~ Chipola River Wildlife Management Area.

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

1. Archery – October ~~22~~ ~~16~~ through November ~~20~~ ~~14~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – ~~December 3-5~~ ~~November 19-21~~.

3. General gun – November ~~24-27~~ ~~25-28~~ and December ~~10~~ ~~11~~ through January 1.

4. Small game – November ~~12-23~~ ~~13-24~~, November ~~28~~ ~~29~~ through December ~~9~~ ~~10~~ and January 2 through March ~~4~~ ~~6~~.

5. Archery and muzzleloading gun – January 7-8 and 14-15 ~~February 19-20 and 26-27~~.

6. Youth turkey hunt – March 10-11.

~~7.6.~~ Spring turkey – March ~~17~~ ~~19~~ through April ~~22~~ ~~24~~.

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

(b) Open seasons in the Altha Tract:

1. Archery – October 22-28 and October 29 through November 6.

2. Family hunt – November 24-27.

3. Muzzleloading gun – December 3-5.

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

5. Spring turkey – March 17-19, March 30 through April 1 and April 13-15.

6. Fishing and frogging – Throughout the year.

7. Trapping – December 1 through March 1.

~~(c)(b)~~ Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers. During the archery season in the Altha Tract, the bag limit for deer shall be one antlered or one antlerless deer per 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 quota permit. During the youth turkey hunt and the spring turkey season in the Altha Tract, the bag limit for turkey shall be one gobbler or bearded turkey per quota permit.

(c) renumbered (d) No change.

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

1. through 3. No change.

4. The possession or consumption of intoxicating beverages is prohibited in the Altha Tract.

(21) Yellow River Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open seasons except in the Grassy Point and Burnt Grocery Creek areas:

1. Archery – October ~~22~~ ~~16~~ through November ~~20~~ ~~14~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – ~~December 3-5~~ ~~November 19-21~~.

3. General gun – November ~~24-27~~ ~~25-28~~ and December ~~10~~ ~~11~~ through February ~~1~~ ~~2~~.

4. Small game – November ~~12-23~~ ~~13-24~~, November ~~28~~ ~~29~~ through December ~~9~~ ~~10~~ and February ~~2~~ ~~3~~ through March ~~4~~ ~~6~~.

5. Archery and muzzleloading gun – February ~~2-12~~ ~~17-27~~.

6. Spring turkey – March ~~17~~ ~~19~~ through April ~~22~~ ~~24~~.

7. through 9. No change.

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

1. General gun – November ~~24-27~~ ~~25-28~~, January ~~21-24~~ ~~and 25-29~~ ~~22-25~~ ~~and 26-30~~.

2. Archery – October ~~22-28~~ ~~and October 29 through November 6~~ ~~16-22~~ ~~and 23-31~~.

3. Muzzleloading gun – ~~December 3-5~~ ~~November 19-21~~.

4. Spring turkey – March ~~17-19~~, March 30 through April 1, April ~~6-8~~ ~~and 20-22~~ ~~19-21~~, April ~~1-3~~, ~~8-10~~ ~~and 22-24~~.

5. Small game – November ~~12-20~~ ~~13-21~~.

6. No change.

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

1. Archery – October 22 ~~16~~ through November 20 ~~14~~, November 24-27 ~~25-28~~, and December 10 ~~11~~ through February 1 ~~2~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – December 3-5 ~~November 19-21~~.

3. Small game – November 12-20 ~~13-21~~.

4. Archery and muzzleloading gun – February 2-12 ~~17-27~~

5. Youth turkey hunt – March 10-11.

6.5 ~~6~~. Spring turkey – March 17-19, March 30 through April 1, April 6-8 and 20-22 ~~19-21~~, April 1-3, 8-10 and 22-24.

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

(d) Legal to Take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers. Antlerless deer may only be taken during the first 30 days of archery season in the Burnt Grocery Creek area. During the youth turkey hunt, the bag limit shall be one gobbler or bearded turkey per quota permit.

(e) No change.

(f) General regulations:

1. No change.

2. Taking wildlife with dogs, other than bird dogs or retrievers, is prohibited, except that dogs may be used to hunt raccoon and opossum during the general gun and small game seasons (except in the Grassy Point and Burnt Grocery Creek areas).

3. through 5. No change.

(22) Econfina Creek Wildlife Management Area.

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

1. Archery – October 22 ~~16~~ through November 20 ~~14~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – December 3-5 ~~November 19-21~~.

3. General gun – November 24-27 ~~25-28~~ and December 10 ~~11~~ through February 1 ~~2~~.

4. Small game – November 12-23 ~~13-24~~, November 28 ~~29~~ through December 9 ~~10~~ and February 2 ~~3~~ through March 4 ~~6~~.

5. Archery and muzzleloading gun – February 2-12 ~~17-27~~.

6. Youth turkey hunt – March 10-11.

7.6 ~~7~~. Spring turkey – March 17 ~~19~~ through April 22 ~~24~~.

8.7 ~~8~~. Raccoon – November 12 ~~13~~ through March 9 ~~18~~ and April 23 ~~25~~ through July 31.

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

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

1. General gun – November 25-27 ~~26-28~~, January 13-15, 20-22, 27-29 ~~14-16~~, 21-23, 28-30 and February 1-3 ~~2-4~~.

2. Spring turkey – March 17-18, 23-25, March 30 through April 1, April 6-8, 13-15 and 20-22 ~~19-20~~, 25-27, April 1-3, 8-10, 15-17 and 22-24.

3. No change.

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

1. Archery – October 22-28 and October 29 through November 6 ~~16-22~~ and 23-31.

2. Muzzleloading gun – December 3-5 ~~November 19-21~~.

3. General gun – November 24-27 ~~25-28~~, January 21-24 and 25-29 ~~22-25~~ and 26-30.

4. Small game – December 10-25 ~~4-19~~.

5. Youth turkey hunt – March 10-11.

6.5 ~~6~~. Spring turkey – March 17-19, March 30 through April 1 and April 13-15 ~~19-21~~, April 1-3 and 15-17.

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

(d) Legal to Take: All legal game, fish (except as provided below), frogs and furbearers. During the youth turkey hunt, the bag limit shall be one gobbler or bearded turkey 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) through (f) No change.

(23) Box-R Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – October 22-28 ~~16-22~~ and October 29 through November 6 ~~23-31~~.

2. Small game – November 12-20 ~~13-18~~.

3. Muzzleloading gun – December 3-5 ~~November 19-21~~.

4. General gun – November 24-27 ~~25-28~~, January 5-8, 12-15 and 19-22 ~~6-9~~, 13-16 and 20-23.

5. Wild hog-still – December 10-16 ~~4-10~~.

6. Wild hog-dog – July 8-10 ~~9-11~~, August 12-14 ~~13-15~~ and September 9-11, 2011 ~~10-12~~, 2010, and May 11-13 ~~13-15~~ and June 8-10, 2012 ~~10-12~~, 2011.

7. Spring turkey – March 17-20 ~~19-22~~, March 29 31 through April 1 ~~3~~ and April 12-15 ~~14-17~~.

8. through 9. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 8. No change.

9. During the wild ~~will~~ hog-dog season, a quota permit shall allow a hunting group of two persons and a guest, as authorized by Rule 68A-15.005, F.A.C., (3 total) to participate in the hunt and only one gun may be used to take wildlife per hunting group.

10. through 12. No change.

(24) Lafayette Creek Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – October 22-28 and October 29 through November 6 ~~16-22~~ and 23-31.

2. Muzzleloading gun – December 3-5 ~~November 19-21~~.

3. Family hunt – November 24-27 ~~25-28~~.

4. General gun – January ~~21-24~~ ~~22-25~~ and January ~~25-29~~ ~~26-30~~.

5. Small game – December ~~2~~ ~~3~~ through January ~~15~~ ~~16~~ (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).

6. Spring turkey – March ~~17~~ ~~19~~ through April ~~22~~ ~~24~~ (Saturdays and Sundays only).

7. through 9. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(25) Wakulla Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – October ~~15~~ ~~16~~ through November ~~13~~ ~~14~~ (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).

2. Archery and muzzleloading gun – November ~~25-27~~ ~~26-28~~, December ~~9-11~~, ~~23-25~~ ~~11-12~~, ~~24-26~~, January ~~6-8~~ and ~~20-22~~ ~~7-9~~ and ~~21-23~~.

3. Small game – January ~~23~~ ~~24~~ through February ~~19~~ ~~20~~.

4. Youth turkey hunt – March 10-11.

~~5.4.~~ Spring turkey – March ~~17~~ ~~19~~ through April ~~22~~ ~~24~~ (Saturdays and Sundays only).

~~6.5.~~ No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers. Taking antlered deer not having at least one antler with three or more points, one inch or more in length, is prohibited. During the youth turkey hunt, the bag limit shall be one gobbler or bearded turkey per quota permit.

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 3. No change.

4. Only shotguns, ~~muzzleloading guns~~ and bows are allowed for taking turkey during the spring turkey season.

5. through 7. No change.

(26) Perdido River Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – October ~~22~~ ~~16~~ through November ~~20~~ ~~14~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – ~~December 3-5~~ ~~November 19-21~~.

3. Family hunt – November ~~24-27~~ ~~25-28~~ and January ~~6-8~~ ~~7-9~~.

4. General gun – January ~~14-20~~ ~~15-21~~ and January ~~21-29~~ ~~22-30~~.

5. Archery and muzzleloading gun – February ~~2-12~~ ~~17-27~~.

6. Small game – December ~~6~~ through January ~~4~~ ~~1-30~~.

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

~~8.7.~~ Spring turkey – March ~~17-25~~ ~~19-27~~ and March ~~26~~ ~~28~~ through April ~~8~~ ~~10~~.

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

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers. During the youth turkey hunt, the bag limit shall be one gobbler or bearded turkey per quota permit.

(c) through (d) No change.

(27) Juniper Creek Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

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

2. Youth turkey hunt – March 10-11.

(b) Legal to take: Antlered deer, antlerless deer and wild turkey (during the youth turkey hunt only). The bag limit for deer shall be one antlered or one antlerless deer per person. During the youth turkey hunt, the bag limit shall be one gobbler or bearded turkey per youth.

(c) Camping: Prohibited.

(d) General regulations:

1. During periods when the area is closed to hunting, public access other than on foot is prohibited except that motorized vehicles may be used one day immediately prior to each hunt by individuals participating in the hunt.

2. During periods open to hunting, access is allowed only by individuals participating in the hunt.

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

4. Vehicles may be operated only on named or numbered roads.

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

6. Taking wildlife with dogs is prohibited.

7. Fires are prohibited.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2011.

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

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

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE:  
 Diane R. Eggeman, Director, Division of Hunting and Game Management, Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, 620 South Meridian Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1600  
 NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission  
 DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: December 1, 2010  
 DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAW: December 23, 2010

**FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**Freshwater Fish and Wildlife**

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

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

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

Dinner Island Ranch – establish a 2-day youth turkey hunt (quota of 10, no exemptions) with a bag limit of one turkey per quota permit.

Fisheating Creek – establish a 2-day youth turkey hunt west of US 27 only (quota of 10, no exemptions) with a bag limit of one turkey per quota permit.

J.W. Corbett – establish a 2-day youth turkey hunt (no quota permit required), allow vehicle access for hunters to continue until 6 p.m. the day after the close of archery, muzzleloading, general gun and spring turkey seasons.

Spirit-of-the-Wild – establish a 2-day youth turkey hunt (quota of 10, no exemptions) with a bag limit of one turkey per quota permit.

Additionally the proposed rule amendment would provide non-substantive technical changes, such as grammatical corrections and language standardization. There are also proposed changes to some hunting seasons on FWC-managed areas in an effort to better align season dates with times of peak deer activity associated with the breeding season and other hunter preferences.

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS: The Agency has determined that this will not have an impact on small business. An 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.

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

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

DATES AND TIME: During the regular meeting of the Commission, February 23-24, 2011, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., each day

PLACE: Franklin County Courthouse, 3rd Floor Courtroom, 33 Market Street, Apalachicola, FL 32320

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

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

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

68A-15.064 Specific Regulations for Wildlife Management Areas – South Region.

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

(a) Open season:

1. through 3. No change.

4. Youth Turkey Hunt – The last Saturday in February and continuing for 1 day thereafter.

4. through 8. renumbered 5. through 9. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 3. No change.

4. During open periods other than designated hunting seasons, vehicles may only be operated on named or numbered roads and Trail 6. From 8 a.m. one day before the opening of archery and spring turkey seasons ~~season~~ through 6 p.m. the day after the close of the archery and spring turkey seasons ~~season and during spring turkey season~~, vehicles may be operated on named or numbered trails, but only by persons participating in the hunts, and on named or numbered roads. Vehicles may only be operated on named or numbered roads and Trail 6 at any time after 8 a.m. one day prior to muzzleloading gun, general gun and small game seasons



through 6 p.m the ~~last~~ day after each of ~~each~~ of these seasons, except these restrictions shall not apply to persons participating in the hunts.

5. through 18. No change.

(2) Holely Land Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – Walk, October 1-16 ~~16-31~~.

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

3. Archery – August 6-28 ~~28 through September 19~~.

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

5. Small game – November 7 ~~22~~ through March 4 ~~6~~.

6. through 7. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 14. No change.

15. Reptiles of Concern as listed in subsection 68A-6.007(1), F.A.C., and Conditional non-native snakes and lizards as listed in subsection 68A-5.002(4), F.A.C., may be taken March 5 ~~7~~ through April 15 ~~17~~ and during established seasons for the taking of game animals or alligators and only by persons properly licensed and permitted to take game animals or alligators.

16. Guns are a prohibited method of take for Reptiles of Concern and Conditional non-native snakes and lizards, except when the use of guns to take game or alligators is authorized and from March 5 ~~7~~ through April 15 ~~17~~ when all legal methods of take for game animals or alligators are allowed, except the use of centerfire rifles is prohibited.

17. Reptiles of Concern and Conditional non-native snakes and lizards shall not be removed from the area ~~areas~~ alive.

18. No change.

19. From March 5 ~~7~~ through April 15 ~~17~~ shooting hours for Reptiles of Concern and Conditional non-native snakes and lizards shall be 1/2 hour before sunrise and until 1/2 hour after sunset.

(e) No change.

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

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – Walk, October 1-16 ~~16-31~~, Conservation Areas 3A North and 2 only.

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

3. Archery – August 6-28 ~~28 through September 19~~, Conservation Area 3A North only.

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

5. Small game – November 7 ~~22~~ through March 4 ~~6~~.

6. through 7. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 21. No change.

22. Reptiles of Concern as listed in subsection 68A-6.007(1), F.A.C., and Conditional non-native snakes and lizards as listed in subsection 68A-5.002(4), F.A.C., may be taken March 5 ~~7~~ through April 15 ~~17~~ and during established seasons for the taking of game animals or alligators and only by persons properly licensed and permitted to take game animals or alligators.

23. Guns are a prohibited method of take for Reptiles of Concern and Conditional non-native snakes and lizards, except when the use of guns to take game or alligators is authorized and from March 5 ~~7~~ through April 15 ~~17~~ when all legal methods of take for game animals or alligators are allowed, except the use of centerfire rifles is prohibited.

24. Reptiles of Concern and Conditional non-native snakes and lizards shall not be removed from the area ~~areas~~ alive.

25. No change.

26. From March 5 ~~7~~ through April 15 ~~17~~ shooting hours for Reptiles of Concern and Conditional non-native snakes and lizards shall be 1/2 hour before sunrise until 1/2 hour after sunset.

(e) No change.

(4) Rotenberger Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – Walk, October 1-16 ~~16-31~~.

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

3. Archery – August 6-28 ~~28 through September 19~~.

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

5. Small game – November 7 ~~22~~ through March 4 ~~6~~.

6. through 7. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 14. No change.

15. Reptiles of Concern as listed in subsection 68A-6.007(1), F.A.C., and Conditional non-native snakes and lizards as listed in subsection 68A-5.002(4), F.A.C., may be taken March 5 ~~7~~ through April 15 ~~17~~ and during established seasons for the taking of game animals or alligators and only by persons properly licensed and permitted to take game animals or alligators.

16. Guns are a prohibited method of take for Reptiles of Concern, and Conditional non-native snakes and lizards, except when the use of guns to take game or alligators is authorized and from March 5 ~~7~~ through April 15 ~~17~~ when all legal methods of take for game animals or alligators are allowed, except the use of centerfire rifles is prohibited.

17. Reptiles of Concern and Conditional non-native snakes and lizards shall not be removed from the area areas alive.

18. No change.

19. From March 5 7 through April 15 17 shooting hours for Reptiles of Concern and Conditional non-native snakes and lizards shall be 1/2 hour before sunrise until 1/2 hours after sunset.

(e) No change.

(5) Big Cypress Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. through 2. No change.

3. Archery – September 3 4 through October 2 3 in all units and twelve days prior to Thanksgiving day through January 1, except during those years when January 1 falls on a Thursday, Friday or Saturday, in which case the season would close on the following Sunday in the Deep Lake Unit only.

4. Muzzleloading gun – October 8-23 9-24, except in the Deep Lake Unit.

5. Spring turkey – March 3 5 through April 8 10.

6. through 7. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 17. No change.

18. Reptiles of Concer and Conditional non-native snakes and lizards shall not be removed from the area areas alive.

19. No change.

(6) Okaloacoochee Slough Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – August 6-12 September 11-17 and 13-21 18-26.

2. Muzzleloading gun – September 10-12 October 16-18.

3. Family Hunt – September 17-18 October 23-24.

4. General gun – September 24-27 October 30 through November 2 and September 28 through October 2 November 3-7.

5. Small game – November 19 27 through December 11 19.

6. Spring turkey – March 3-6 5-8 and 7-11 9-13.

7. through 8. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 7. No change.

8. ~~The use of centerfire rifles for taking wild turkey during the spring turkey season is prohibited.~~

(7) Fisheating Creek Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – August 19-21 September 17-19 and 26-28 24-26 west of US Highway 27 only.

2. Muzzleloading gun – September 9-11 October 15-17 and 16-18 22-24 west of US Highway 27 only.

3. General gun – September 30 through October 2 November 5-7 and October 14-16 26-28 west of US Highway 27 only.

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

5.4. Spring turkey – March 3-6 5-8, 9-12 11-14, 16-19 18-21 and 23-26 25-28 and March 30 through April 2 1-4 west of US Highway 27 only.

6.5. Special-opportunity spring turkey – March 3-9 5-11 and 17-23 19-25 east of US Highway 27 only.

7.6. General gun hog – November 19-20 December 11-12 west of US Highway 27 only.

7. through 8. renumbered 8. through 9. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(8) Picayune Strand Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – August 6-21 September 11-26.

2. Muzzleloading gun – September 3-5 October 16-18.

3. General gun – October 8-11 30 through November 2 and 12-16 November 3-7.

4. Small game – November 12 13 through December 25 26.

5. Spring turkey – March 3-6 5-8 and 7-11 9-13.

6. through 7. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 6. No change.

7. ~~The use of centerfire rifles for taking wild turkey during the spring turkey season is prohibited.~~

(9) Dinner Island Ranch Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – August 5-8, 12-15, 19-22 and 26-29 September 11-14, 18-21, 25-28 and October 2-5.

2. Muzzleloading gun – September 9-11 October 16-18.

3. General gun – September 17-19, 23-25, and September 30 through October 2 30 through November 1 and November 6-8, 13-15.

4. Small game – November 12 16 through December 2 3, December 5-9, 6-10 and December 12 13 through February 24 and February 27-29 28.

5. Family hunt – December 3-4 4-5 and 10-11 11-12.

6. Youth Turkey Hunt – February 25-26.

7.6. Spring turkey – March 3-5 5-7, 10-12 12-14 and March 31 through April 2 2-4.

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

(b) through (d) No change.

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

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – August 5-8, 12-15, 19-22 and 26-29 September 11-14, 18-21, 25-28 and October 2-5.

- 2. Muzzleloading gun – ~~September 9-11~~ October 16-18.
- 3. General gun – ~~September 17-19, 23-25, and September 30 through October 2~~ 30 through November 1 and November 6-8, 13-15.
- 4. Small game – November ~~12-16~~ through February ~~24 and February 27-29~~ 28.
- 5. Youth Turkey Hunt – February 25-26.
- ~~6.5.~~ Spring turkey – March ~~3-5~~ 5-7, ~~10-12~~ 12-14 and ~~17-19~~ 19-21.
- 6. through 8. renumbered 7. through 9. No change.
- (b) through (d) No change.
- (11) Allapattah Flats Wildlife Management Area.
- (a) Open season:
  - 1. Archery – September ~~10-13~~ 11-14, ~~17-20~~ 18-21, ~~24-27~~ 25-28 and October ~~1-4~~ 2-5.
  - 2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~15-17~~ 16-18.
  - 3. Family hunt – October ~~29~~ 30 through November ~~1~~ 2.
  - 4. General gun – November ~~5-9~~ 6-10.
  - 5. Small game – November ~~19~~ 20 through the second Sunday in January.
  - 6. Spring turkey – March ~~3-6~~ 5-8 and ~~7-11~~ 9-13.
  - 7. through 8. No change.
  - (b) through (d) No change.

**PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE:** July 1, 2011.

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

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

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

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

DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: December 1, 2010

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAW: December 23, 1010

**FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**Freshwater Fish and Wildlife**

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

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

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

Caravelle Ranch WMA – establish a 2-day youth turkey hunt south of the Cross Florida Barge Canal only (quota of 10, no exemptions) with a bag limit of one turkey per quota permit; allow only tents, trailers and self-propelled camping vehicles to be used for camping; and allow authorized camping equipment and camping for no more than 14 days within a 30-day period; and prohibit the take of dove south of Rodeheaver Road and east of State Road 19, except on the special-opportunity dove fields by persons in possession of current and valid special-opportunity dove permits.

Charles H. Bronson WMA – establish a 2-day youth turkey hunt (quota of 10, no exemptions) with a bag limit of one turkey per quota permit.

Etoniah Creek WMA – establish wild hog as legal to take during small game season.

Fort McCoy WMA – establish a 2-day youth turkey hunt (Recreational Use Permit required).

Guana River WMA – prohibit horses during spring turkey season.

Half Moon WMA – establish a 2-day youth turkey hunt (quota of 30, no exemptions) with a bag limit of one turkey per quota permit.

Herky Huffman / Bull Creek WMA – establish a 2-day youth turkey hunt (no quota permit required) and require persons to enter and exit at a designated entrance.

Jumper Creek WMA – establish a 2-day youth turkey hunt (no quota permit required).

Lake George WMA – establish a 2-day youth turkey hunt (quota of 25, no exemptions).

Lake Panasoffkee WMA – establish a 3-day wild hog-dog hunt in February (quota 35; no exemptions); and remove the limitation of one gun per hunting party during the wild hog-dog season.

Little Big Econ WMA – require persons to enter and exit at a designated entrance.

Ocala WMA – clarify that motorized vehicles are allowed only on designated, named or numbered roads and mixed-used roads, except all-terrain vehicles are allowed only on designated motorized trails and mixed-use roads; establish a 2-day youth turkey hunt on the Lake Delancy Unit (quota of 40, no exemptions) with a bag limit of one turkey per quota permit; allow the take of catfish by bow and arrow in Salt Springs Run; and increase the quota for muzzleloading gun on the Church Lake Unit from 225 to 250.

Ocklawaha River WMA, Gores Landing – establish a 2-day youth turkey hunt (quota of 5, no exemptions) with a bag limit of one turkey per quota permit.

Relay WMA – establish a 2-day youth turkey hunt (Recreational Use Permit required).

Richloam WMA – establish a 2-day youth turkey hunt (no quota permit required).

Richloam WMA, Baird Unit – establish a 2-day youth turkey hunt (quota of 30, no exemptions).

Salt Lake WMA – remove the limitation of one gun per hunting party during the wild hog-dog season.

Seminole Ranch WMA – remove the limitation of one gun per hunting party during the wild hog-dog season.

Three Lakes WMA – establish a 2-day youth turkey hunt (no quota permit required).

Three Lakes WMA, Prairie Lakes Unit – establish a 2-day youth turkey hunt (quota of 15, no exemptions) with a bag limit of one turkey per quota permit.

Tiger Bay WMA – establish a 2-day youth turkey hunt (quota of 10, no exemptions).

Tiger Bay WMA, Rima Ridge Unit – establish a 2-day youth turkey hunt (quota of 10, no exemptions) with a bag limit of one turkey per quota permit.

Tosohatchee WMA – remove the limitation of one gun per hunting party during the wild hog-dog season.

Twelve Mile Swamp WMA – establish a 2-day youth turkey hunt (Recreational Use Permit required).

Upper St. Johns River Marsh WMA – establish a 2-day youth turkey hunt (no quota permit required).

Additionally proposed rule amendment would provide non-substantive technical changes, such as grammatical corrections and language standardization. There are also proposed changes to some hunting seasons on FWC-managed areas in an effort to better align season dates with times of peak deer activity associated with the breeding season and other hunter preferences.

**SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS:** The Agency has determined that this will not have an impact on small business. An 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:** The proposed rule amendment would adjust season dates to conform to calendar year changes and revise specific area regulations on Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) in the Northeast Region as follows:

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

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

**DATES AND TIME:** During the regular meeting of the Commission, February 23-24, 2011, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., each day.

**PLACE:** Franklin County Courthouse, 3rd Floor Courtroom, 33 Market Street, Apalachicola, FL 32320

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

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

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

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

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

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~5-6~~ ~~13-14~~ and November 7 ~~15~~ through January 1 ~~9~~.

2. Small game – January 2 ~~10~~ through March 4 ~~6~~.

3. Spring turkey – March 17 ~~19~~ through April 22 ~~24~~.

4. Archery – September 17-18 ~~25-26~~ and September 19 ~~27~~ through October 16 ~~24~~.

5. Muzzleloading gun – October 22-24 ~~29-31~~.

6. Youth turkey hunt – March 10-11.

~~7-6.~~ 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. During small game season, hunters shall check in and out using self-check boxes located at each designated entrance and record all game taken. Persons hunting on the Crabgrass Creek portion of the area shall have a daily permit issued from the check station in their possession (except during the small game season) ~~and shall enter and exit at a designated entrance point on Crabgrass Road.~~ 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 Trail.

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, except during the small game season when hunters shall check in and out using self-check boxes located at each designated entrance and record all game taken. Persons engaging in recreational activities other than hunting shall register at the check station upon entering and exiting the area.~~

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

~~6. The use of centerfire rifles for taking wild turkey during the spring turkey season is prohibited.~~

~~5.7.~~ No change.

(2) Fort McCoy Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~5~~ ~~13~~ through January ~~1~~ ~~9~~.

2. Small game – January ~~2-22~~ ~~10-30~~.

3. Archery – September ~~17~~ ~~25~~ through October ~~16~~ ~~24~~.

4. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~22-30~~ ~~30~~ through November 7.

5. Youth turkey hunt – March 10-11.

~~6.5.~~ Spring turkey – March ~~17~~ ~~19~~ through April ~~22~~ ~~24~~.

~~7.6.~~ No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 3. No change.

4. Access to the area is allowed only from the Saturday two weeks prior to the archery season through one day after the last day of the spring turkey season.

~~5. Taking of wildlife by use of a gun on or from rights of way of all paved roads or Gooski Road is prohibited as provided by Rule 68A 4.008, F.A.C.~~

~~6. The use of centerfire rifles for taking wild turkey during the spring turkey season is prohibited.~~

~~5.7.~~ No change.

(3) Ocala Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~12~~ ~~13~~ through January ~~8~~ ~~9~~.

2. General gun still – November ~~26~~ ~~27~~ through December ~~4~~ ~~5~~ (Church Lake Unit only).

3. Small game – January ~~9~~ ~~10~~ through March ~~4~~ ~~6~~.

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

5. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~28-30~~ ~~29-31~~, on the Church Lake, Hopkins Prairie and Lake Delancy Management Units only.

6. Fox, opossum, bobcat and raccoon – November ~~12~~ ~~13~~ through April ~~15~~ ~~17~~.

7. No change.

8. Youth turkey hunt – March 10-11 (Lake Delancy Unit only).

~~9.8.~~ Spring turkey – March ~~22-25~~ ~~24-27~~, March ~~29~~ ~~31~~ through April ~~1~~ ~~3~~, ~~April 5-8~~ ~~7-10~~ and ~~12-15~~ ~~14-17~~.

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

(b) Legal to take:

1. All legal game (~~except antlerless deer~~), fish, frogs and furbearers. During the spring turkey season, the bag limit shall be one gobbler or bearded turkey per quota permit. Antlered deer may only be taken in the Church Lake Unit during the archery season, muzzleloading gun season the first 9 days of the general gun season and the general gun still season. Deer daily bag one. Antlerless deer may not be taken during the archery season.

2. Furbearing animals – During the November ~~12~~ ~~13~~ through March 1 period, hunting as specified in paragraph 68A-24.002(2)(b), F.A.C., is allowed only in the Pipeline and Church Lake Management Units. Raccoons may also be hunted, with dogs only, from March ~~5~~ ~~7~~ through April ~~15~~ ~~17~~ only in that portion of the Pipeline Management Unit south of S.R. 40 and west of S.R. 19. The hunting of fox and bobcat by the use of dogs only shall be allowed from January ~~9~~ ~~10~~ through April ~~15~~ ~~17~~, only in that portion of the Pipeline Management Unit south of S.R. 40 and west of S.R. 19.

(c) Camping: Throughout the year. Use of trailers or self-propelled camping vehicles is prohibited except in designated campsites. During the general gun season, use of tents is prohibited except in designated campsites. Camping is allowed by the use of tents, trailers or self-propelled camping vehicles only on designated campsites during the general gun season.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 3. No change.

4. ~~Bow and arrow may be used to take nongame fish, except catfish, in Salt Springs Run (Marion County).~~

~~4.5.~~ No change.

~~5.6.~~ Dogs may be used to pursue rabbits from January ~~9~~ ~~10~~ through April ~~15~~ ~~17~~ in that portion of the Pipeline Management Unit south of S.R. 40 and west of S.R. 19.

6. 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.

~~7. The use of centerfire rifles for taking wild turkey during the spring turkey season is prohibited.~~

(e) No change.

(4) Richloam Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~19-27~~ ~~13-21~~ and November ~~28~~ ~~22~~ through January ~~15~~ ~~9~~.

2. Spring turkey – March ~~17-25~~ ~~19-27~~ and March ~~26~~ ~~28~~ through April ~~22~~ ~~24~~.

3. Archery – ~~October 15 through November 13~~ ~~September 25 through October 24~~.

4. No change.

5. Trapping – January ~~16~~ ~~10~~ through March 1.

6. Wild hog-dog – January ~~17-19~~ ~~11-13~~.

7. Youth turkey hunt – March 10-11.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 6. No change.

~~7. The use of centerfire rifles for taking wild turkey during the spring turkey season is prohibited.~~

~~7.8.~~ No change.

~~8.9.~~ Hunting raccoon and opossum as specified in paragraph 68A-24.002(2)(b), F.A.C., is allowed only during the general gun, ~~wild hog-dog~~ and trapping seasons.

(5) Richloam Wildlife Management Area – Baird Unit.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – ~~October 29 through November 1, November 2-6 and 7-13~~ ~~September 25-28, September 29 through October 3 and October 4-10~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – ~~November 19-21~~ ~~October 29-31~~.

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

4. Wild hog-still – January ~~24-26~~ ~~11-13~~.

5. Youth turkey hunt – March 10-11.

~~6.5.~~ Spring turkey – March ~~17-19~~ ~~19-21~~, ~~23-25~~ ~~25-27~~ and ~~March 30 through April 1~~ ~~April 1-3~~.

~~7.6.~~ Small game – ~~January 28 through March 4~~ ~~January 15 through February 20~~.

~~8.7.~~ No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 8. No change.

~~9. The use of centerfire rifles for taking wild turkey during the spring turkey season is prohibited.~~

(6) Three Lakes Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~5-6~~ ~~13-14~~ and November ~~7~~ ~~15~~ through January ~~1~~ ~~9~~.

2. Small game – January ~~2~~ ~~10~~ through March ~~4~~ ~~6~~.

3. Spring turkey – March ~~17~~ ~~19~~ through April ~~22~~ ~~24~~.

4. Archery – September ~~17-18~~ ~~25-26~~ and September ~~19~~ ~~27~~ through October ~~16~~ ~~24~~.

5. No change.

6. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~22-24~~ ~~29-31~~.

7. General gun for mobility impaired – ~~October 28-30~~ ~~November 5-7~~.

8. General gun-dog – December ~~8-11~~ ~~9-12~~ and December ~~29~~ ~~30~~ through January ~~1~~ ~~2~~.

9. through 10. No change.

11. Raccoon – January ~~27-29~~ ~~28-30~~ (from 1.5 hours before sunset on Friday until 1.5 hours after sunrise on Sunday) in that area between the Florida Turnpike and U.S. 441 only.

12. Youth turkey hunt – March 10-11.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, alligators as specified in Rule 68A-25.042, F.A.C., frogs and furbearers. The take of wild hog is prohibited during small game season and general-gun dog season. Killing quail is prohibited on the quail enhancement area (that portion of the area lying east of the Florida Turnpike) except by quail permit during the quail season. The bag limit for quail on the quail enhancement area is six (6) per quota permit. During the general gun for mobility impaired season, the bag limit for antlerless deer is one per certified mobility-impaired hunter and only certified mobility-impaired hunters are allowed to take antlerless deer.

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 7. No change.

~~8. The use of centerfire rifles for taking wild turkey during the spring turkey season is prohibited.~~

9. through 12. renumbered 8. through 11. No change.

12. Mobility-impaired hunters may be accompanied by one hunting guest and one non-hunting assistant; the non-hunting assistant may participate in the hunt but may not harvest wildlife. All guests must enter and exit the area with the mobility-impaired hunter and share the same vehicle. The guest hunter cannot hunt on the area unless the mobility-impaired hunter is present on the area. The guests may not bring additional hunters on the area. The guest hunter and mobility-impaired hunter must share the bag limit of a single person. The mobility-impaired hunter shall be responsible for both parties complying with the bag limit. Mobility-impaired hunters shall have their valid mobility-impaired certification cards in possession.

(e) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this subsection, alligator hunt participants may operate airboats throughout the area when taking alligators except that airboats are not allowed in those portions of the area posted as restricted to airboat access for the protection of environmentally sensitive areas as specified above. Alligator hunters are not required to check in and out at a check station when entering and exiting the area or record at the check station any alligators taken.

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

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – ~~September 30 through October 2 and October 7-9~~ ~~October 1-3 and 8-10~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – ~~October 28-30~~ October 29-31.
3. General gun – November ~~18-20 and 25-27~~ 19-21 and 26-28.
4. Small game – December ~~10-11~~ through January ~~1-2~~.
5. Youth turkey hunt – March 10-11.
- ~~6.5.~~ Spring turkey – March ~~17-19~~ 19-21, March 30 through April 1 ~~April 1-3~~ and April 13-15 ~~15-17~~.
- ~~7.6.~~ No change.
- ~~8.7.~~ Wild hog-still – December ~~2-4~~ 3-5 and January ~~6-8~~ 7-9.
8. through 9. renumbered 9. through 10. No change.
- (b) through (c) No change.
- (d) General regulations:
- ~~1. The use of centerfire rifles for taking wild turkey during the spring turkey season is prohibited.~~
2. through 6. renumbered 1. through 5. No change.
- (8) Tiger Bay Wildlife Management Area.
- (a) Open season:
1. General gun – November ~~5-13~~ 13-21 and November ~~14-22~~ through January ~~1-9~~.
2. Archery – September ~~17-25~~ through October ~~16-24~~.
3. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~22-24~~ 29-31.
4. Small game – January ~~2-4~~ through March ~~4-6~~.
5. Youth turkey hunt – March 10-11.
- ~~6.5.~~ Spring turkey – March ~~17-19~~ 19-21, March 30 through April 1 ~~April 1-3~~ and April 13-15 ~~15-17~~.
- ~~7.6.~~ No change.
- (b) Legal to take:
1. All legal game, fish, except as provided below, frogs and furbearers.-
2. No change.
- (c) No change.
- (d) General regulations:
1. through 4. No change.
- ~~5. The use of centerfire rifles for taking wild turkey during the spring turkey season is prohibited.~~
6. through 8. renumbered 5. through 7. No change.
- (9) Tiger Bay Wildlife Management Area – Rima Ridge Unit.
- (a) Open season:
1. General gun – November ~~12-20~~ 13-21.
2. Archery – September ~~24-25~~ through October ~~9-10~~.
3. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~28-30~~ 29-31.
4. Small game – November ~~24-25~~ through January ~~1-2~~.
5. Youth turkey hunt – March 10-11.
- ~~6.5.~~ Spring turkey – March ~~17-19~~ 19-21, March 30 through April 1 ~~April 1-3~~ and April 13-15 ~~15-17~~.
6. through 7. renumbered 7. through 8. No change.
- (b) Legal to take: All legal game, ~~turkeys~~, fish, frogs and furbearers. The take of wild hog is prohibited during small game season. During the archery, muzzleloading gun and

general gun seasons, the bag limit for deer shall be one per quota permit. During the spring turkey season, the bag limit shall be one gobbler or bearded turkey per quota permit.

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 3. No change.

~~4. The use of centerfire rifles for taking wild turkey during the spring turkey season is prohibited.~~

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

(10) Relay Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~5-13~~ through January ~~1-9~~.

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

3. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~22-30~~ 30 through November ~~7~~.

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

5. Youth turkey hunt – March 10-11.

~~6.5.~~ Spring turkey – March ~~17-19~~ through April ~~22-24~~.

~~7.6.~~ No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(11) Tosohatchee Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – ~~October 6-9 and 13-16~~ September 30 through October 3 and October 7-10.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~27-30~~ and November ~~3-6~~ 14-17 and 21-24.

3. General gun – November ~~17-20~~ 18-21 and ~~25-27~~ 26-28.

4. Spring turkey – March ~~17-19~~ 19-21, March 30 through April 1 ~~April 1-3~~ and April 13-15 ~~15-17~~.

5. Wild hog-dog – January ~~13-19~~ 14-20 and February ~~10-16~~ 11-17.

6. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. No change.

2. During the wild hog-dog hunts, a quota permit allows a hunting group of two persons and a guest as authorized by Rule 68A-15.005, F.A.C. (three individuals total) to participate in the hunt, ~~and only one gun may be used to take wildlife per hunting group.~~

3. through 5. No change.

~~6. The use of centerfire rifles for taking wild turkey during the spring turkey season is prohibited.~~

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

(12) Seminole Ranch Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – October ~~7-9~~ 8-10 and ~~14-16~~ 15-17.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~28-30~~ 29-31 and November ~~4-6~~ 5-7.

3. General gun – November ~~18-20~~ 19-21.

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

5. Spring turkey – March 17-19 ~~19-21, 23-25~~ 25-27 and March 30 through April 1 ~~April 1-3~~.

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

7. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. No change.

2. Vehicle access is prohibited except persons participating in a hunt are allowed vehicle access during archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun, wild hog-dog and spring turkey seasons and one day prior to each of these seasons. Persons participating in a hunt are also allowed vehicle access during small game season. Vehicles may be operated only on named or numbered roads and may be parked only at designated parking areas.

3. through 8. No change.

9. During the wild hog-dog season, a quota permit allows a hunting group of two persons and a guest as authorized by Rule 68A-15.005, F.A.C. (three individuals total) to participate in the hunt, ~~and only one gun may be used to take wildlife per hunting group.~~

10. No change.

(13) Jumper Creek Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September 17 ~~25~~ through October 16 ~~24~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October 22-24 ~~29-31~~.

3. General gun – November 5-13 ~~13-21~~ and November 14 ~~22~~ through January 1 ~~9~~.

4. Small game – January 2-22 ~~10-30~~.

5. Youth turkey hunt – March 10-11.

~~6.5.~~ Spring turkey – March 17 ~~19~~ through April 22 ~~24~~.

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

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 4. No change.

~~5. The use of centerfire rifles for taking wild turkey during the spring turkey season is prohibited.~~

(14) Rock Springs Run Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September 30 through October 2 and October 7-9 ~~October 1-3 and 8-10~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October 22-24 ~~15-17~~ and 28-30 ~~22-24~~.

3. General gun – November 11-13 ~~12-14~~ and 18-20 ~~19-21~~.

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

5. No change.

(b) Legal to take: Only deer and wild hog may be taken during the archery, general gun and muzzleloading gun seasons. Taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with three or more points, one inch or more in length, is prohibited. Only rabbit, gray squirrel and bobwhite quail may be taken during the small game season. Taking wild hog is prohibited during small game season. The bag limit for deer shall be one antlered and one antlerless deer per quota permit. During the muzzleloading gun and general gun seasons, antlerless deer may be taken only by antlerless deer permit.

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 2. No change.

3. Vehicles are prohibited on Old 433 except during established check station hours during archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun and small game seasons and from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. during all other times may be operated only on named or numbered roads. Vehicles are allowed on all other named or numbered roads, but only one day prior to and during archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun and small game seasons. ~~Vehicles and~~ may only be parked at designated parking areas.

4. through 8. No change.

(15) Guana River Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. No change.

2. General gun – November 18-20 ~~19-21~~ and 25-27 ~~26-28~~.

3. Muzzleloading gun – October 22-24 and 28-30 ~~29-31~~ and November 5-7.

4. Archery – October 7-9 ~~15-17~~ and 14-16 ~~22-24~~.

5. Small game – December 2-4 ~~3-5, 9-11~~ 10-12, January 6-8 ~~7-9, 13-15~~ 14-16, 20-22 ~~21-23~~ and 27-29 ~~28-30~~.

6. Spring turkey – March 23-25 ~~25-27~~ and March 30 through April 1 ~~April 1-3~~.

7. Fishing, frogging and other non-hunting recreational use – Allowed at all times on Lake Ponte Vedra from Guana Dam to a line two miles north of the dam, and on the remainder of Lake Ponte Vedra and the interior freshwater lakes only from February 10 through November 10.

8. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 5. No change.

6. Hunters (except public water alligator hunt participants) shall check in and out at the check station when entering or exiting the area and shall check all game taken. Hunters shall check out at the check station by 9 p.m. during Daylight Savings Time and 8 p.m. during Eastern Standard Time, except during the spring turkey season, when hunters must check out by 2 p.m.

7. through 13. No change.

14. The use of boats within 50 yards of the Guana Dam water control structure ~~Water Control Structure~~ is prohibited.



15. through 16. No change.

~~17. Lake Ponte Vedra shall be open for recreational use from Guana Dam to a line two miles north of the dam at all times, and on the remainder of Lake Ponte Vedra and the interior lakes only from February 10 through November 10.~~

~~17.18. Horses and bicycles may be used only on named or numbered trails or roads. Horses shall be prohibited during the archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun, spring turkey and small game seasons.~~

~~19. Authorized hunting equipment may be taken on the area no earlier than 7 a.m. one day before the opening of the archery season and shall be removed from the area before 6 p.m. one day following the close of the final small game season.~~

(e) No change.

(16) Half Moon Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – October ~~7-9 8-10~~ and ~~14-16 15-17~~.

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

3. General gun – November ~~5-7 13-15~~ and ~~11-13 19-21~~.

4. Small game – December ~~2-4 3-5, 9-11 10-12~~ and ~~16-18 17-19~~.

5. Wild hog-still – January ~~13-15 14-16, 20-22 21-23~~ and ~~27-29 28-30~~.

6. Youth turkey hunt – March 10-11.

~~7.6. Spring turkey – March 23-25 25-27, March 30 through April 1 April 1-3 and April 6-8 8-10.~~

~~8.7. No change.~~

(b) through (d) No change.

(17) Caravelle Ranch Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~24 25~~ through October ~~2 3~~.

2. Supervised small game – October ~~8-16 9-17~~.

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

4. General gun – November ~~12-15 13-16~~ and ~~16-20 17-21~~.

5. Special-opportunity dove – The first and second Saturdays only during the first phase; the third Saturday only during the second phase; and the first, third and fifth ~~Saturdays Saturday~~ only during the third phase of the mourning dove and white-winged dove season established by Rule 68A-13.008, F.A.C.

6. Small game – November ~~24 25~~ through January ~~8 9~~ (Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).

7. Youth turkey hunt – March 10-11 (south of the Cross Florida Barge Canal only).

~~8.7. Spring turkey – March 17-20 19-22 and 21-25 23-27.~~

~~9.8. No change.~~

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers (except bobcat and otter). During the archery, muzzleloading gun and general gun seasons 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, one inch or more in

length, is prohibited. During the spring turkey season the bag limit for turkey shall be one gobbler or bearded turkey per quota permit. The take of dove is prohibited south of Rodeheaver Road and east of State Road 19, except on the special-opportunity dove fields by persons in possession of current and valid special-opportunity dove permits.

(c) Camping: Camping is allowed only in designated primitive campsites. Only tents, trailers and self-propelled camping vehicles may be used for camping. Authorized camping equipment and camping are allowed for no more than 14 days within a 30-day period.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 4. No change.

5. Vehicular access is prohibited except allowed from 1.5 hours before sunrise to 1.5 hours after sunset one day prior to archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun and spring turkey hunts each season(except small game) and during periods when the area is open to hunting. Vehicular access is also allowed during the archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun, supervised small game and small game seasons from 5 a.m. until 9 p.m. during Daylight Savings Time and from 5 a.m. until 8 p.m. during Eastern Standard Time; during the special-opportunity dove season from 11 a.m. until one hour after sunset; and during the spring turkey season from 4:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. Public access other than on foot (pedestrian), horseback (equestrian), or by bicycle is prohibited at all other times.

6. through 8. No change.

(18) Lake George Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~17 25~~ through October ~~16 24~~.

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

3. General gun – November ~~12-15 13-16, 16-20 17-21~~ and ~~21-27 22-28~~.

4. Small game – November ~~28 29~~ through March ~~4 6~~.

5. Youth turkey hunt – March 10-11.

~~6.5. Spring turkey – March 17-19 19-21, March 30 through April 1 April 1-3 and April 13-15 15-17.~~

6. renumbered 7. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 3. No change.

~~4. The use of centerfire rifles for taking wild turkey during the spring turkey season is prohibited.~~

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

(a) Open season:

1. Small game – November ~~26 27~~ through December ~~11 12~~ and December ~~24 25~~ through January ~~8 9~~.

2. Special-opportunity spring turkey – March ~~17-23 19-25, March 31 through April 6 April 2-8~~ and ~~April 14-20 16-22~~.

3. No change.

4. Archery – September ~~24 25~~ through October ~~9 10~~.

5. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~28-30~~ 29-31.
6. General gun – November ~~12-20~~ 13-21.
- (b) through (c) No change.
- (d) General regulations:
- through 8. No change.
- ~~9. The use of centerfire rifles for taking wild turkey during the spring turkey season is prohibited.~~
- (e) No change.
- (20) Seminole Forest Wildlife Management Area.
- (a) Open season:
- Archery – September ~~24-27~~ 25-28 and September ~~28~~ 29 through October ~~2~~ 3.
  - Muzzleloading gun – October ~~28-30~~ 29-31.
  - General gun – December ~~3-6~~ 4-7 and ~~7-11~~ 8-12.
  - Small game – January ~~14-29~~ 15-30 (Saturdays and Sundays only).
  - Spring turkey – March ~~17-20~~ 19-22 and ~~21-25~~ 23-27.
  - General gun for mobility-impaired – October ~~21-23~~ 22-24.
  - Fishing and frogging – During periods open to hunting and at other times as access is allowed by the ~~Department of Agriculture and Consumer Affairs~~, Division of Forestry and these rules. Fish may be taken only by hook and line or rod and reel. Oaks and Bear Ponds are open to fishing only during daylight hours.
- (b) through (c) No change.
- (d) General regulations:
- through 2. No change.
  - The use of tracked vehicles, airboats, or all-terrain vehicles is prohibited during periods when hunting is allowed, except that all-terrain vehicles may be used one day prior to and during the general gun for mobility-impaired season but only by persons participating in the mobility-impaired hunt. During periods when the area is closed to hunting, public access is regulated by the Division of Forestry.
  - through 8. No change.
- ~~9. The use of centerfire rifles for taking wild turkey during the spring turkey season is prohibited.~~
- (21) Triple N Ranch Wildlife Management Area.
- (a) Open season:
- Wild hog-still – January ~~27-29~~ 28-30, February ~~3-5~~ 4-6, ~~10-12~~ 11-13 and ~~17-19~~ 18-20.
  - Special-opportunity deer – October ~~15-21~~ and October ~~29~~ through November ~~4~~ 30 through November ~~5~~ and November ~~13~~ 19.
  - Small game – November ~~26~~ 27 through January ~~22~~ 23.
  - Special-opportunity spring turkey – March ~~17-23~~ 19-25, ~~March 31~~ through April ~~6~~ April 2-8 and ~~April 14-20~~ 16-22.
  - through 6. No change.
- (b) No change.

(c) Camping: Allowed only at designated campsites and only during periods open to hunting. Only tents, trailers or self-propelled camping vehicles may be used for camping.

(d) General regulations:

~~1. Only tents, trailers or self-propelled camping vehicles may be used for camping.~~

2. through 6. renumbered 1. through 5. No change.

~~6.7. Only During periods open to hunting, only~~ individuals in possession of a special-opportunity permit may have vehicle access to the area ~~and only from sunrise to sunset~~ on the Saturday and Sunday preceding the hunt and only from sunrise to sunset on those days and during the hunt. Authorized hunting equipment may be taken onto the area during these times.

8. through 9. renumbered 7. through 8. No change.

(22) Etoniah Creek Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~24~~ 25 through October ~~9~~ 10.

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

3. General gun – November ~~12-15~~ 13-16 and ~~16-20~~ 17-21.

4. No change.

5. Spring turkey – March ~~17-19~~ 19-21, ~~23-25~~ 25-27 and ~~March 30~~ through April ~~1~~ April 1-3.

6. 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 wild hog is prohibited during small game season.~~ During the spring turkey season the bag limit for turkeys shall be one gobbler or bearded turkey per quota permit.

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 3. No change.

4. Vehicular access is allowed from 1.5 hours before sunrise to 1.5 hours after sunset one day prior to each season (except small game), and during periods when the area is open to hunting. Public access other than on foot (pedestrian), horseback (equestrian) or bicycle is prohibited at all other times, except that vehicle access is allowed on Scrub and North Cablegate Roads year round.

~~5. The use of centerfire rifles for taking wild turkey during the spring turkey season is prohibited.~~

(23) Little Big Econ Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – October ~~7-13~~ 8-14 and ~~14-22~~ 15-23.

2. Muzzleloading gun – November ~~4-6~~ 5-7.

3. General gun – November ~~18-20~~ 19-21, ~~25-27~~ 26-28 and December ~~2-4~~ 3-5.

4. Small game – December ~~10-25~~ 11-26.

5. Spring turkey – ~~March 17-19~~ 19-21, ~~23-25~~ 25-27 and ~~March 30~~ through April ~~1~~ April 1-3.

6. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. No change.

2. Vehicle access is prohibited except persons participating in a hunt are allowed vehicle access during archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun and spring turkey seasons and one day prior to each of these seasons. Persons participating in a hunt are also allowed vehicle access during small game season. ~~Vehicular access is restricted to individuals participating in the hunt.~~ Vehicles may be operated only on named and numbered roads and must be parked within 25 feet of a named or numbered road.

3. No change.

4. Persons shall enter and exit at a designated entrance.

4. ~~The use of centerfire rifles for taking wild turkey during the spring turkey season is prohibited.~~

(24) Lake Panasoffkee Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Special-opportunity spring turkey – March ~~22-25 24-27~~, April ~~3-6 5-8~~ and ~~19-22 21-24~~.

2. Special-opportunity archery – ~~September 22-25, October 4-7, 13-16, 25-28, November 3-6, 15-18, December 1-4 and 13-16~~ September 30 through October 3, October 7-10, 19-22, November 4-7, 16-19, December 2-5, 14-17 and January 6-9.

3. Wild hog-still – January ~~13-15 14-16~~.

4. Wild hog-dog – January ~~25-27~~ and February ~~22-24 26-28~~.

5. Small game – February ~~3-5 4-6~~ and ~~10-12 11-13~~.

6. through 7. No change.

(b) No change.

(c) Camping: Camping is allowed at designated campsites beginning at 8 a.m. the day preceding each hunt and ending the last day of each hunt. Camping is allowed at other times by permit from the Southwest Water Management District. Kitchen stoves, refrigerators, and freezers, unless contained in mobile campers are prohibited. Lumber, sheet metal or other building materials is prohibited. Each camper shall assure that their campsite is clean at all times. The alteration, defacing, moving, tampering in any way with official markings of campsites is prohibited. Only tents, trailers or self-propelled camping vehicles may be used for camping. The name, address and telephone number of the person responsible for each campsite shall be visibly affixed to the camping shelter.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 4. No change.

5. During periods open to hunting, the operation of a vehicle on the area is prohibited from 1.5 hours after sunset until 1.5 hours before sunrise unless camping at designated hunter campsites ~~during periods open to hunting~~ or by permit from the Southwest Florida Water Management District.

6. No change.

7. ~~Only shotguns and archery equipment may be used during the special opportunity spring turkey hunts.~~

~~7.8.~~ No change.

9. ~~Only tents, trailers or self-propelled camping vehicles may be used for camping.~~

10. ~~The name, address and telephone number of the person responsible for each campsite shall be visibly affixed to the camping shelter.~~

~~8.11.~~ No change.

9. ~~12.~~ During the wild hog-dog season, a quota permit shall allow a hunting group of two persons and a guest as authorized by Rule 68A-15.005, F.A.C. (three individuals total) to participate in the hunt, ~~and only one gun may be used to take wildlife per hunting group.~~

~~10.13.~~ No change.

(25) Ross Prairie Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season: Supervised small game – October ~~15-21 16-22~~, November ~~19-25 20-26~~, December ~~17-23 18-24~~ and January ~~14-20 15-21~~.

(b) through (d) No change.

(26) Buck Lake Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~24 25~~ through October ~~2 3~~ and October ~~8-14 9-15~~.

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

3. General gun – November ~~12-15 13-16~~ and ~~16-20 17-21~~.

4. Small game – December ~~3-18 4-19~~.

5. Spring turkey – March ~~17-20 19-22~~ and ~~21-25 23-27~~.

6. Wild hog-still – January ~~5-8 6-9~~ and ~~19-22 20-23~~.

7. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 3. No change.

4. ~~Vehicular access is restricted to hunters who possess a valid quota permit.~~ Vehicles may be operated only on named or numbered roads and may be parked only in designated parking areas or within 25 feet of a named or numbered road.

5. No change.

6. Vehicle access is prohibited except persons participating in a hunt are allowed vehicle access during archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun, wild hog-still and spring turkey seasons and one day prior to each of these seasons. Persons participating in a hunt are also allowed vehicle access during small game season. At all other times ~~During periods when the area is closed to hunting~~, public access other than by foot, horseback or bicycle is prohibited.

7. No change.

(27) Fort Drum Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Special-opportunity deer – October 29 through November 4 ~~November 13-19~~.

2. Small game – December ~~10-25 11-26~~.

3. Special-opportunity spring turkey – March ~~17-23~~ ~~19-25~~, March 31 through April 6 ~~April 2-8~~ and ~~April 14-20~~ ~~16-22~~.

4. Wild hog-still – October ~~7-9~~ ~~8-10~~, ~~14-16~~ ~~15-17~~ and ~~21-23~~ ~~22-24~~.

5. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(28) Ocklawaha River Wildlife Management Area – Gores Landing Unit.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~24~~ ~~25~~ through October ~~9~~ ~~10~~.

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

3. General gun – November ~~12-20~~ ~~13-21~~.

4. Small game – December ~~3-18~~ ~~4-19~~.

5. Youth turkey hunt – March 10-11.

~~6.5.~~ Spring turkey – March ~~17-20~~ ~~19-22~~ and ~~21-25~~ ~~23-27~~.

~~7.6.~~ No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. Vehicles may be operated only on named or numbered roads from 1.5 hours before sunrise to 1.5 hours after sunset one day prior to each season and during periods when the area is open to hunting and from 1.5 hours before sunrise until 6 p.m. one day after the close of each season.

2. through 4. No change.

(29) Seminole Forest Wildlife Management Area – Lake Tracy Unit.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~24-26~~ ~~25-27~~ and September 30 through October 2 ~~October 1-3~~.

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

3. General gun – November ~~12-14~~ ~~13-15~~.

4. Wild hog-still – November ~~18-20~~ ~~19-21~~, December ~~16-18~~ ~~17-19~~ and January ~~13-15~~ ~~14-16~~.

5. Spring turkey – March ~~17-19~~ ~~19-21~~ and ~~23-25~~ ~~25-27~~.

6. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers. The bag limit for deer shall be two per quota permit. During the wild hog-still season, only wild hog is legal to take.

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 2. No change.

3. The use of tracked vehicles, airboats, or all-terrain vehicles is prohibited during periods when hunting is allowed. Vehicle access is prohibited except persons participating in a hunt are allowed vehicle access during archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun, wild hog-still and spring turkey seasons and one day prior to each of these seasons. During periods when the area is closed to hunting, public access is regulated by the Division of Forestry.

4. No change.

~~5. The use of centerfire rifles for taking wild turkey during the spring turkey season is prohibited.~~

(30) Twelve Mile Swamp Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~17~~ ~~25~~ through October ~~16~~ ~~24~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~22-30~~ ~~30~~ through ~~November 7.~~

3. General gun – November ~~5~~ ~~13~~ through January ~~1~~ ~~9~~.

4. Small game – January ~~2~~ ~~10~~ through March ~~4~~ ~~6~~.

5. Youth turkey hunt – March 10-11.

~~6.5.~~ Spring turkey – March ~~17~~ ~~19~~ through April ~~22~~ ~~24~~.

~~7.6.~~ No change.

~~8.7.~~ Trapping – January ~~2~~ ~~10~~ through March 1.

(b) through (d) No change.

(31) Upper St. Johns River Marsh Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~17~~ ~~25~~ through October ~~16~~ ~~24~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~22-30~~ ~~30~~ through ~~November 7.~~

3. General gun – November ~~5~~ ~~13~~ through January ~~15~~ ~~23~~.

4. Small game – January ~~16~~ ~~24~~ through March ~~4~~ ~~6~~.

5. Youth turkey hunt – March 10-11.

~~6.5.~~ Spring turkey – March ~~17~~ ~~19~~ through April ~~22~~ ~~24~~.

6. through 8. renumbered 7. through 9. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, furbearers, fish, and frogs. Antlerless deer may be taken during the period November ~~19-20~~ ~~20-21~~. Turkey of either sex may be taken during the muzzleloading gun season. Gobblers or bearded turkey may be taken during the general gun season only from November ~~5~~ ~~13~~ through January ~~1~~ ~~9~~.

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 5. No change.

6. Hunting with dogs is prohibited except bird dogs may be used during the small game, duck and coot seasons, and dogs may be used for wild hog hunting during January ~~18-22~~ ~~26-30~~.

7. through 10. No change.

(32) Dunns Creek Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~24~~ ~~25~~ through October ~~9~~ ~~10~~ and November ~~19-27~~ ~~20-28~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~29~~ ~~30~~ through November ~~6~~ ~~7~~.

3. Wild hog-still – January ~~21-29~~ ~~22-30~~.

4. Spring turkey – March ~~17-19~~ ~~19-21~~, March 30 through April 1 ~~April 1-3~~ and April 13-15 ~~15-17~~.

5. through 6. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

## (d) General regulations:

1. through 9. No change.

10. Taking wildlife with rimfire or centerfire rifles or pistols is prohibited during the ~~spring turkey and wild hog-still season seasons.~~

11. No change.

(33) Salt Lake Wildlife Management Area.

## (a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~24 25~~ through October ~~2 3~~ and October ~~3-9 4-10~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~28-30 29-31~~.3. General gun – November ~~12-15 13-16~~ and ~~16-20 17-21~~.

4. Small game – December ~~9-11 10-12, 16-18 17-19~~; January ~~6-8 7-9, 13-15 14-16~~; February ~~10-12 11-13, 17-19 18-20~~.

5. Wild hog-dog – January ~~19-22 20-23~~.6. Spring turkey – March ~~17-20 19-22~~ and ~~21-25 23-27~~.

7. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

## (d) General regulations:

1. through 5. No change.

6. Vehicle access is prohibited except persons participating in a hunt are allowed vehicle access during archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun, wild hog-dog and spring turkey seasons and one day prior to each of these seasons. Persons participating in a hunt are also allowed vehicle access during small game season. At all other times ~~During periods when the area is closed to hunting,~~ public access other than by foot (pedestrian), horseback (equestrian), or ~~by~~ bicycle is prohibited.

7. through 8. No change.

9. During the wild hog-dog season, a quota permit shall allow a hunting group of two persons and a guest as authorized by Rule 68A-15.005, F.A.C., (three individuals total) to participate in the hunt ~~and only one gun may be used to take wildlife per hunting group.~~

(34) Matanzas Wildlife Management Area.

## (a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~24 25~~ through October ~~2 3~~ and October ~~3-9 4-10~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~28-30 29-31~~.3. Family hunt – November ~~12-13 13-14~~.4. General gun – November ~~14-20 15-21~~.5. Wild hog-still – December ~~3-11 4-12~~.6. Small game – January ~~9-24 10-25~~.7. Spring turkey – March ~~17-20 19-22~~ and ~~21-25 23-27~~.

8. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

## (d) General regulations:

1. through 4. No change.

~~5. The use of centerfire rifles for taking wild turkey during the spring turkey season is prohibited.~~

(35) Lake Monroe.

## (a) Open season:

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

2. through 4. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(36) Charles H. Bronson Wildlife Management Area.

## (a) Open season:

1. Archery – October ~~7-13 8-14~~ and ~~14-22 15-23~~.2. Muzzleloading gun – November ~~4-6 5-7~~.

3. General gun – November ~~11-13 12-14, 18-20 19-21~~ and December ~~2-4 3-5~~.

4. Small game – December ~~10-18 11-19~~ and January ~~7-13 8-14~~.

5. Youth turkey hunt – March 10-11.

~~6.5.~~ Spring turkey – March ~~17-19 18-20, 23-25 25-27~~ and March 30 through April 1 ~~April 1-3~~.

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

(b) through (c) No change.

## (d) General regulations:

1. No change.

2. Vehicle access is prohibited except persons participating in a hunt are allowed vehicle access during archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun, ~~small game~~ and spring turkey seasons and one day prior to each of these seasons. Persons participating in a hunt are also allowed vehicle access during ~~small game season.~~ Vehicles may be operated only on named or numbered roads and must be parked within 25 feet of a named or numbered road.

3. through 4. No change.

~~5. The use of centerfire rifles for taking wild turkey during the spring turkey season is prohibited.~~

~~5.6.~~ No change.

(37) Marshall Swamp Wildlife Management Area.

## (a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~17-23, 24-30, October 1-7, 8-14~~ and ~~15-23~~ September 25 through October 1; October 2-8, 9-15, ~~16-22 and 23-31~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – November ~~4-6 5-7~~.

3. General gun – November ~~18-20 19-21, 25-27 26-28~~ and December ~~2-4 3-5~~.

4. No change.

5. Spring turkey – March ~~17-19 19-21, 23-25 25-27~~ and March 30 through April 1 ~~April 1-3~~.

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

- 1. through 2. No change.

3. Vehicles may be operated only in designated parking areas and on Entrance Road.

- 4. through 7. No change.

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

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

DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: December 1, 2010

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAW: December 23, 2010

**FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**Freshwater Fish and Wildlife**

RULE NO.: 68A-17.005                      RULE TITLE: Specific Regulations for Wildlife and Environmental Areas

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

SUMMARY: The proposed rule amendment would revise or establish specific area regulations on WEAs as follows: Southwest Region.

Lake Wales Ridge WEA, Royce Unit – establish a 2-day youth turkey hunt (quota of 5, no exemptions) with a bag limit of one turkey per quota permit.

North Central Region

Fort White WEA – establish a 2-day youth turkey hunt (quota of 3, no exemptions) with a bag limit of one turkey per quota permit.

Lafayette Forest WEA – establish a 2-day youth turkey hunt (quota of 5, no exemptions) with a bag limit of one turkey per quota permit.

Northwest Region.

Apalachicola River WEA – remove the limitation of one gun per hunting party during the wild hog-dog season.

L. Kirk Edwards WEA – establish the following seasons and regulations for the portion of the area east of Chaires Cross Road: three 3-day archery hunts (quota 5 per hunt, no exemptions); establish a 2-day family hunt (quota 3, no exemptions); establish four 3-day archery and muzzleloading gun hunts (quota 5 per hunt, no exemptions); establish a 15-day small game season (five 3-day hunts); a 2-day youth turkey hunt (quota of 3, no exemptions); allow fishing and frogging year round; prohibit trapping; establish as legal to take all legal game, fish, frogs, and furbearers, except that turkeys may be hunted only during the spring turkey seasons; set the bag limit for deer during the archery season at one antlered or one antlerless deer per quota permit; set the bag limit for deer during the family hunts at one antlered and one antlerless deer per quota permit; set the bag limit for deer during the archery/muzzleloading gun season at one antlered deer per quota permit; set the bag limit during the youth turkey hunt at one turkey per quota permit; and all other rules that currently apply to the area.

South Region.

Southern Glades WEA – establish wild hog as legal to take during small game season; remove bag limit and shoulder height restriction for wild hog.

Additionally the proposed rule amendment would provide non-substantive technical changes, such as grammatical corrections, language standardization, or clarification of an existing rule. There are also proposed changes to some hunting seasons on FWC-managed areas in an effort to better align season dates with times of peak deer activity associated with the breeding season and other hunter preferences.

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THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

68A-17.005 Specific Regulations for Wildlife and Environmental Areas.

(1) Southwest Region.

(a) through (e) No change.

(f) Lake Wales Ridge Wildlife and Environmental Area – Royce Unit – Highlands County.

1. Open season:

a. Archery – September 23-25 and October 14-16 15-17 and 22-24.

b. General gun – November 18-20 19-21.

c. Small game – December 9-11, 23-25 10-12 and 24-26, January 20-22 21-23 and 27-29 28-30.

d. Wild hog-still – May 5-6 7-8 and 12-13 14-15.

e. Youth turkey hunt – March 10-11.

f.e. Spring turkey – March 16-18 18-20 and March 30 through April 1 1-3.

g.f. No change.

2. Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs, and furbearers. The bag limit for antlered deer shall be one per quota permit. Antlerless deer may be taken by antlerless deer permit only. Only wild hog may be taken during the wild hog-still season. During the spring turkey season, the bag limit for turkey shall be one gobbler (or bearded turkey) per quota permit. Turkey of either sex may be taken during the archery season.

3. No change.

(g) through (k) No change.

(2) North Central Region.

(a) Santa Fe Swamp – Bradford County.

1. Open season:

a. Archery – September 23 25 through October 21 24.

b. Muzzleloading gun – October 22-24 29-31.

c. Archery and muzzleloading gun – November 5 13 through January 1 9.

d. Spring turkey – March 17 19 through April 22 24.

e. No change.

2. through 3. No change.

(b) Fort White Mitigation Park – Gilchrist County.

1. Open season:

a. Archery season – October 22-26 23-27, October 29 30 through November 2 3 and November 12-16 13-17.

b. Small game – November 19 20 through December 2 3.

c. Youth spring turkey – March 10-11.

c. through f. renumbered d. through g. No change.

2. No change.

3. General regulations:

a. through f. No change.

g. The use of centerfire rifles for taking wild turkey during the spring turkey season is prohibited.

(c) Suwannee Ridge – Hamilton County.

1. Open season:

a. Mobility-impaired general gun – October 14-16 15-17, October 28-30 29-31, November 4-6 5-7 and December 16-18 17-19.

b. Mobility-impaired spring turkey – March 23-25 25-27 and April 13-15 15-17.

2. through 3. No change.

(d) through (e) No change.

(f) Lafayette Forest Wildlife and Environmental Area.

1. Open seasons:

a. Archery season – September 24-28 25-29, September 30 through October 4 1-5 and October 7-11 8-12.

b. Muzzleloading gun season – October 22-24 29-31.

c. Family hunt – November 5-6 13-14 and 12-13 20-21.

d. Wild hog-still – January 21-25 29 and January 28 through February 1 2 and February 5-9.

e. Youth spring turkey – March 10-11.

f.e. Spring turkey – March 17-19 19-21 and 23-25 25-27.

f. through h. renumbered g. through i. No change.

2. through 3. No change.

(g) Watermelon Pond Wildlife and Environmental Area.

1. Open seasons:

a. Archery season – October 15-23 23-31.

b. Small game – November 18 20 through December 1 3 and December 16-31 18-31.

c. through e. No change.

2. through 3. No change.

(3) Northwest Region.

(a) No change.

(b) Apalachicola River – Gulf, Franklin, and Liberty counties.

1. Open seasons:

a. Archery – Opening 33 days prior to the first day of the general gun season and closing 29 days thereafter.

b. Muzzleloading gun – Opening the first Saturday in December and closing 2 days thereafter.

c. General gun – Opening the fourth Thursday in November and closing 3 days thereafter and reopening the second Saturday in December and closing 53 days thereafter.

d. Small game – During the open seasons established in Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C.

e. Archery and muzzleloading gun – Opening the day immediately following the last day of the general gun season and closing 10 days thereafter.

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 2 days thereafter in the months of July, August, September, May and June, in that portion of the area west of Saul Creek Road, south of a line running east from Misfit Landing to the Apalachicola River and west of the Apalachicola River.

h. Migratory game birds – During seasons established by Rules 68A-13.003 and 68A-13.008, F.A.C.

i. Fox, raccoon, opossum and bobcat – Throughout the year.

j. Trapping – December 1 through March 1.

k. Fishing and frogging – Throughout the year.

2. Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers. Antlerless deer may only be taken during the archery season. Bearded turkey or gobblers may be taken during the spring turkey season and the first 41 days of the general gun season; turkey of either sex may be taken during the archery and muzzleloading gun seasons. During the first phase of dove season, taking dove in posted dove fields is prohibited except on Saturdays. Wild hog may only be taken during the archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun, archery/muzzleloading gun and wild hog-dog seasons.

3. Camping: Throughout the year. Camping is limited to tents, trailers or self-propelled camping vehicles. Camping is allowed throughout the area, except where posted as no camping. Unless contained in mobile campers, kitchen stoves, refrigerators and freezers are prohibited. Lumber, sheet metal or other building materials are prohibited. Camping more than 14 consecutive days at a time is prohibited in that portion of the area posted as Northwest Florida Water Management District lands.

~~1. Hunting shall be allowed only during the open seasons established for migratory birds in Rules 68A-13.003 and 68A-13.008, F.A.C., during open seasons, except crossbow season, established in Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., during an archery and muzzleloading gun season opening 19 days following the close of the zonal antlered deer season and closing 6 days thereafter, and during a wild hog-dog season with hunts opening the third Friday and closing 2 days thereafter in the months of July, August, September, May, and June, and except for the following:~~

~~a. Antlerless deer may only be taken during the archery season.~~

~~b. Turkeys of either sex may only be taken during the archery and muzzleloading gun seasons.~~

~~c. General gun season shall open the fourth Thursday in November and close three days thereafter and reopen the second Saturday in December and close 53 days thereafter.~~

~~d. During the first phase of dove seasons established by Rule 68A-13.008, F.A.C., doves may be taken in posted dove fields on Saturdays only.~~

~~e. Wild hog may only be taken during the archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun, archery/muzzleloading gun and wild hog-dog seasons. During the wild hog-dog season, wild hogs may be taken only on that portion of the area west of Saul Creek Road, south of a line running east from Misfit Landing to the Apalachicola River and west of the Apalachicola River.~~

~~2. Furbearers may be taken in accordance with the provisions of Rule 68A-24.002, F.A.C., except the use or possession of dogs is prohibited during the spring turkey season.~~

~~4.3. General regulations:~~

~~a. Furbearers may be taken in accordance with the provisions of Rule 68A-24.002, F.A.C., except the use or possession of dogs is prohibited during the spring turkey season and traps may only be used during the established trapping season.~~

~~a. Camping is limited to tents, trailers, or self-propelled camping vehicles only. Camping is permitted throughout the area, except where posted as no camping. Kitchen stoves, refrigerators, and freezers, unless contained in mobile campers, lumber, sheet metal, or other building materials are prohibited. Camping more than 14 consecutive days at a time is prohibited in that portion of the area posted as Northwest Florida Water Management District lands.~~

~~b. Unauthorized removal or cutting of trees or plants is prohibited.~~

~~b.e. The use of dogs, other than bird dogs or retrievers, on posted dove fields is prohibited during the first phase of dove season.~~

~~d. through g. renumbered c. through f. No change.~~



~~g.~~ During the wild hog-dog season, a quota permit shall allow a hunting group of two persons and a guest, as authorized by Rule 68A-15.005, F.A.C., (3 total) to participate in the hunt ~~and only one gun~~ and no more than three free-running dogs may be used to take wildlife per hunting group.

i. through k. renumbered h. through j. No change.

(c) L. Kirk Edwards – Leon County.

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

a. through b. No change.

c. Fishing and frogging – Allowed throughout the year.

2. Open seasons for that portion of the area east of Chaires Cross Road: ~~Spring turkey – During the first three days of the spring turkey season for Zone C, and the Friday, Saturday and Sunday of the third and fifth weekends of the spring turkey season for Zone C.~~

a. Archery – During the first three days of the archery season for Zone C, and the Friday, Saturday and Sunday of the third and fifth weekends of the archery season for Zone C established in Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C.

b. Family hunt – During the first two days of the muzzleloading gun season for Zone C established in Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C.

c. Archery and muzzleloading gun – During the Friday, Saturday and Sunday of the second weekend of the muzzleloading gun season for Zone C established in Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C. and during the Friday, Saturday and Sunday of the second, fourth and sixth weekends of the antlered deer season for Zone C established in Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C.

d. Small game – During the seventh, ninth, eleventh, thirteenth and fifteenth weekends of the gray squirrel season established in Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C. (Friday through Sunday only).

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

f. Spring turkey – During the first three days of the regular season for Zone C, and the Friday, Saturday and Sunday of the third and fifth weekends of the regular season for Zone C established in sub-subparagraph 68A-13.004(2)(c)2.a., F.A.C.

g. Fishing and frogging – Allowed throughout the year.

3. Legal to take: All legal game, turkey (during spring turkey season only), fish, frogs and furbearers. During the spring turkey season, the bag limit shall be one gobbler (or bearded turkey) per quota permit. During the archery season the bag limit for deer shall be one antlered or one antlerless deer per quota permit. During the family hunt the bag limit for deer shall be one antlered and one antlerless deer per quota permit. During the archery/muzzleloading gun season the bag limit for deer shall be one antlered deer per quota permit. Migratory game birds, gray squirrel, gobblers and bearded

~~turkey only. The take of wild hog is prohibited. Gobbler and bearded turkey may be taken during the spring turkey season only and the bag limit shall be one per quota permit.~~

4. General regulations:

a. No change.

b. Taking wildlife with dogs, other than bird dogs or retrievers, is prohibited. Taking wild hog with dogs is prohibited.

c. through d. No change.

(4) South Region.

(a) Southern Glades – Dade County.

1. Open season:

a. Archery – July 30 ~~September 11~~ through August 28 ~~October 10~~.

b. Muzzleloading gun – September 9-11 ~~October 15-17~~.

c. General gun – September 17 through October 16 and 30 through November 21-27 ~~December 5~~.

d. Small game – November 12 ~~13~~ through March 4 ~~6~~.

e. through g. 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. ~~The take of wild hog with a shoulder height of less than 15 inches is prohibited. The take of wild hog is prohibited during small game season. Wild hog: daily bag, 1; possession limit, 2.~~

3. No change.

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

1. Open season:

a. Archery – September 9-11 ~~10-12, 16-18~~ ~~17-19~~ and 23-25 ~~24-26~~.

b. Muzzleloading gun – October 7-9 ~~8-10, 14-16~~ ~~15-17~~ and 21-23 ~~22-24~~.

c. General gun for mobility-impaired – October 29-30 ~~30-31~~.

d. General gun – November 4-6 ~~5-7~~ and 11-13 ~~12-14~~.

e. Wild hog-still – November 18-20 ~~19-21~~, December 2-4 ~~3-5, 9-11~~ ~~10-12~~ and 16-18 ~~17-19~~.

f. Spring turkey – March 6-8 ~~8-10, 16-18~~ ~~18-20~~ and 23-25 ~~25-27~~.

g. Small game – December 10 ~~11~~ through January 29 ~~30~~.

h. through j. No change.

2. through 4. No change.

(c) CREW – Collier and Lee Counties.

1. Open season:

a. Archery – August 6-14 ~~September 11-19~~.

b. Muzzleloading gun – September 3-5 ~~October 16-18~~.

c. General gun – November 19-27 ~~October 30~~ ~~through November 7~~.

d. Small game – December 3-30 ~~4-31~~.

e. Spring turkey – March 3-6 ~~5-8~~ and 7-11 ~~9-13~~.

- f. through g. No change.
- 2. through 4. No change.
- (d) No change.
- (e) John C. and Mariana Jones/Hungryland – Palm Beach and Martin Counties.
  - 1. Open season:
    - a. Archery – September ~~10-13~~ ~~11-14~~, ~~17-20~~ ~~18-21~~, ~~24-27~~ ~~25-28~~ and October ~~1-4~~ ~~2-5~~.
    - b. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~15-17~~ ~~16-18~~.
    - c. General gun – October ~~29-31~~ ~~30~~ through November ~~1~~, November ~~5-7~~ ~~6-8~~ and ~~12-14~~ ~~13-15~~.
    - d. Small game – November ~~19~~ ~~20~~ through December ~~18~~ ~~19~~.
    - e. Spring turkey – March ~~17~~ ~~19~~ through April ~~1~~ ~~3~~ (Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays only).
    - f. through g. No change.
    - 2. through 4. No change.
  - (5) No change.

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**FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**Freshwater Fish and Wildlife**

RULE NO.:	RULE TITLE:
68A-23.005	Bag Limits, Length Limits, Open Season: Freshwater Fish

**PURPOSE AND EFFECT:** The purpose of the proposed rule change is to delete reference to Smith Lake in Washington County. The surrounding property was sold and public access is no longer allowed. Removal of the reference to Smith Lake will help prevent public confusion relative to accessing the lake and reduce superfluous rules in the fish and wildlife regulations.

**SUMMARY:** The proposed rule would delete the reference to Smith Lake (Washington County). The property has been sold and public access has been eliminated

**SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS:** The Agency has determined that this will not have an impact on small business. An SERC has not been prepared by the agency.

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**THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS:** Tom Champeau, Director, Division of Freshwater Fisheries Management, Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, 620 South Meridian Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1600

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

68A-23.005 Bag Limits, Length Limits, Open Season: Freshwater Fish.

(1) through (6) No change.

(7) In that portion of the state north and west of the Suwannee River (including in the Suwannee River and in any tributary river, creek or stream of the Suwannee River), bag or length limits are as follows:

(a) through (e) No change.

~~(f) Smith Lake, Washington County: No person shall take or attempt to take any fish until May 1, 2006.~~

(8) through (9) No change.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2011.

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DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: December 1, 2010

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**FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**Marine Fisheries**

RULE NO.: 68B-13.010 RULE TITLE: Stone Crab Trap Limitation Program

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose of this rule amendment is to make the time frame in which endorsements may be transferred consistent among all of the Commission's commercial transferable endorsement programs. The endorsement programs that contain transferable endorsements are in the blue crab, spiny lobster, ballyhoo, marine life and stone crab fisheries. The proposed time period would be aligned with the current time period in the Commission's Blue Crab Rule, which is May 1 through the end of February. These proposed draft rules would increase the time a commercial

fisher has to transfer their endorsement each year and would simplify the transfer process by aligning the rules governing the transfer process for all of these fisheries.

SUMMARY: Rule 68B-13.010, F.A.C. (Stone Crab Trap Limitation Program) would be amended by modifying the transfer window in which stone crab trap certificates may be transferred, from June 15 through March 1, to May 1 through the end of February each year.

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THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Mark Robson, Director, Division of Marine Fisheries Management, 2590 Executive Center Circle East, Suite 201, Tallahassee, Florida 32301, (850)487-0554

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

68B-13.010 Stone Crab Trap Limitation Program.

(1) through (2) No change.

(3) No change.

(a) Transfer window. Trap certificates shall only be transferred from the trap certificate account of one person to the account of another between May 1 and the end of February during the period June 15 through March 1 each year. Requests received by the Commission before May 1 or postmarked after the end of February of the current license year will not be processed. However, requests to transfer trap certificates

received after February 15 may not be completed during the current season if all required information and fees are not also received at that time.

- (b) through (k) No change.
- (4) through (7) No change.

**PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: May 1, 2011.**

Rulemaking Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. Law Implemented Art IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. History—New 7-1-00, Amended 7-22-01, 6-2-02, 7-1-03, 7-15-04, 7-13-08, 5-1-11.

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NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE: Mark Robson, Director, Division of Marine Fisheries Management, 2590 Executive Center Circle East, Suite 201, Tallahassee, Florida 32301, (850)487-0554

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

DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: December 2, 2010

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAW: December 23, 2010

**FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**Marine Fisheries**

RULE NO.: 68B-42.0065  
 RULE TITLE: Commercial Requirements; Endorsements; Requalifying; Appeals; Leasing; Transferability

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose of this rule amendment is to make the time frame in which endorsements may be transferred consistent among all of the Commission’s commercial transferable endorsement programs. The endorsement programs that contain transferable endorsements are in the blue crab, spiny lobster, ballyhoo, marine life and stone crab fisheries. The proposed time period would be aligned with the current time period in the Commission’s Blue Crab Rule, which is May 1 through the end of February. These proposed draft rules would increase the time a commercial fisher has to transfer their endorsement each year and would simplify the transfer process by aligning the rules governing the transfer process for all of these fisheries.

SUMMARY: Rule 68B-42.0065, F.A.C. (Commercial Requirements; Endorsements; Requalifying; Appeals; Leasing; Transferability) would be amended by modifying the transfer

window in which a marine life endorsement may be transferred, from September 1 through November 30, to May 1 through the end of February each year.

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS: The Agency has determined that this will not have an impact on small business. An 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.

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

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

DATES AND TIME: During the regular meeting of the Commission, February 23-24, 2011, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., each day

PLACE: Franklin County Courthouse, 3rd Floor Courtroom, 33 Market Street, Apalachicola, FL 32320

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THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Mark Robson, Director, Division of Marine Fisheries Management, 2590 Executive Center Circle East, Suite 201, Tallahassee, Florida 32301, (850)487-0554

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

68B-42.0065 Commercial Requirements; Endorsements; Requalifying; Appeals; Leasing; Transferability.

- (1) through (15) No change.
- (16) (a) through (i) No change.

(j) A person who wishes to transfer a tiered endorsement shall submit a notarized statement of intent, that has been signed by both parties to the transaction, hand delivered, or sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the Commission between May 1 and the end of February ~~September 1 and November 30 each year~~. Requests received by the Commission before May ~~September~~ 1 or postmarked after the end of February ~~November 30~~ of the current license year will not be processed. A transfer request must be received by the Commission within three days of the date of the notarized

signature of the intended recipient. The statement of intent (Form DMF-SL4120 (2-05), incorporated herein by reference) shall include the following information:

1. The name, address, and SPL number of seller;
  2. The name, address, and SPL number of buyer; and
  3. The selling price.
- (k) through (l) No change.  
 (17) No change.

**PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE:** May 1, 2011.

Rulemaking Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. Law Implemented Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. History—New 2-1-05, Amended 7-1-09, 5-1-11.

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**NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE:**  
 Mark Robson, Director, Division of Marine Fisheries Management, 2590 Executive Center Circle East, Suite 201, Tallahassee, Florida 32301, (850)487-0554

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

**DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD:** December 2, 2010

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**FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**Marine Fisheries**

**RULE NO.:** 68B-56.002  
**RULE TITLE:** Commercial Licensing Requirements; Appeals

**PURPOSE AND EFFECT:** The purpose of this rule amendment is to make the time frame in which endorsements may be transferred consistent among all of the Commission’s commercial transferable endorsement programs. The endorsement programs that contain transferable endorsements are in the blue crab, spiny lobster, ballyhoo, marine life and stone crab fisheries. The proposed time period would be aligned with the current time period in the Commission’s Blue Crab Rule, which is May 1 through the end of February. These proposed draft rules would increase the time a commercial fisher has to transfer their endorsement each year and would simplify the transfer process by aligning the rules governing the transfer process for all of these fisheries.

**SUMMARY:** Rule 68B-56.002, F.A.C. (Commercial Licensing Requirements; Appeals) would be amended by modifying the transfer window in which a lampara net endorsement may be transferred, from July 1 through March 31, to May 1 through the end of February each year.

**SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS:** The Agency has determined that this will not have an impact on small business. An 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.

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

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

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**PLACE:** Franklin County Courthouse, 3rd Floor Courtroom, 33 Market Street, Apalachicola, FL 32320

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**THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS:** Mark Robson, Director, Division of Marine Fisheries Management, 2590 Executive Center Circle East, Suite 201, Tallahassee, Florida 32301, (850)487-0554

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

68B-56.002 Commercial Licensing Requirements; Appeals.

(1) through (6) No change.

(7)(a) through (b) No change.

(c) A person who wishes to transfer an endorsement shall submit a notarized statement of intent within 72 hours of the final notarized signature, that has been signed by both parties to the transaction, hand delivered, or sent by United States Postal Service certified mail, return receipt requested, to the Commission between May ~~July~~ 1 and the end of February ~~March 31 each license year~~. Requests received by the Commission before May July 1 or postmarked after the end of

~~February~~ ~~March 31~~ of the current license year will not be processed. The statement of intent shall include the following information:

1. The name, address, and SPL number of seller;
2. The name, address, and SPL number of buyer; and
3. The selling price.

(d) through (e) No change.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: May 1, 2011.

Rulemaking Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. Law Implemented Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. History—New 5-1-03, Amended 7-1-10, 5-1-11.

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**FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**Marine Resources**

RULE NOS.:	RULE TITLES:
68E-18.002	Definitions
68E-18.005	Transfer of Certificates

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose of this rule amendment is to make the time frame in which endorsements may be transferred consistent among all of the Commission’s commercial transferable endorsement programs. The endorsement programs that contain transferable endorsements are in the blue crab, spiny lobster, ballyhoo, marine life and stone crab fisheries. The proposed time period would be aligned with the current time period in the Commission’s Blue Crab Rule, which is May 1 through the end of February. These proposed draft rules would increase the time a commercial fisher has to transfer their endorsement each year and would simplify the transfer process by aligning the rules governing the transfer process for all of these fisheries.

SUMMARY: Rule 68E-18.002, F.A.C., (Definitions) would be amended by removing the definition for “transfer period” from the spiny lobster rule. The proposed rule language in Rule

68E-18.005, F.A.C. does not use the term negating a need for the definition. Rule 68E-18.005, F.A.C. (Transfer of Certificates) would be amended by modifying the transfer window in which spiny lobster trap certificates may be transferred, from June 15 through March 1, to May 1 through the end of February each year.

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS: The Agency has determined that this will not have an impact on small business. An SERC has not been prepared by the agency.

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THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

68E-18.002 Definitions.

(1) through (18) No change.

~~(19) “Transfer period” means that period of time when individuals holding trap certificates can transfer their certificates to another individual’s certificate allocation. The transfer time shall begin June 15 be coincident with the first placement of traps for the regular lobster season (currently August 1) and end midnight March 1.~~

~~(19)(20)~~ “Trap reduction schedule” means the reduction schedule established by the FWC in Rule 68B-24.009, F.A.C., as provided for in Section 379.3671(3), F.S.

~~(20)(21)~~ “Trap tag” or “lobster trap tag” is a physical, durable, annual lobster trap identification and authorization label, furnished annually by the Commission to the certificate holder. One trap tag may be obtained by the certificate holder for each trap certificate held. The trap tag must be firmly affixed to the lobster trap each fishing season in order to place the trap in the water and use the trap to aid in the taking of lobster.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: May 1, 2011.

Rulemaking Authority Art IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. Law Implemented Art IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. History–New 5-16-95, Formerly 62R-18.002, Amended 7-1-01, 4-11-04, 7-15-04, 5-1-11.

68E-18.005 Transfer of Certificates.

(1) Trap certificates shall only be transferred from the trap certificate account of one person to the account of another between May 1 and the end of February. Requests received by the Commission before May 1 or postmarked after the end of February of the current license year will not be processed. However, requests to transfer trap certificates received after February 15 may not be completed during the current season if all required information and fees are not also received at that time. Trap certificates shall only be transferred by the Commission during the June 15 – March 1 transfer period designated in Rule 68E-18.002, F.A.C.

(2) through (6) No change.

~~(7) If any application for the transfer of certificates containing errors is received by the Commission after February 15, the Commission will make a reasonable effort to obtain a completed application by March 1; however, if such efforts are not successful within that time frame, the Commission will deny the request to transfer certificates during the current lobster season and return the applicable fees submitted to the applicant.~~

~~(7)(8)~~ If the certificate holder is deceased, the estate of the certificate holder may distribute the certificates by transferring possession of the certificates to a current SPL and C-number holder. The transfer of certificates shall be made upon lawful order of the probate court, or other lawful notice and designation pursuant to Chapter 732 or 733, Florida Statutes, by the personal representative or other person authorized by law to settle the estate. Transfers from an estate of a deceased certificate holder are subject to the ordinary fees and processing requirements of these rules and the Lobster Trap Certificate Program.

~~(8)(9)~~ Only active certificates may be transferred.

~~(9)(10)~~ Upon transfer, the transferred certificate becomes part of the receiving certificate holder’s allocation of certificates.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: May 1, 2011.

Rulemaking Authority Art IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. Law Implemented Art IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. History–New 5-16-95, Amended 4-7-99, Formerly 62R-18.005, Amended 7-1-01, 7-15-04, 5-1-11.

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### Section III Notices of Changes, Corrections and Withdrawals

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Notices for the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund between December 28, 2001 and June 30, 2006, go to <http://www.dep.state.fl.us/> under the link or button titled “Official Notices.”

#### **DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

Notices for the Department of Environmental Protection between December 28, 2001 and June 30, 2006, go to <http://www.dep.state.fl.us/> under the link or button titled “Official Notices.”

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### Section IV Emergency Rules

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