

Section I Notice of Development of Proposed Rules and Negotiated Rulemaking

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

State Board of Education

RULE NO.: 6A-1.09441
RULE TITLE: Requirements for Programs and Courses that are Funded Through the Florida Education Finance Program and for Which the Student May Earn Credit Toward High School Graduation

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: To update the “Course Code Directory and Instructional Personnel Assignments” by which school districts receive FEFP (Florida Education Finance Program) funding. The effect will be an updated directory of courses for students to take to earn credit toward high school graduation

SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED: Revisions to the “Course Code Directory and Instructional Personnel Assignments” for the 2025-2026 school year.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 1001.02(1), 1003.03(6), 1011.62(1)(t), F.S.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 1003.03(6), 1003.4282(1)(b), 1011.62(1), 1012.55(1)(c), (5), F.S.

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

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT AND A COPY OF THE PRELIMINARY DRAFT, IF AVAILABLE, IS: Kathy Hebda, Chancellor, Division of Florida Colleges, Department of Education, 325 West Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0400.

To comment on this rule development or to request a rule development workshop, please go to <https://web02.fldoe.org/rules> or contact: Chris Emerson, Director, Office of Executive Management, Christian.Emerson@fldoe.org.

THE PRELIMINARY TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT IS: Available at <https://web02.fldoe.org/rules>.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

State Board of Education

RULE NO.: 6A-6.053
RULE TITLE: District Comprehensive Evidence-Based Reading Plan

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The Department is considering revising the CERP Reflection Tool, Form No. CERP-RT, which is a document incorporated into the rule as well as other changes to reading plans. Revisions may include adjustments to several questions that currently capture qualitative data to a format that is able to capture more quantitative data to aid in improved data analysis. Additionally, the Department is considering proposing to remove redundant language in subsection (6)(c) for clarity.

SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED: Reading
RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 1001.02(1), (2)(n), 1003.4201, 1008.25(11), F.S.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 1001.215, 1003.4201, 1008.25, F.S.

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

DATE AND TIME: February 18, 2025, 1:00 p.m. -2:00 p.m. ET or until business is concluded, whichever is earlier.

PLACE: https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_MDAwMzcwMTAtMzI0Ny00ZTJlTk3MTktOTEyMWFkYTk5OGZm%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%2263bf107b-cb6f-4173-8c1c-1406bb5cb794%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22741a8977-4f06-4eb9-8857-0f59c1a1910d%22%7d

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT AND A COPY OF THE PRELIMINARY DRAFT, IF AVAILABLE, IS: Michelle Barash, Executive Director of Just Read, Florida! Michelle.Barash2@fldoe.org or (850)245-9539. To comment on this rule development, please go to <https://web02.fldoe.org/rules> or contact: Chris Emerson, Director, Office of Executive Management, Christian.Emerson@fldoe.org.

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

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

State Board of Education

RULE NO.: 6A-6.09021
RULE TITLE: Annual English Language Proficiency Assessment for English Language Learners (ELLs)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: This rule amendment will update the cut scores for the Alternate ACCESS for ELLs assessment and inform state requirements for students exiting from the ESOL Program. This is necessary to ensure proficiency criteria for the Alternate ACCESS is updated and administered to students with the most significant cognitive disabilities and inform exit criteria from the ESOL program. Other revisions may be considered for clarification or consistency.

SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED: Alternate Access for ELLs

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 1001.02, 1003.56, F.S.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 1003.56, F.S.
 IF REQUESTED IN WRITING AND NOT DEEMED UNNECESSARY BY THE AGENCY HEAD, A RULE DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP WILL BE HELD AT THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE SHOWN BELOW:
 DATE AND TIME: February 18, 2025, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. ET, or until business is concluded, whichever is earlier.
 PLACE: <https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/d5714f25-6d04-4c62-b98c-73e6ba6f7ebf@63bf107b-cb6f-4173-8c1c-1406bb5cb794>
 THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT AND A COPY OF THE PRELIMINARY DRAFT, IF AVAILABLE, IS: Dr. Raydel Hernandez, Bureau of Student Achievement Through Language Acquisition Raydel.Hernandez@fldoe.org. To comment on this rule development or to request a rule development workshop, please go to <https://web02.fldoe.org/rules> or contact: Chris Emerson, Director, Office of Executive Management, Christian.Emerson@fldoe.org.
 THE PRELIMINARY TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT IS NOT AVAILABLE.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Division of Early Learning

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:
 6M-4.400 Required Parent Co-payment
 PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The rule is being amended to comply with updated federal and state statutory requirements for parent copayments and copayment waivers, make technical changes, and simplify copayment assessment procedures.
 SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED: School Readiness Program parent copayments
 RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 1001.02(1), (2)(n), F.S.
 LAW IMPLEMENTED: 1002.84(9), F.S.

A RULE DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP WILL BE HELD AT THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE SHOWN BELOW:
 DATE AND TIME: February 17, 2025, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. EST or until business is concluded, whichever is earlier.
 PLACE: To register for the webinar, please visit <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3164881992076356443>.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT AND A COPY OF THE PRELIMINARY DRAFT, IF AVAILABLE, IS: Katerina Maroney, 325 West Gaines Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399, (850)717-8614 or Katerina.Maroney@del.fldoe.org. To comment on this rule development, please go to <https://web02.fldoe.org/rules> or contact: Chris Emerson, Director, Office of Executive Management, Christian.Emerson@fldoe.org.

THE PRELIMINARY TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT IS NOT AVAILABLE.
 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
 Division of Early Learning
 RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:
 6M-4.500 Child Attendance and Provider Reimbursements
 PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose of the revised rule is to clarify procedures for School Readiness (SR) provider reimbursements.
 SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED: School Readiness provider reimbursements.
 RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 1001.02(1), (2)(n), 1002.79, F.S.
 LAW IMPLEMENTED: 1002.82(2)(c), (2)(f), 1, a(III), (2)(k), (o)(p), 1002.87(8), (9), F.S.
 A RULE DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP WILL BE HELD AT THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE SHOWN BELOW:
 DATE AND TIME: February 17, 2025, 3:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. EST or until business is concluded, whichever is earlier.
 PLACE: Via GoToWebinar only. To register for the webinar please visit <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/911396627065759068>.
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**Section II
 Proposed Rules**

FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Freshwater Fish and Wildlife

RULE NOS.: RULE TITLES:
 68A-12.002 General Methods of Taking Game and Crows; Prohibitions
 68A-12.003 Protection of Certain Deer and Turkey; Tagging of Deer, Bear, and Turkey; Deer and Wild Turkey Harvest Reporting; Evidence of Legal Harvest or Sex Required
 PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose of the proposed rule amendment is to update hunting regulations for crossbow and muzzleloading gun seasons on lands outside the WMA system

and to make several technical corrections to “evidence of legal harvest” language for clarity. The effect of the proposed rule amendment will be to provide more opportunities for hunters to participate in crossbow and muzzleloading gun seasons and to provide better understanding of requirements for evidence of legal harvest to staff and hunters.

SUMMARY: The proposed rule amendment would allow the take of wildlife with airbows (pre-charged pneumatic airguns firing arrows) during the crossbow and muzzleloading gun seasons on lands outside the WMA system and would replace four instances of “possess” with “retain” for consistency and clarity of rule language.

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE RATIFICATION:

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

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

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

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

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

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

DATE AND TIME: During the Commission’s regular meeting February 26-27, 2025, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., each day.

PLACE: Florida State University Student Union, 75 North Woodward Avenue, Tallahassee, Florida, 32306.

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

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

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

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

- (1) through (2) No change.
- (3) Resident game birds, crows or game mammals may be taken with any of the following:
 - (a) No change.
 - (b) Rifle, muzzleloading gun, revolver or pistol, except that:
 - 1. through 5. No change.
 - 6. The take of game specified for any muzzleloading gun season with any gun other than a bow, crossbow, pre-charged pneumatic airgun firing arrows (airbow), or muzzleloading gun is prohibited except this subparagraph shall not limit the methods of take of game specified for any coinciding season.
 - (c) through (d) No change.
 - (e) Bow or crossbow, except that:
 - 1. through 2. No change.
 - 3. The take of game specified for any crossbow season with any gun other than a bow, ~~or~~ crossbow, or pre-charged pneumatic airgun firing arrows (airbow) is prohibited, except this subparagraph shall not limit the methods of take of game specified for any coinciding season.
 - 4. through 5. No change.
 - (f) No change.
 - (4) through (9) No change.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2025

Rulemaking Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. Law Implemented Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. History—New 8-1-79, Amended 6-4-81, 11-17-81, 6-21-82, 7-1-83, 7-1-84, 7-1-85, Formerly 39-12.02, Amended 6-1-86, 4-11-90, 4-14-92, 4-20-93, 3-1-94, 3-30-95, 4-1-96, 12-28-98, Formerly 39-12.002, Amended 7-1-05, 7-1-06, 7-1-08, 10-23-08, 1-1-11, 7-1-13, 12-23-14, 7-29-15, 7-1-18, 7-1-19, 7-1-20, 7-1-23, 7-1-24, 7-1-25.

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

- (1) Wild Turkey:
 - (a) It is unlawful for any person to take or possess any beardless wild turkey hen during any season that allows gobblers or bearded hens to be taken within the state unless authorized by Division 68A, F.A.C. For any harvested wild turkey during any season when taking a beardless wild turkey hen is prohibited, positive evidence of legal harvest must be retained ~~possessed~~, and the identifying information of the harvester must be provided, as described herein. For any harvested wild turkey during any season when a beardless wild turkey hen is legal to take, the identifying information of the

harvester must be provided as described herein. For the purposes of subsection (1), positive evidence of legal harvest is the head, and if applicable, the beard, and the identifying information of the harvester is their first and last name and either their Commission-issued customer identification number or their harvest reporting confirmation number.

(b) Harvested wild turkey may be transferred whole or divided and transferred in portions or parts from the harvester to other persons in the field or camp. If transferred whole, the possessor must retain positive evidence of legal harvest and provide the identifying information of the harvester. If transferred in portions or parts, the harvester must retain positive evidence of legal harvest and any possessor of the portions or parts must provide the identifying information of the harvester. If the harvester retains the whole harvested wild turkey in their possession, then they must retain ~~possess~~ positive evidence of legal harvest and provide their identifying information. Positive evidence of legal harvest and the identifying information of the harvester must be retained until a harvested wild turkey arrives at a meat processor, taxidermist, the domicile of its possessor, or has been cooked, and must be provided upon request by Law Enforcement.

(c) No change.

(2) Deer:

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

(b) No change.

(3) No change.

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NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE: Morgan Richardson, 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 11, 2024

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: November 5, 2024.

FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Freshwater Fish and Wildlife

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

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose of the proposed rule amendment is to make three corrections to existing rule language. The effect of the proposed rule amendment will be to update the rule language for correctness and clarity.

SUMMARY: The proposed rule amendment fixes an incorrect reference to Florida Statutes regarding exemptions for management area permits. Additionally, the proposed rule amendment also makes non-substantive, technical corrections.

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE RATIFICATION:

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

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

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

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

(1) No change.

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

(a) through (e) No change.

(f) Taking wildlife with firearms other than centerfire or muzzleloading shotguns is prohibited unless otherwise provided by specific area regulation, except bang sticks are allowed to take alligators by persons ~~person~~ permitted to take alligators.

(g) through (m) No change.

(n) A management area permit as provided by Section 379.354, F.S., in addition to all regular license requirements, is required for persons to take wildlife on a Public Small Game Hunting Area, except those persons exempted by Section ~~379.353~~ 379.354, F.S.; persons engaging in activities pursuant to Rule 68A-9.007, 68A-25.032 or 68A-25.042, F.A.C.; or by Order of the Executive Director; ~~to take wildlife on a Public Small Game Hunting Area.~~

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2025

Rulemaking Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. Law Implemented Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. History—New 10-4-82, Formerly 39-13.07, Amended 7-1-89, 7-1-96, Formerly 39-13.007, Amended 4-30-00, 7-1-06, 7-1-08, 7-1-09, 7-1-23, 7-1-24, 7-1-25.

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE:
Morgan Richardson, 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 11, 2024

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FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Freshwater Fish and Wildlife

RULE NOS.:	RULE TITLES:
68A-15.004	General Regulations Relating to Wildlife Management Areas
68A-15.005	Quota Permits; Antlerless Deer Permits; Special-Opportunity Permits
68A-15.006	Regulations Relating to Miscellaneous Areas
68A-15.061	Specific Regulations for Wildlife Management Areas - Southwest Region
68A-15.062	Specific Regulations for Wildlife Management Areas - North Central Region
68A-15.063	Specific Regulations for Wildlife Management Areas - Northwest Region
68A-15.064	Specific Regulations for Wildlife Management Areas - South Region
68A-15.065	Specific Regulations for Wildlife Management Areas - Northeast Region

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose of the proposed rule amendments is to revise regulations pertaining to general rules for Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs), rules related to the application and issuance of quota and special-opportunity permits, and specific rules for miscellaneous areas and WMAs in the Southwest, North Central, Northwest, South, and Northeast Regions. The effect of the proposed rule amendments will be to enable the agency to better manage fish and wildlife resources and public recreation on lands in the WMA system.

SUMMARY: The proposed rule amendments adjust current regulations as follows:

68A-15.004 (General Regulations Relating to Wildlife Management Areas):

Harvesting Saw Palmetto Berries on WMAs – remove redundant rule language related to the harvest of saw palmetto berries on lands in the WMA system, so 581.189 F.S. is in force on these areas.

Labeling tree stands, elevated shooting platforms, trail cameras, and ground blinds on WMAs – require WMA users to obtain a Go Outdoors Florida customer identification number and permanently attach this number in a legible and conspicuous manner to all tree stands, elevated shooting platforms, trail cameras, and ground blinds before placing any of these items

on a WMA, prohibit tampering with or removal of this identifying information without the owner's permission, and establish that FWC and cooperator staff may remove any of these items if they are not properly labeled.

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

68A-15.005 (Quota Permits; Antlerless Deer Permits; Special-Opportunity Permits):

Applying for returned permits – prohibit individuals who return a permit they obtained in Phase 1 from applying for a permit for that same hunt during Phase 4 reissues.

Forfeiting preference points – establish that individuals who do not apply for a given quota hunt type during Phase 1 for a period of 5 consecutive years will forfeit all their preference points for that quota hunt type.

Issuance of spring turkey quota permits to non-residents – establish that no more than 10% of spring turkey quota permits for each specific hunt may be issued to non-residents.

Preference-only applications – allow individuals to apply for a preference point during Phase 1 of the quota application process.

Preference points for returned quota permits – establish that when individuals return a quota permit, they will only receive the number of preference points they had prior to applying.

Selling or purchasing special-opportunity permits – clarify that it is prohibited to sell, purchase or offer to purchase special-opportunity permits.

Transferability of special-opportunity permits – allow non-residents to transfer special-opportunity permits to residents.

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

68A-15.006 (Regulations Relating to Miscellaneous Areas):

Babcock Ranch Preserve Tier II Hunt Area – allow hunting with airbows (pre-charged pneumatic airguns firing arrows) during the crossbow and muzzleloading gun seasons.

Kissimmee Chain of Lakes Area– allow gray squirrel to be hunted year-round; and allow hunting with airbows (pre-charged pneumatic airguns firing arrows) during the crossbow and muzzleloading gun seasons.

Kissimmee Chain of Lakes Area, Rolling Meadows Unit – allow gray squirrel to be hunted year-round; and allow hunting with airbows (pre-charged pneumatic airguns firing arrows) during the crossbow and muzzleloading gun seasons.

Kissimmee River Public Use Area – require a no-cost Commission-issued permit for taking deer with dogs on the area; and allow hunting with airbows (pre-charged pneumatic

airguns firing arrows) during the crossbow and muzzleloading gun seasons (except in the Starvation Slough Hunt Area).

68A-15.061 (Specific Regulations for Wildlife Management Areas – Southwest Region):

Babcock Webb WMA – allow vehicle access for scouting beyond the Bird Dog Training Area the day before the general gun season on named and numbered roads only; allow public access to the area from 5:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. during the archery season and from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. during the general gun and small game seasons; establish a 2-day muzzleloading gun hunt occurring the fourth weekend of September (100 no-cost, quota permits, no exemptions), allow motor vehicle access beyond the Bird Dog Training Area for scouting the day prior to the muzzleloading gun season on named and numbered roads only, allow public access to the area from 5:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. during the muzzleloading gun season, and allow the take of wild hog during the muzzleloading gun season; and restrict the operation of licensed motorcycles to only named and numbered roads during the bird dog training, general gun and small game seasons.

Green Swamp WMA – remove the daily quota permit requirement during the wild hog-dog and small game seasons, eliminate the requirement for hunters to check in and check out at a check station during the wild hog-dog and small game seasons, allow the dismemberment of hog during the wild hog-dog and small game seasons, remove the rule regarding no more than three free running dogs per wild hog dog daily quota permit, and remove the rule regarding allowing only three hunters to participate per daily quota permit during the wild hog-dog season.

Lake Marion Creek WMA – allow the take of wildlife with centerfire rifles during small game season; expand the archery season from two 3-day quota hunts to three 3-day quota hunts (35, no-cost, quota permits (no exemptions) each hunt); and expand the muzzleloading gun season from one 3-day quota hunt to two 3-day quota hunts (35, no-cost, quota permits (no exemptions) each hunt).

Upper Hillsborough WMA – prohibit the use or operation of electrical generators powered by an internal combustion engine within the campgrounds from 10:00 p.m. until 5:00 a.m.; and remove the daily quota permit requirement during the wild hog-dog and small game seasons, eliminate the requirement for hunters to check in prior to hunting and check out when finished hunting at a check station when entering and exiting the area and checking all game taken during the wild hog-dog and small game seasons, allow the operation of motor vehicles beyond the camp sites from 5:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. during the wild hog-dog and small game seasons, allow the dismemberment of wild hog during the wild hog-dog and small game seasons, remove the rule regarding no more than three free running dogs per daily quota permit during the wild hog-dog season, and remove

the rule regarding a hunting group of two persons and a guest per daily quota permit during the wild hog-dog season.

68A-15.062 (Specific Regulations for Wildlife Management Areas – North Central Region):

Camp Blanding WMA – prohibit bicycles East of State Road 230 in Zones C and D in the archery only area; prohibit trail cameras year-round; and replace the term "hunting equipment" with elevated shooting platforms and tree stands when referring to what can be left on the WMA during hunting season.

Citrus – allow quail hunting in the portion of the area that lies east of County Road 491 between Forest Road 16 and County Road 480 during small game season.

Flying Eagle – allow the use of centerfire rifles during general gun and small game season; shift the second spring turkey hunt to occur one week later; and replace the term "hunting equipment" with elevated shooting platforms and tree stands when referring to what can be left on the WMA during hunting season.

Grove Park WMA – close the archery season two days earlier, establish a 7-day crossbow season to occur after the close of archery season, and allow hunting with airbows (pre-charged pneumatic airguns firing arrows); and replace the term "hunting equipment" with elevated shooting platforms and tree stands when referring to what can be left on the WMA during hunting season.

Gulf Hammock WMA - replace the term "hunting equipment" with elevated shooting platforms and tree stands when referring to what can be left on the WMA during hunting season.

Hatchet Creek WMA – prohibit vehicle access for scouting on named roads the weekend prior to the archery, muzzleloading gun and family hunt seasons.

J.P. Hall Bayard Point WMA – allow hunting in Area 1; establish a 2-day family hunt (15 no-cost, quota permits, no exemptions) beginning the first day of the Zone C general gun season and allow the take of 1 antlered and 1 antlerless deer per family hunt quota permit; increase the number of quota permits for the archery and muzzleloading gun seasons from 20 to 32, increase the number of quota permits for the general gun and wild hog seasons from 10 to 20, and increase the number of quota permits for the youth turkey and spring turkey seasons from 10 to 13; and increase the small game season from 15 days to 21 days by extending the close of the season to the last Sunday of January.

Log Landing WMA - allow hunting on Wednesdays during archery, muzzleloading gun and spring turkey seasons.

Potts WMA – shift the second spring turkey hunt to occur one week later; and replace the term "hunting equipment" with elevated shooting platforms and tree stands when referring to what can be left on the WMA during hunting season.

68A-15.063 (Specific Regulations for Wildlife Management Areas – Northwest Region):

Apalachee WMA – clarify that dogs may only be used to take furbearers during the raccoon season; and require hunters to check in and out and check harvested wildlife in Zone A only when the check station is staffed.

Apalachicola WMA – allow any dog to be used to hunt small game during the small game season in the still-hunt area, except during dates that overlap with any season open for deer hunting; allow free-running dogs to be used to chase rabbits during daylight hours in the Fox Hunt Area throughout the Fox, Raccoon, Opossum, and Bobcat (FROB) Season; clarify that nighttime raccoon and opossum hunting is allowed in the dog hunt area only; clarify that taking furbearers with dogs is prohibited in the still hunt area; correct existing errors in the boundary descriptions of the still hunt and fox hunt areas; and define the boundaries of the dog hunt area as that portion of the area outside the still hunt area.

Apalachicola WMA, Bradwell Unit – clarify that taking furbearers with dogs is prohibited.

Aucilla WMA – clarify that taking furbearers with dogs is prohibited in the still hunt area; and clarify that trapping season opens the day after the last day of general gun season as established for the portion of the area outside the Pinhook Still Hunt Area.

Beaverdam Creek WMA – remove unnecessary language preventing overlap in small game and general gun seasons to align small game season with the dates as presented in the brochure.

Blackwater WMA – allow bird dogs and retrievers to be used for hunting during the statewide waterfowl season in the Field Trial Area; clarify that rabbits may only be chased during daylight hours during the FROB season; clarify that taking wild hog with dogs is only allowed in the dog hunt area during general gun and small game seasons and throughout the area during the wild hog-dog season; clarify that taking furbearers with dogs is prohibited in the still hunt area; correct an oversight from when rabbits were made legal to chase during FROB season, which inadvertently allowed the take of wildlife with a gun during daylight hours; correct existing errors in the boundary description of the dog hunt area; establish in rule that any dog may be used to hunt small game during the general gun season; require hunters during the family hunt to check in and check all harvested wildlife only when the check station is staffed; and update the northern boundary of the Field Trial Area to run along roads open to motor vehicles.

Blackwater WMA, Hutton Unit – clarify that only individuals who possess a valid daily quota permit are allowed vehicle access on the powerline roads during the quail season; clarify that taking furbearers with dogs is prohibited; clarify that the wild hog-dog hunts begin at 12:01 a.m. on the first day of the hunt and end at 11:59 p.m. on the last day of the hunt; correct an error that established the family hunt on the second instead

of the third Saturday in February; correct existing language that limits vehicle access to quota permit holders even though certain area hunts are daily quota or non-quota; correct an oversight that omitted the family hunt from the list of seasons with check station requirements; move the second-to-last quail hunt to begin the third Monday in February (President's Day) and close one day thereafter to avoid overlap in certain years with the newly established family hunt; and require hunters to check in and out and check harvested wildlife only when the check station is staffed.

Box-R – clarify that taking furbearers with dogs is prohibited; and require hunters to check in and out and check harvested wildlife only when the check station is staffed.

Chipola River WMA – remove unnecessary language preventing overlap in small game and general gun seasons to align small game season with the dates as presented in the brochure.

Choctawhatchee River WMA – clarify that any dog may be used during the wild hog-dog season throughout the still hunt area and to take raccoon and opossum during the general gun and small game seasons outside the East River Island Area and Holmes Creek Unit; clarify that the bag limit for wild turkey during spring turkey season is 1 gobbler or bearded turkey per spring turkey or youth turkey quota permit; define the boundaries of the dog hunt area as that portion of the area outside the still hunt areas; extend the area-wide archery/muzzleloading gun season from 11 days to 18 days to end at the same time as the Zone D general gun season; and remove unnecessary language preventing overlap in small game and general gun seasons to align small game season with the dates as presented in the brochure.

Econfina Creek WMA – allow motor vehicle access from May-September on Dog Roads 1-8, 10, 13-17, 19, 20-28 and 33-37, Enfinger Road, and on numbered roads in the Mobility-impaired Area; clarify that off-highway vehicles are prohibited, except as allowed in the Mobility-impaired Area; define the dog hunt area as that portion of the area outside the Cat Creek, Mobility-impaired, and Still Hunt areas; increase the general gun-dog quota from 80 to 120 no-cost, quota permits; and remove unnecessary language preventing overlap in small game and general gun seasons to align small game season with the dates as presented in the brochure.

Econfina Creek WMA, Cat Creek Area – remove unnecessary language preventing overlap in small game season with general gun and muzzleloading gun seasons to align small game season with the dates as presented in the brochure.

Econfina Creek WMA, Fitzhugh Carter Area – align mitigation bank rules with FWC rules as follows to clarify that: during periods closed to hunting and fishing, public access other than by foot is prohibited; electric bicycles and trailers are prohibited; off-highway vehicles are prohibited; swimming is

prohibited; and vessels are prohibited, except canoes, kayaks, and those boats provided for use on the area; correct an oversight that allowed dogs other than bird dogs and retrievers to be used for hunting; and require hunters to check in and out and check harvested wildlife only when the check station is staffed.

Eglin AFB WMA – allow game (trail) cameras only as specified by the Installation Commander; allow wild hog to be hunted during the small game season; clarify that dogs may only be used to take deer, furbearers, and wild hog in areas and during days specified by the Installation Commander; correct existing errors in the season dates for the general gun and archery/muzzleloading gun seasons to align with when these opportunities are held on the area; establish a wild hog-still season in areas and at times specified by the Installation Commander; establish that all traffic laws of the State of Florida and Department of Defense are applicable to this area, unless otherwise provided by area rules; and prohibit the operation of boats with internal combustion engines on all freshwater bodies instead of on lakes and ponds only.

Escambia River WMA – allow free-running dogs to be used to chase rabbits during daylight hours in the Dog Hunt Area throughout the Fox and Bobcat Season; define the boundaries of the dog hunt area as that portion of the area outside the still hunt area; and remove unnecessary language preventing overlap in small game and general gun seasons to align small game season with the dates as presented in the brochure.

Escribano Point WMA – clarify that taking furbearers with dogs is prohibited; and correct an oversight for small game season dates to avoid unintended overlap in certain years with archery season on the area.

Garcon Point WMA – correct an omission that allowed horses to be used on the area; and remove unnecessary language regarding the take of deer with dogs.

Joe Budd WMA – allow bird dogs and retrievers to be used for hunting during the dove season; and remove unnecessary language regarding the take of deer with dogs.

Lafayette Creek WMA – allow the harvest of one antlerless deer per family hunt quota permit; clarify that during the wild hog-still season, only wild hog may be taken; clarify that taking furbearers with dogs is prohibited; correct oversights for small game season dates to avoid unintended overlap with deer seasons on the area; and correct the 3-day archery/muzzleloading gun season dates to end on the third Monday in February as intended.

Ochlockonee River WMA – allow waterfowl hunting during all 9 days of the September Duck seasons instead of Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays only; clarify that taking furbearers with dogs is prohibited; and correct a mistake that omitted the bag limit of two gobblers or bearded turkeys per quota permit, but

no more than one per person, for the recently established spring turkey quota hunt.

Perdido River WMA – allow the harvest of one antlerless deer per family hunt quota permit; clarify that taking furbearers with dogs is prohibited; and correct an oversight for small game season dates to avoid unintended overlap in certain years with archery season on the area.

Pine Log WMA – clarify that dogs may only be used to take furbearers during the raccoon season; convert the existing 23-day non-quota spring turkey season into one 9-day quota hunt (10 no-cost, quota permits, no exemptions) with a bag limit of one gobbler or bearded turkey per quota permit, followed by a 14-day non-quota hunt and allow turkey hunting in the archery-only area without a quota permit; establish in rule that any dog may be used to hunt small game during the general gun season; correct an oversight that omitted the family hunt and archery/muzzleloading gun seasons from the list of seasons with check station requirements; correct the 3-day archery/muzzleloading gun season dates to end on the third Monday in February as intended; prohibit nighttime raccoon and opossum hunting in the archery-only area; and require hunters to check in and out and check harvested wildlife only when the check station is staffed.

Plank Road WMA – clarify that during the wild hog-still season, only wild hog may be taken; clarify that taking furbearers with dogs is prohibited, except for taking raccoon and opossum during the small game season.

Point Washington WMA – clarify that dogs may only be used to take furbearers during the raccoon season; and establish in rule that any dog may be used to hunt small game during the general gun season.

Talquin WMA – clarify that taking furbearers with dogs is prohibited; and correct a mistake that omitted the bag limit of two gobblers or bearded turkeys per quota permit, but no more than one per person, for the recently established spring turkey quota hunt.

Tate's Hell WMA – allow any dog to be used to hunt small game during the small game season in the still-hunt area, except during dates that overlap with any season open for deer hunting; allow free-running dogs to be used to chase rabbits during daylight hours in the Fox Hunt Area throughout the FROB Season; clarify that nighttime raccoon and opossum hunting is allowed in the dog hunt area only; clarify that taking furbearers with dogs is prohibited in the still hunt area; correct existing errors in the boundary description of the still hunt area; and define the boundaries of the dog hunt area as that portion of the area outside the still hunt area.

Tate's Hell WMA, St. James Island Unit – increase the antler point regulation from 3 points or a 10-inch main beam on a side to 4 points or a 14-inch main beam on a side; and remove unnecessary language regarding the take of deer with dogs.

Tate's Hell WMA, Womack Creek Unit – clarify that taking furbearers with dogs is prohibited, except during the general gun-dog season; increase the antler point regulation from 2 points on a side to 3 points or a 10-inch main beam on a side; and remove the shoulder height restriction for hunting dogs and allow any dog to be used for hunting small game during the small game season, except during dates that overlap with archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun-still, and archery/muzzleloading gun seasons.

Telogia Creek WMA – clarify that bird dogs and retrievers may be used to take migratory birds when their respective statewide seasons overlap area-specific seasons; correct an error that allowed any dog to be used to hunt small game during all area seasons instead of during general gun and small game seasons only; and remove unnecessary language regarding the take of deer with dogs.

Tyndall AFB WMA – update Florida Administrative Code to align FWC rules with current Department Of Defense rules as follows: allow bicycles and electric bicycles only as specified by the Installation Commander; allow trail cameras only as specified by the Installation Commander; allow only street-legal motor vehicles to be operated and only on named and numbered roads; clarify the exception to the antler point regulation for persons less than 16 years of age; clarify that taking deer, furbearers, and wild hog with dogs is prohibited; establish a bag limit of 4 deer, no more than 2 of which may be antlerless, during all seasons combined; establish a crossbow season during the last 5 days of the Zone D crossbow season in areas and during days specified by the Installation Commander; establish that all traffic laws of the state and Department of Defense are applicable to this area, unless otherwise provided by area rules; establish that all persons participating in hunts during muzzleloading gun and general gun seasons must wear a minimum of 500 square inches of daylight fluorescent orange material above the waist as an outer garment, except those individuals participating in dove hunts on designated dove fields or waterfowl hunts; establish that for those hunts with designated stand locations, individuals may only hunt at their assigned stand; establish that individuals taking wildlife must possess a valid Tyndall AFB hunting permit; establish that scouting is allowed only as specified by the Installation Commander; prohibit fires, except in designated camping areas; prohibit hunting deer, wild hog, or coyote by methods other than still-hunting directly from an assigned tree stand (no stalking allowed); prohibit hunting with airguns, except non pre-charged pneumatic airguns for taking gray squirrel; prohibit moving or attempting to move pre-placed ladder stands at designated stand locations; prohibit quail hunting; prohibit the use of a light at night to disclose the presence of wildlife; remove obsolete language regarding antler point regulations and bag limits on the Flightline and West units, which are no

longer part of the WMA; require individuals to enter and exit the area at designated entrances as specified by the Installation Commander; require hunters to check in upon entering the area, check out before exiting the area, and check all harvested wildlife as specified by the Installation Commander; and require hunters to obtain permission from the check station operator before pursuing wounded wildlife into a closed area or hunting block to which they are not assigned.

Wakulla WMA – clarify that taking furbearers with dogs is prohibited.

Yellow River WMA – clarify that taking furbearers with dogs is prohibited, except for taking raccoon and opossum during the general gun, raccoon, and small game seasons; and establish in rule that any dog may be used to hunt small game during the general gun season.

68A-15.064 (Specific Regulations for Wildlife Management Areas – South Region):

Allapattah Flats WMA – add a 2-day mobility-impaired hunt to be held the weekend between the muzzleloading gun and family hunt seasons, establish a bag limit of one antlered and one antlerless deer during the mobility-impaired hunt but only allow mobility-impaired hunters to harvest an antlerless deer, and allow street-legal vehicles on trails and all-terrain vehicles on and off-trails during, 3 days prior to, and one day after the mobility-impaired hunt; and correct an oversight that allowed quail to be taken throughout the small game season instead of beginning the second Saturday in November as intended.

Big Cypress WMA – prohibit non-residents from hunting wild turkey during the first 9 days of the zonal spring turkey season (non-quota units only); and prohibit the take of deer in the portion of the area south of U.S. Hwy. 41 and review this prohibition every two years beginning after the close of the 2026-27 hunting season to determine if the regulation is appropriate or should be repealed.

Dinner Island Ranch WMA – clarify that individuals who possess a valid camping permit and their guests may access their designated campsite at any time during the dates listed on their permit; clarify when hunting is allowed on dove fields; correct an oversight that allowed wild quail to be taken throughout the small game season instead of beginning the second Saturday in November as intended; increase the bag limit during the family hunt from 1 per quota permit to 2 per quota permit but no more than 1 per person; issue dove field permits via random online lottery during Phase 1; reduce the Phase 1 dove quota from 100 to 75 for dove field 1; and remove check station requirements for dove hunters.

Dinner Island Ranch – Caracara Unit WMA – establish open seasons and regulations for a new WMA (17,251 acres) in Hendry County as follows: 16-day archery season (four 4-day hunts, 30 no-cost, quota permits for each hunt, no exemptions); 3-day muzzleloading gun season (30 no-cost, quota permits, no

exemptions); 2-day general gun for mobility-impaired season (10 no-cost, quota permits, no exemptions); 9-day general gun season (three 3-day hunts, 30 no-cost, quota permits for each hunt, no exemptions); 24-day small game season (ten 2-day hunts and one 4-day hunt, no quota); 2-day youth turkey hunt (10 no-cost, quota permits, no exemptions); 12-day spring turkey season (three 4-day hunts, 15 no-cost, quota permits for each hunt, no exemptions); 31-days of dove, snipe, or waterfowl hunting (one 12-day hunt, one 9-day hunt, and two 5-day hunts; no quota); year-round fishing and frogging; prohibit trapping; allow hunting of all legal game, wild turkey (gobblers or bearded turkeys only), fish, frogs, and furbearers; the bag limit for deer will be 1 antlered deer per quota permit during the archery, muzzleloading gun, and general gun seasons; during the general gun for mobility-impaired season, the bag limit for deer will be 1 antlered and 1 antlerless deer per quota permit, but only mobility-impaired hunters may harvest an antlerless deer; the bag limit for wild turkey will be 1 gobbler or bearded turkey per youth or spring turkey quota permit; prohibit the harvest of antlered deer not having at least 1 antler with 4 or more points or a 14-inch main beam (except by persons less than 16 years of age); prohibit the harvest of antlerless deer, except during the general gun for mobility-impaired season; prohibit the harvest of wild turkey, except during the spring turkey season; prohibit taking quail during small game season dates occurring prior to the second Saturday in November; allow quail to be taken during the general gun season; allow the take of wild hog (no bag limit or size restriction) during all area-specific hunting seasons, with the following exceptions: dove, duck, snipe and spring turkey (including the youth turkey hunt), allow public access year-round, except during quota hunts, when only individuals possessing a valid quota permit and their guests may access the area; prohibit motorized vehicles (including airboats and off-highway vehicles), with the following exceptions: street-legal vehicles may be operated from one and one-half hours before sunrise until one and one-half hours after sunset on designated roads and parking areas as indicated on the hunt map, allow ATVs and recreational off-highway vehicles (side-by-sides) to be operated on the area during the mobility-impaired general gun season by individuals authorized to participate in the hunt; require motor vehicles to enter and exit the area at a designated entrance; prohibit hunting with dogs, with the following exceptions: bird dogs and retrievers may be used during the dove, duck, and snipe seasons and any dog may be used to hunt small game (gray squirrel, migratory birds, quail, and rabbits) during the small game season; prohibit camping; prohibit fires; and prohibit horses.

Everglades and Francis S. Taylor WMA – correct an oversight that allowed quail to be taken throughout the small game season

instead of beginning the second Saturday in November as intended.

Everglades Headwaters National Wildlife Refuge Wildlife Management Area, Okeechobee Unit – allow the use of street-legal motor vehicles during the portion of the statewide snipe season that occurs between muzzleloading gun and small game seasons and during the portion of the statewide dove season that occurs between archery and muzzleloading gun seasons.

Holey Land WMA – correct an oversight that allowed quail to be taken throughout the small game season instead of beginning the second Saturday in November as intended.

J.W. Corbett WMA – prohibit non-residents from hunting wild turkey during the first 9 days of the zonal spring turkey season (which includes the first 5 days of the area-specific spring turkey season).

Okaloacoochee Slough WMA – clarify that all motorized vehicles are prohibited, except street-legal motor vehicles are allowed on named or numbered roads and named or numbered trails; correct an oversight that allowed quail to be taken throughout the small game season instead of beginning the second Saturday in November as intended; and increase the bag limit during the family hunt from 1 per quota permit to 2 per quota permit but no more than 1 per person.

Picayune Strand WMA – add a 2-day mobility-impaired hunt to be held the weekend before general gun season begins, establish a bag limit of one antlered and one antlerless deer during the mobility-impaired hunt but only allow mobility-impaired hunters to harvest an antlerless deer, allow quota permit holders and their guests to operate swamp buggies and side-by-sides on designated roads in that portion of the area east of and including Miller Blvd. and south of and including Berson Blvd. during and one week prior to the mobility-impaired hunt, and during the mobility-impaired hunt, allow individuals authorized to participate in the hunt to operate ATVs and side-by-sides off-road; correct an oversight resulting from the shift in general gun season dates, which caused small game season to start on a Monday instead of a Saturday as intended; and correct an oversight that allowed quail to be taken throughout the small game season instead of beginning the second Saturday in November as intended.

Rotenberger WMA – correct an oversight that allowed quail to be taken throughout the small game season instead of beginning the second Saturday in November as intended.

Spirit-of-the-Wild WMA – correct an oversight that allowed quail to be taken throughout the small game season instead of beginning the second Saturday in November as intended.

68A-15.065 (Specific Regulations for Wildlife Management Areas – Northeast Region):

Caravelle Ranch WMA – allow the take of antlerless deer by youth during the family hunt (Bag limit: one antlered and one antlerless deer per quota permit; limit one deer per person per

day); change vehicular access hours for Spring turkey from opening at 4:30 a.m. to 5 a.m.; codify the vehicular access hours for the dove field hunts from 11 a.m. until one hour after sunset; extend vehicle access to the area to include the day after each hunt until 6pm (excluding small game and dove hunts).

Deep Creek WMA – establish open seasons and regulations for a new WMA (5,800 acres) in St. Johns County as follows: 25-day archery season (one 16-day hunt and one 9-day hunt, 10 no-cost, quota permits, no exemptions); 9-day muzzleloading gun season (10 no-cost, quota permits, no exemptions); 2-day family hunt (5 no-cost, quota permits, no exemptions); 4-day general gun hunt (10 no-cost, quota permits, no exemptions); 3-day wild-hog still season (10 no cost, quota permits, no exemptions); 21-day (Fri – Sun) small game season (no quota; walk-in only); 2-day youth spring turkey season (5 no-cost, quota permits, no exemptions); 9-day spring turkey season (three 3-day hunts, 5 no cost, quota permits, no exemptions); fishing and frogging allowed year-round; allow hunting of all legal game, fish, frogs, and furbearers; prohibit the harvest of antlered deer not having at least 1 antler with 3 or more points OR a 10-inch main beam (except by persons less than 16 years of age); the bag limit for deer shall be 1 antlered or antlerless deer per person, but no more than 2 deer per quota permit during the archery season and 1 antlered deer per person, but no more than 2 deer per quota permit during the muzzleloading gun and general gun seasons, and one antlered and one antlerless deer per quota permit; limit one deer per person per day during the family hunt, prohibit the harvest of antlerless deer except during archery season and the family hunt; allow the take of turkey during spring turkey seasons only (gobbler or bearded turkey only); the bag limit for turkey shall be 1 per person and 2 per quota permit; allow the take of wild hog during small game season and quota hunts (except spring turkey) with no bag limits or size restrictions; allow public access year-round; prohibit airboats, off-highway vehicles (including ATVs, side-by-sides, and off-highway motorcycles), swamp buggies, and tracked vehicles; allow motorized vehicles to be operated only on designated roads and parking areas; prohibit motorized vehicles (except in designated parking areas) during small game season and all other times outside of designated hunts; during periods closed to hunting horses may be used only on named or numbered roads and designated trails; hunting with dogs is prohibited, except bird dogs and retrievers may be used to hunt migratory birds during their respective statewide seasons when they overlap with area-specific hunting seasons and any dog may be used to hunt small game (gray squirrel, migratory game birds, quail, and rabbits) during small game season; prohibit the take of wild hog with dogs; prohibit hunting with centerfire rifles during small game season; prohibit camping and fires.

Dunns Creek WMA – allow the use of dogs during the small game season for small game and for migratory birds when statewide seasons overlap with area hunting seasons.

Gores Landing WMA – allow raccoon hunting at night, with dogs, during the small game season and allow vehicular access to area at night only during the small game season.

Herky Huffman/Bull Creek WMA – replace the term "hunting equipment" with "elevated shooting platforms and tree stands" when referring to what can be left on the WMA during hunting season; prohibit non-residents from hunting wild turkey during the first 9 days of the zonal spring turkey season.

Jumper Creek WMA – prohibit non-residents from hunting wild turkey during the first 9 days of the zonal spring turkey season.

Lake Monroe WMA – hunters must enter and exit from a designated entrance or from Lake Monroe or the St. Johns River. Access from SR 415 is prohibited.

Lake Panasoffkee WMA – extend the close of shooting hours during the Special Opportunity Spring Turkey Season from 1 p.m. to sunset; replace the term "hunting equipment" with "elevated shooting platforms and tree stands" when referring to what can be left on the WMA during hunting season.

Little Big Econ WMA – allow vehicular access from the Winding River Lane designated entrance during all hunting seasons (currently only allowed for September duck season); allow hunters to enter and exit the WMA from the Econlockhatchee River.

Marshall Swamp WMA – allow raccoon hunting at night, with dogs, during the small game season.

Rice Creek WMA – establish open seasons and regulations for a new WMA (5,272 acres) in Putnam County as follows: 25-day archery season (one 16-day hunt and one 9-day hunt, 15 no-cost, quota permits for each hunt, no exemptions); 9-day muzzleloading gun season (15 no-cost, quota permits, no exemptions); 2-day family hunt (5 no-cost, quota permits, no exemptions); 4-day general gun hunt (15 no-cost, quota permits for each hunt, no exemptions); 3-day wild-hog still season (15 no cost, quota permits, no exemptions); 21-day (Fri – Sun) small game season (no quota; walk-in only); 2-day youth spring turkey season (5 no-cost, quota permits for each hunt, no exemptions); 9-day spring turkey season (three 3-day hunts, 5 no cost, quota permits for each hunt, no exemptions); fishing and frogging allowed year-round; allow hunting of all legal game, fish, frogs, and furbearers; prohibit the harvest of antlered deer not having at least 1 antler with 3 or more points OR a 10-inch main beam (except by persons less than 16 years of age); the bag limit for deer shall be 1 antlered or antlerless deer per person, but no more than 2 deer per quota permit during the archery season and 1 antlered deer per person, but no more than 2 deer per quota permit during the muzzleloading gun and general gun seasons, and one antlered and one antlerless deer

per quota permit; limit one deer per person per day during the family hunt, prohibit the harvest of antlerless deer except during archery season and the family hunt; allow the take of turkey during spring turkey seasons only (gobbler or bearded turkey only); the bag limit for turkey shall be 1 per person and 2 per quota permit; allow the take of wild hog during small game season and quota hunts (except spring turkey) with no bag limits or size restrictions; allow public access year-round; prohibit motorized vehicles (walk-in only); during periods closed to hunting, horses may be used only on designated trails; hunting with dogs is prohibited, except bird dogs and retrievers may be used to hunt migratory birds during their respective statewide seasons when they overlap with area-specific hunting seasons and any dog may be used to hunt small game (gray squirrel, migratory game birds, quail, and rabbits) during small game season; prohibit the take of wild hog with dogs; prohibit hunting with centerfire rifles during small game season; allow camping only in designated campsites and allow fires only in designated areas.

Rock Springs Run WMA – add 1 additional scout day for quota hunts; reduce the quota number for deer hunts from 125 to 100; allow hunting equipment on the WMA two days in advance of the hunts.

Seminole Forest WMA – replace the term "hunting equipment" with "elevated shooting platforms and tree stands" when referring to what can be left on the WMA during hunting season.

Seminole Forest WMA, Lake Tracy Unit – replace the term "hunting equipment" with "elevated shooting platforms and tree stands" when referring to what can be left on the WMA during hunting season.

Seminole Ranch WMA – define vehicular access times for the area; define check station hours for the area; update/delete rule language that references specific roads that it is prohibited to "take wildlife by use of a gun on or from the rights-of-way"; replace the term "hunting equipment" with "elevated shooting platforms and tree stands" when referring to what can be left on the WMA during hunting season.

Silver Springs Forest WMA – allow raccoon hunting at night and with dogs during the small game season (walk in only); shift the wild-hog season from August to starting 6 days after the close of the small game season.

Three Lakes WMA – remove the height restriction on deer dogs; replace the term "hunting equipment" with "elevated shooting platforms and tree stands" when referring to what can be left on the WMA during hunting season; prohibit non-residents from hunting wild turkey during the first 9 days of the zonal spring turkey season.

Triple N Ranch WMA – replace the term "hunting equipment" with "elevated shooting platforms and tree stands" when

referring to what can be left on the WMA during hunting season.

Upper St. Johns River Marsh WMA – replace the term "hunting equipment" with "elevated shooting platforms and tree stands" when referring to what can be left on the WMA during hunting season.

William Beardall Tosohatchee WMA – replace the term "hunting equipment" with "elevated shooting platforms and tree stands" when referring to what can be left on the WMA during hunting season.

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

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE RATIFICATION:

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

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

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

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

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

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

DATE AND TIME: During the Commission's regular meeting February 26-27, 2025, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., each day

PLACE: Florida State University Student Union, 75 North Woodward Avenue, Tallahassee, Florida, 32306.

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THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Paul Scharine, Public Hunting Areas Program Coordinator, Fish and Wildlife Conservation

Commission, 620 South Meridian Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1600, (850)617-9487 or paul.scharine@myfwc.com.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

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

(1) through (3) No change.

(4) Legal to hunt:

(a) through (d) No change.

(e) Antlerless deer may be taken during gun seasons only by hunters possessing valid antlerless deer permits or as otherwise provided by specific area regulation, except as provided in paragraph 68A-15.004(4)(d), F.A.C.

(f) through (k) No change.

(5) Hunters and other recreational users:

(a) Authorized hunting equipment, defined for the purposes of this rule as tree stands and elevated shooting platforms, ~~or dogs (if permitted by area regulations)~~ may be taken on the area after 8:00 a.m. one day before the opening of the hunt and shall be removed from the area before 6 p.m. one day following the close of the hunt unless otherwise provided by specific area regulations. Recreational users of wildlife management areas must obtain a Commission-issued customer identification number and permanently affix this number in a conspicuous and legible manner to all tree stands, elevated shooting platforms, ground blinds, and trail cameras prior to placing any of these items on a wildlife management area. Removing, tampering with, or otherwise interfering with any label or tag displaying a Commission-issued customer identification number on any of these items without the owner's permission is prohibited. Commission and cooperator staff may remove any of these items at any time if they are not labeled as described herein.

(b) No change.

(6) No change.

(7) Dogs:

(a) through (d) No change.

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

(8) through (11) No change.

(12) Plants:

(a) No change.

~~(b) No person shall possess or remove saw palmetto berries from any wildlife management area where the Commission is the landowner or lead managing agency without written permission.~~

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

(13) through (16) No change.

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68A-15.005 Quota Permits; Antlerless Deer Permits; Special-Opportunity Permits.

(1) At times specified in paragraph (1)(a), a quota permit or special-opportunity permit, in addition to other required licenses and permits shall be required for any person while hunting on land owned, leased or managed by the Commission.

(a) through (c) No change.

(d) No person shall sell, purchase or offer to purchase any quota permit, guest permit, special-opportunity permit, or antlerless deer permit.

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

(a) No change.

(b) Quota Permit Exemptions.

1. through 7. No change.

8. Unless otherwise provided by area-specific rule, ~~On~~ those hunts specified as family hunts, one or two youth per quota permit, 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~~ ~~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; ~~and each~~ ~~Each~~ hunter may take a daily bag limit, ~~unless otherwise provided by area specific regulation,~~ but no additional hunters are allowed.

9. No change.

(c) through (d) No change.

(e) Application, Selection, and Issuance of Quota Permits; Application for Preference only.

1. Applicant Requirements.

a. through c. No change.

d. Applicants for the Mobility-impaired Quota Hunts must be certified mobility-impaired as established by Rule 68A-9.008, F.A.C., ~~and must have their Mobility impaired Certification Card in their possession when hunting.~~

e. through f. No change.

2. Phase I – Application; Selection; Issuance.

a. No change.

b. For a given quota hunt type, applications may be submitted for specific hunts or a preference point. All applicants not issued a quota permit in Phase I, including those

who apply for a preference point only, shall receive one preference point annually for that specific quota hunt type. Preference points shall accumulate by quota hunt type.

c. No change.

d. Applicants ~~who with preference points that~~ were awarded a nontransferable quota permit in Phase I may return the permit to the Commission's Office of Licensing and Permitting for re-issuance and to have preference points re-instated if applicable. In order to have the original preference points re-instated ~~and a preference point awarded for the current year,~~ the returned permit must be received at least 10 days prior to the first hunt date listed on the permit. Individuals who return a quota permit they obtained in Phase I are prohibited from applying for a permit for that same hunt in Phase IV reissues.

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

~~e.f.~~ Applicants who fail to apply during the Phase I application period for ~~five~~ two consecutive years will forfeit all preference points for that quota hunt type.

g. through i. renumbered f. through h. No change.

i. No more than ten percent of the spring turkey quota permits for each specific hunt will be issued to non-residents, provided that at least one permit for each specific hunt may be available to non-residents in the event that the ten percent calculation results in a number less than one.

3. No change.

4. Phase III – Application; Selection; Issuance.

a. No change.

b. No applicant shall be eligible to receive more than one quota permit per hunt number per annual hunting season, including permits that were issued during ~~phases~~ Phase I and II.

c. Applicants shall be limited to five (5) quota permits per quota hunt type per annual hunting season, including permits issued in Phase I and Phase II.

d. No change.

5. Phase IV – Re-issuance of Quota permits – quota permits returned to the Commission at least 10 days prior to the first hunt date listed on the permit will ~~may~~ be re-issued by random drawing held on a weekly basis. Returned quota permits that remain unissued following each weekly random drawing will be re-issued on a first-come, first-serve basis. Re-issued quota permits that are returned to the Commission's Office of Licensing and Permitting at least 10 days prior to the first hunt date listed on the permit will also be reissued using the same process described herein. No applicant is eligible to receive more than one quota permit per hunt number per annual hunting season, including permits that were issued during phases I, II,

and III. Applicants are limited to five (5) quota permits per quota hunt type per annual hunting season, including permits issued in phases I, II, and III.

(3) Special-Opportunity Permits: Special-opportunity permits shall be issued for the following hunt types as described below and as designated by order of the Executive Director. A special-opportunity permit holder may participate in the designated hunt and take the bag limit of wildlife as established by Commission rule.

- (a) through (b) No change.
- (c) Transferability.

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

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

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68A-15.006 Regulations Relating to Miscellaneous Areas.

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

1. through 10. No change.

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

- (3) No change.
- (4) Kissimmee Chain of Lakes Area.
- (a) Open season:

1. Non-migratory game – During Zonal seasons established under Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., except deer and turkey shall only be taken during those seasons established for Zone B and crossbow season shall be the last 5 days of the Zone B crossbow season only and gray squirrel may shall only be taken year-

round from the second Saturday in October until the first Sunday in March.

- 2. through 4. No change.
- (b) through (c) No change.
- (5) No change.
- (6) Kissimmee Chain of Lakes Area – Rolling Meadows Unit.
- (a) Open season:

1. Non-migratory game – During Zonal seasons established under Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., except deer and turkey shall only be taken during those seasons established for Zone B and crossbow season shall be the last 5 days of the Zone B crossbow season only and gray squirrel may shall only be taken year-round from the second Saturday in October until the first Sunday in March.

- 2. through 4. No change.
- (b) through (c) No change.

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

- (1) Green Swamp Wildlife Management Area.
- (a) through (c) No change.
- (d) General regulations:

1. Hunters shall check in and out at a check station when entering and exiting the area and shall check all game taken except during the wild hog-dog and small game seasons.

2. No deer or wild hog shall be dismembered until checked at a designated check station except wild hog during the wild hog-dog and small game seasons.

3. Hunters may enter or exit the area at designated entrances only. Hunters may enter or exit the area and only during hours in which check stations are in operation except during the wild hog-dog and small game seasons.

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

- 5. through 8. No change.

~~9. During the wild hog dog season, a daily quota permit allows three hunters to participate in the hunt.~~

(2) No change.

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

(a) Open season:

1. through 2. No change.

3. Muzzleloading gun – Opening 7 days after the first day of the Zone A antlered deer season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., and closing 1 day thereafter.

3. through 7. renumbered 4. through 8. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers. During the archery season the take of turkey is prohibited. After the first two days of archery season, the take of antlerless deer is prohibited. Taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with three or more points or one antler with a main beam of ten inches or more in length is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. Wild hog may only be taken during archery, muzzleloading gun and general gun seasons with a limit of one per quota permit or one per exempt hunter each season. Quail shall be taken by daily quail or field trial quail quota permit only with a bag limit of 6 per day. During the raccoon and opossum season, only raccoon and opossum are legal to take.

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 2. No change.

3. Public access is allowed only from one and one-half ~~1.5~~ hours before sunrise until one and one-half ~~1.5~~ hours after sunset, provided public access to the designated campground is allowed at any time camping is allowed and public access is allowed at any time during the raccoon and opossum season. Public access is allowed from 5:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. during the archery and muzzleloading gun seasons and from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. during the general gun and small game seasons.

4. through 6. No change.

7. Vehicles shall be operated on named or numbered roads only, except during the bird dog training, general gun and small game seasons. During the bird dog training, general gun and small game seasons, licensed and registered motorcycles may be operated on named and numbered roads only.

8. Vehicular access for scouting shall be allowed one week prior to the archery season and the day before the muzzleloading gun and general gun seasons on named and numbered roads only.

9. through 19. No change.

(4) No change.

(5) Upper Hillsborough Wildlife Management Area.

(a) through (b) No change.

(c) Camping: Prohibited except at the designated campsite from 8:00 a.m. one day prior to each archery, muzzleloading gun and spring turkey hunt until 8:00 p.m. on the last day of each hunt; from 3:00 p.m. one day prior to each wild hog-dog

and small game hunt until 8:00 p.m. on the last day of each hunt; or by written permission from the Southwest Florida Water Management District. Only tents, trailers or self-propelled camping vehicles may be used for camping. Camping equipment is prohibited on the area except during periods when camping is allowed. The use or operation of electrical generators powered by an internal combustion engine is prohibited within the campground from 10:00 p.m. until 5:00 a.m.

(d) General regulations:

1. No deer, turkey or wild hog may be dismembered until checked at a designated check station except during the wild hog-dog and small game seasons.

2. Each day hunters shall check in prior to hunting and out when finished hunting at a check station when entering and exiting the area and shall check all game taken except wild hog during the wild hog-dog and small game seasons.

3. through 5. No change.

6. Motor vehicles may be operated between the designated entrance and the designated campsite anytime camping is allowed. Motor vehicles may be operated beyond the designated camp sites from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. one day prior to each archery, muzzleloading gun and spring turkey hunt. During hunts, motor vehicles may be operated beyond the designated camp sites only during hours that the check station is in operation, except during the small game and wild hog-dog seasons when motor vehicles may only be operated beyond the designated camp sites from 5:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

7. through 9. No change.

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

11. through 12. No change.

~~13. During the wild hog dog season, a wild hog dog daily quota permit shall allow a hunting group of two persons and a guest to participate in the hunt.~~

(6) through (10) No change.

(11) Lake Marion Creek Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – Opening 49 days prior to the first day of Zone B antlered deer season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., and closing 2 days thereafter, reopening 4 days later and closing 2 days thereafter, reopening 5 days later and closing 2 days thereafter.

2. Muzzleloading gun – Opening 8 days prior to the first

day of Zone B antlered deer season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., and closing 2 days thereafter, reopening 5 days later and closing 2 days thereafter.

3. through 8. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 4. No change.

~~5. Taking wildlife with centerfire rifles is prohibited during small game season.~~

(12) through (20) No change.

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

(1) Camp Blanding Wildlife Management Area.

(a) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. No change.

2. During periods open to hunting, hunters may enter the area with their tree stands, elevated shooting platforms, hunting equipment and dogs (where legal) one hour before sunrise and shall exit the area with their equipment and dogs by one hour after sunset. Tree stands and elevated shooting platforms ~~Hunting equipment~~ may only be taken onto the area beginning 8 a.m. the day preceding each family hunt supervised youth and youth spring turkey hunt and shall be removed from the area the last day of each family hunt supervised youth and youth spring turkey hunt.

3. through 17. No change.

18. The use of trail cameras is prohibited.

19. The use of bicycles is prohibited east of State Road 230 in zones C and D in the archery only area.

(2) No change.

(3) Gulf Hammock Wildlife Management Area.

(a) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 9. No change.

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

(4) through (20) No change.

(21) Citrus Wildlife Management Area.

(a) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. Any dog may be used to take small game during the small game season. The take of wild hog with dogs is prohibited. Except during the small game season, ~~authorized training and field trials~~, the possession or use of dogs is prohibited except as provided by paragraph 68A-15.004(7)(c) or (d), F.A.C.

2. through 5. No change.

~~6. The take of quail is prohibited east of County Road 491 between Forest Road 16 and County Road 480, except for the second and third consecutive Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays in February.~~

7. through 13. renumbered 6. through 12. No change.

(22) Flying Eagle Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. through 4. No change.

5. Spring turkey – Opening the first day of spring turkey season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., and closing 3 days thereafter and reopening 10 ~~3~~ days later and closing 4 days thereafter.

6. through 8. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 2. No change.

~~3. Taking wildlife with centerfire rifles is prohibited.~~

4. through 8. renumbered 3. through 7. No change.

~~8. 9. Tree stands and elevated shooting platforms~~ Hunting equipment may be taken onto the area beginning 8:00 a.m. the day preceding each hunt and shall be removed from the area the last day of each hunt, except during spring turkey season, when tree stands and elevated shooting platforms are ~~hunting equipment~~ is allowed on the area beginning 1.5 hours before sunrise the day preceding each hunt.

(23) Potts Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Spring turkey – Opening the first day of spring turkey season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., and closing 3 days thereafter and reopening 10 ~~3~~ days later and closing 4 days thereafter.

2. through 6. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 7. No change.

8. Authorized tree stands and elevated shooting platforms ~~hunting equipment~~ and dogs may be taken onto the area no earlier than 8:00 a.m. the day preceding each hunt and shall be removed from the area the last day of each hunt. During spring turkey season, tree stands and elevated shooting platforms are

~~hunting equipment~~ is allowed on the area no earlier than 1.5 hours before sunrise the day preceding each hunt.

(24) through (29) No change.

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

(a) Open season:

1. through 2. No change.

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

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

~~6.5.~~ Small game – Opening 41 days after the first day of the Zone C antlered deer season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., and closing 44 30 days thereafter (Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays only).

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

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

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 8. No change.

~~9. Hunting is prohibited in Area 1.~~

~~9.40.~~ No change.

~~10.44.~~ Taking wildlife with centerfire centerfire rifles is prohibited during small game season.

(31) Grove Park Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – Opening 49 days prior to the first day of the Zone C antlered deer season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., and closing 27 29 days thereafter.

2. Crossbow – Opening 21 days prior to the first day of the Zone C antlered deer season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., and closing 6 days thereafter.

2. through 9. renumbered 3. through 10. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 7. No change.

8. In addition to the provisions of Rule 68A-15.004, F.A.C., tree stands and elevated shooting platforms ~~hunting~~

~~equipment~~ shall be allowed on the area beginning 14 days prior to hunts allowing the take of deer or wild hog.

9. Taking wildlife with pre-charged pneumatic airguns firing arrows (airbows) is allowed during crossbow season.

(32) through (37) No change.

(38) Hatchet Creek Wildlife Management Area.

(a) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 5. No change.

6. Vehicular access is allowed only by individuals participating in the hunts ~~and only~~ on hunt days and, the day before each ~~hunt, and the weekend before the~~ archery, and muzzleloading gun, ~~seasons and the~~ family hunt.

7. through 9. No change.

(39) Log Landing Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – Opening 49 days prior to the first day of the Zone C antlered deer season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., and closing 29 days thereafter and reopening the day prior to the first day of the Zone C antlered deer season and closing 9 days thereafter (Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).

2. Muzzleloading gun – Opening 14 days prior to the first day of the Zone C antlered deer season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., and closing 8 days thereafter, reopening 19 days later and closing 9 days thereafter, reopening 26 days later and closing 9 days thereafter (Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).

3. through 4. No change.

5. Spring turkey – During the spring turkey season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only.

6. through 8. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(40) No change.

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

(1) Apalachee Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. through 4. No change.

5. September duck – On Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays of the September duck seasons established by Rule 68A-13.003, F.A.C.

6. Duck, geese and coot – On Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays of the duck, light goose, and coot season established in Rule 68A-13.003, F.A.C.

7. Dove – On Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays of the mourning and white-winged dove season established in Rule 68A-13.008, F.A.C.

8. through 11. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

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

2. through 3. No change.

4. When the check station is staffed, hHunters must shall check in and out at the a check station when entering and exiting Zone A and shall check all harvested wildlife game taken when hunting in Zone A (except during spring turkey hunts).

5. through 8. No change.

(2) Apalachicola Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open seasons:

1. No change.

2. Small game – Opening the second Saturday of November and closing the last day of quail season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C. (except during general gun season).

3. through 9. No change.

10. Fox, raccoon, opossum and bobcat – October 1 through the close of small game season in the fox hunt area, defined as that portion of the dog hunt area in Liberty County lying west of State Road 65 (except those Northwest Florida Water Management District lands in that portion of the area lying west of SR 379 and north and east of the line formed from the intersection of SR 379 and Florida River and Larkins Street, continuing to Larkins Landing, then to the Florida River, and ending at the confluence of the Florida and Apalachicola rivers Slough) and in that portion of the dog hunt area 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. through 13. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, bear (only during the bear season), fish, frogs and furbearers. Taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with three or more points or one antler with a main beam of 10 inches or more in length is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. Bearded turkeys or gobblers may be taken during the muzzleloading gun season, and during the first 16 days of general gun season. Taking quail is prohibited on the quail enhancement area (that portion of the area lying north of Oak Ridge Road, east of State Road 61 and US Highway 319, south of State Road 263 and west of State Road 363) except during quail season as established annually by order of the Executive Director, based on annual fall quail surveys. The daily bag limit for quail on the quail enhancement area is six (6) per person. During the Fox, Raccoon, Opossum and Bobcat Season, rabbits may be chased by free-running dogs during daylight hours; however, taking wildlife with a gun, except as provided in paragraphs 68A-24.002(2)(b) and 68A-24.002(2)(c), F.A.C., or as allowed during overlapping seasons, is prohibited.

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. No change.

2. During the general gun and small game seasons, hunting as specified by paragraph 68A-24.002(2)(b), F.A.C., is allowed in the dog hunt area only.

3. No change.

4. Taking wildlife with dogs, other than bird dogs and retrievers, is prohibited in the still hunt area, defined as that portion of the area lying west and south of County Road 375 and east of the Ochlockonee River; also those Northwest Florida Water Management District lands lying west of SR 379 and north and east of the line formed from the intersection of SR 379 and Florida River and Larkins Street, continuing to Larkins Landing, then to the Florida River, and ending at the confluence of the Florida and Apalachicola rivers, except any dog may be used to take small game during the small game season on dates that do not overlap with any season open for the taking of deer Slough. The dog hunt area is defined as that portion of the area outside the still hunt area. The take of deer with dogs is prohibited, except during the general gun season in the dog hunt area. However, during the deer-dog training season in the fox hunt area, deer dogs may be allowed to run free for training purposes only, but the take of wildlife with a gun while training deer dogs is prohibited. The take of wild hog with dogs is prohibited, except during the general gun and small game seasons in the dog hunt area. Taking furbearers with dogs is prohibited in the still hunt area.

5. through 7. No change.

(3) Apalachicola Wildlife Management Area – Bradwell

Unit.

(a) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. No change.

2. Taking wildlife with dogs, other than bird dogs and retrievers, is prohibited, except during the wild hog-dog season and any dog may be used to take small game during the small game season. The take of wild hog with dogs is prohibited, except during the wild hog-dog season. The take of deer and furbearers with dogs is prohibited.

3. through 5. No change.

(4) Blackwater Wildlife Management Area.

(a) No change.

(b) Open seasons in the dog hunt area (defined as which includes that portion of the area north of State Road 4 and west of Three Notch Road to County Road 191 to the Alabama state line, east of Mason West Road to Davis Road to Camp Henderson Road, and north of Camp Henderson Road from its intersection with Davis Road to State Road 87, and east of SR 87 to the Alabama state line (except that portion of the area lying north of Orié Nelson Road to Forest Road C115, east of FR C115 to Sellersville Road, north of Sellersville Road to FR C114, east of FR C114 until it turns west at a point approximately 0.4 miles northeast of Sellersville Road, and south of an unnamed road that heads east from the aforementioned point); and that portion of the area east of Belandville Road to CR 191 to SR 4, north of State Road 4 to Hurricane Lake Road, west of ~~Beaver Creek Highway and Hurricane Lake Road to Beaver Creek Road, west of Beaver Creek Road to FR R47, and east of Belandville Road; and that portion of the area~~ north of Forest Road R47 to Eadie Cotton Road, east, north of Eadie Cotton Road to and Peaden Bridge Road, north of Peaden Bridge Road to Riley Barnhill Road, north of Riley Barnhill Road to Sherman Kennedy Road, west of Sherman Kennedy Road to Mattie Kennedy Road, south of Mattie Kennedy Road to Kennedy Bridge Road, north of and Kennedy Bridge Road to Bullard Church Road, west of Bullard Church Road to Beaver Creek Road, west and east of Beaver Creek Road to the Alabama state line, and south of the Alabama state line to Belandville Road Highway and Hurricane Lake Road):

1. through 9. No change.

10. Fox, raccoon, opossum and bobcat – May 1 through the Sunday prior to the youth turkey hunt, in the fox hunt area, defined as that portion of the dog hunt area east of Belandville Road.

11. through 15. No change.

(c) Open seasons in the field trial area (defined as which includes that portion of the area bounded by Coldwater Creek on the northwest, the western boundary of Blackwater State Forest to Forest Road W9 and to Paul Barnes Road on to the

west, Springhill Road on to the south, County Road 191 on to the east, and on a line running west 3/4 mile from the intersection of County Road 191 and Coldwater Horse Trail Road to Forest Road W29 to Forest Road W23 to Forest Road W27 to Forest Road W28 and from its terminus due west to Forest Road W26 to Three Notch Road to Forest Road W21 to Forest Road W19 to Forest Road W17 to Forest Road W18 and from its terminus due west to, 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. through 9. No change.

(d) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers. Taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with three or more points or one antler with a main beam of ten inches or more in length is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. The bag limit for deer during the archery/muzzleloading gun season on the field trial portion of the area shall be one antlered and one antlerless deer per day. During the family still hunt, antlered or antlerless deer (bag limit of three per quota permit) may be taken. The take of antlerless deer and turkey during the archery season in the Field Trial Area is prohibited, except during the first 30 days. Taking quail is prohibited on the field trial area except during the quail season. Taking quail after 3:00 p.m. (Central Time) is prohibited during the quail season on the field trial area. Taking quail is prohibited on 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 Road 4, south of State Road 4 and west of Old Martin Road and Norman Riley Road) except during the quail season as established annually by order of the Executive Director, based on annual fall quail surveys. The daily bag limit for quail on the quail enhancement area is six (6) per person. During the ~~Ffox, Rraccoon, Oopossum and Bbobcat Sseason, rabbits rabbit~~ may be chased by free-running dogs during daylight hours; however, taking wildlife with a gun, except as provided in paragraphs 68A-24.002(2)(b) and 68A-24.002(2)(c), F.A.C., or as allowed during overlapping seasons, is prohibited, but may not be harvested except as allowed during other open seasons. During the wild hog-dog season, only wild hog may be taken.

(e) No change.

(f) General regulations:

1. through 2. No change.

3. Taking wildlife with dogs, other than bird dogs or retrievers, is prohibited in the still hunt area, field trial area, and during the general gun still hunt in the dog hunt area; however, any dog may be used to take small game during the small game and general gun seasons ~~season~~ and to take wild hog during the wild hog-dog season. The take of deer with dogs is prohibited, except during the general gun dog and family hunts in the dog

hunt area. The take of wild hog with dogs ~~during the small game season~~ is prohibited, except during the general gun dog, family hunt, and small game seasons in the dog hunt area and throughout the area during the wild hog-dog season. Dogs are prohibited in the field trial area, except as specifically authorized by permit, or during the bird dog training, dove or quail hunting seasons, during statewide waterfowl seasons established in Rule 68A-13.003, F.A.C., or during wild hog-dog season for the purpose of taking wild hogs. Taking furbearers with dogs is prohibited in the still hunt area.

4. through 7. No change.

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

9. through 11. No change.

(5) Blackwater Wildlife Management Area – Hutton Unit.

(a) Open season:

1. through 2. No change.

3. Quail – Opening 1 day prior to the first day of Zone D antlered deer season established by Rule 68A-13.004 F.A.C., and closing 1 day thereafter, reopening 18 days later and closing 1 day thereafter, reopening 4 days later and closing 1 day thereafter, reopening 8 days later and closing 1 day thereafter, reopening the third Monday in February ~~48 days later~~ and closing 1 day thereafter, and reopening the fourth Saturday in February ~~6 days later~~ and closing 1 day thereafter.

4. through 11. No change.

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

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. During hunting seasons, vehicular access is allowed only by individuals authorized to participate in hunts possessing quota permits. Vehicles may be operated only on named or numbered roads, except during the mobility-impaired hunts, and shall enter and exit only at the designated entrance as indicated on the hunt map. During quail season, individuals who possess a valid daily quota permit and their guests may also operate street legal motor vehicles on the powerline roads as designated on the hunt map.

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

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. The take of deer and furbearers with dogs is prohibited. The take of wild hog with dogs is prohibited, except during the wild hog-dog season.

4. through 10. No change.

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

(6) Blackwater Wildlife Management Area – Carr Unit.

(a) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 6. No change.

(7) Joe Budd Wildlife Management Area.

(a) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. No change.

2. Taking wildlife with dogs is prohibited, except any dog may be used during dove season and to take small game during small game season. The take of ~~deer and~~ wild hog with dogs is prohibited.

3. When the check station is staffed, hunters must shall check in and out at the check station when entering and exiting the area and shall check all harvested wildlife.

4. through 13. No change.

(8) Point Washington Wildlife Management Area.

(a) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 2. No change.

3. Taking wildlife with dogs other than bird dogs or retrievers is prohibited, except any dog may be used to take small game during the small game and general gun seasons ~~season.~~ The take of deer and wild hog with dogs is prohibited. Taking furbearers with dogs is prohibited, except during the raccoon season.

4. through 9. No change.

(9) Talquin Wildlife Management Area.

(a) No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, bear (only during the bear season), fish and furbearers. Taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with two or more points is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. During the youth turkey hunt, one gobbler or bearded turkey may be taken per quota permit. During the spring turkey season, the bag limit is two gobblers or bearded turkeys per quota permit, but no more than one per person. During the wild hog-still season, only wild hog may be taken.

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. No change.

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

small game during the small game season. The take of deer, furbearers, and wild hog with dogs is prohibited.

3. through 6. No change.

(10) Ochlockonee River Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. through 7. No change.

8. Ducks, geese, and coot – During the seasons established by Rule 68A-13.003, F.A.C. (Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays only, except hunting is allowed throughout the September Duck seasons established by subsection 68A-13.003(3), F.A.C.).

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, bear (only during those portions of the archery season that coincide with the open season established for the East Panhandle BMU in Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C.), fish, frogs and furbearers. In that portion of the area south of I-10, taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with two or more points is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. In that portion of the area north of I-10, taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with three or more points or one antler with a main beam of ten inches or more in length is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. Gobblers or bearded turkeys may be taken during the archery/muzzleloading gun season. During the youth turkey hunt, one gobbler or bearded turkey may be taken per quota permit. During the spring turkey season, the bag limit is two gobblers or bearded turkeys per quota permit, but no more than one per person. During the wild hog-still season, only wild hog may be taken.

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. No change.

2. Taking wildlife with dogs other than bird dogs or retrievers is prohibited, except any dog may be used to take small game during the small game season. The take of deer, furbearers, and wild hog with dogs is prohibited.

3. through 6. No change.

(11) Tate's Hell Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. No change.

2. Small game – Opening the second Saturday of November and closing the last day of quail season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C. (~~except during general gun season~~).

3. through 9. No change.

10. Fox, raccoon, opossum and bobcat – May 1 through September 30 in the fox hunt area, defined as that portion of the dog hunt area bounded by Jet Engine Road, Five Points Road, Trout Creek Road, Buck Siding Road, Tucker Road and Gully Branch Road.

11. through 13. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, bear (only during the bear season), fish, frogs and furbearers. Taking of antlered deer not

having at least one antler with three or more points or one antler with a main beam of 10 inches or more in length is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. During the Fox, Raccoon, Opossum and Bobcat Season, rabbits may be chased by free-running dogs during daylight hours; however, taking wildlife with a gun, except as allowed during overlapping seasons, is prohibited.

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. No change.

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

3. No change.

4. Taking wildlife ~~Hunting~~ with dogs other than bird dogs and retrievers is prohibited in the still hunt area, defined as which includes that portion of the area north of State Road 65 to Whiskey George Creek, east of Whiskey George Creek to Dry Bridge Road, and south of Dry Bridge Road to Car Body Road, east of Car Body Road to River Road, south of River Road to Burnt Bridge Road, east of Burnt Bridge Road from its intersection with River Road to the New River, south of New River to and west of Carrabelle River, and those lands lying south and east of the Crooked River, south and east of Crooked River to U.S. Hwy. 319, west of U.S. 319 to U.S. Hwy. 98, and north and west of U.S. 98 to SR 65, except any dog may be used to take small game during the small game season on dates that do not overlap with any season open for the taking of deer. The dog hunt area is defined as that portion of the area outside the still hunt area. The take of deer with dogs is prohibited, except during general gun season in the dog hunt area. However, during the deer-dog training season in the dog hunt area, deer dogs may be allowed to run free for training purposes only, but the take of wildlife with a gun while training deer dogs is prohibited. The take of wild hog with dogs is prohibited, except during general gun and small game seasons in the dog hunt area. Taking furbearers with dogs is prohibited in the still hunt area.

5. through 7. No change.

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

(a) Open season:

1. through 2. No change.

3. Small game – Opening the second Saturday of November and closing the last day of quail season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C. (~~except during general gun season~~).

4. through 13. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, bear (only during those portions of the archery season that coincide with the open

season established for the East Panhandle BMU in Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C.), fish, frogs, and furbearers. Taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with ~~three~~ two or more points or one antler with a main beam of 10 inches or more in length is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. During the youth turkey hunt, one gobbler or bearded turkey may be taken per quota permit. During the wild hog-dog season, only wild hog may be taken.

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. Taking wildlife with dogs, other than bird dogs ~~and~~ retrievers ~~or dogs with a shoulder height of 15 inches or less~~, is prohibited, except during the general gun dog and wild hog-dog seasons and to take small game during the small game season, unless dates overlap with archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun-still, or archery/muzzleloading gun season. The take of deer and furbearers with dogs is prohibited, except during the general gun dog season. The take of wild hog with dogs is prohibited, except during the general gun dog and wild hog-dog seasons.

2. through 5. No change.

(13) Aucilla Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. through 12. No change.

13. Trapping – Opening the day following the close of general gun season as established in that portion of the area outside the Pinhook Still Hunt Area and closing March 1.

14. through 15. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

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

2. Taking wildlife with dogs other than bird dogs or waterfowl retrievers is prohibited in the still hunt area (defined as ~~which includes~~ that portion of the area south of US Hwy. 98 and that portion of the area north of Goose Pasture Road and east of Oneal Tram). Taking furbearers with dogs is prohibited in the still hunt area.

3. through 13. No change.

(14) Pine Log Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. through 12. No change.

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

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

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. No change.

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

3. through 4. No change.

5. Hunters must ~~shall~~ check in and out at a check station when entering and exiting the area and ~~shall~~ check all harvested wildlife when the check station is staffed ~~game taken~~ during the archery, muzzleloading gun, family hunt, archery/muzzleloading gun, and general gun seasons.

6. No change.

7. During the raccoon season, hunting as specified by paragraph 68A-24.002(2)(b), F.A.C., is allowed (except in the archery-only area) and quota permits are not required from one hour after sunset until one hour before sunrise.

8. through 9. No change.

10. A quota permit is not required to take wild turkey during the spring turkey season in the archery-only area.

(15) Eglin AFB Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. through 2. No change.

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

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

5. through 12. No change.

13. Wild hog-still – Throughout the year in areas and at times specified by the Installation Commander.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish (except as provided below), frogs and furbearers. Taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with three or more points or one antler with a main beam of 10 inches or more in length is prohibited, except in the Jackson and Brier Creek units where take of antlered deer not having at least one antler with 4 or more points or one antler with a main beam of 14-inches or more in length is prohibited. The Installation Commander may specify areas in which and days during which persons less than 16 years of age may harvest antlered deer not meeting antler point criteria. Antlerless deer may be taken during established seasons only by permit from the Installation Commander. ~~The take of wild hog is prohibited during small game season.~~ Only wild hog may be taken during the wild hog-dog ~~and wild hog-still seasons~~ ~~season~~. During spring turkey season, gobblers ~~or~~ bearded turkeys may only be taken from 1/2 hour before sunrise until 1 p.m. The take of ~~wild~~ turkey is prohibited during the archery season.

1. through 2. No change.

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 2. No change.

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

4. Taking wildlife by use of a gun on or from the rights-of-way of any paved Eglin road, Range Roads 200, 213, 234, 204 (south of Range Road 314), and those portions of Range Road 211 west of Silver Creek to Range Road 610, and all other roads posted as such, is prohibited as provided by Rule 68A-4.008, F.A.C. Taking deer, furbearers, and wild hog with dogs is only allowed in areas and during days specified by the Installation Commander.

5. through 9. No change.

10. No person shall operate any boat propelled by an internal-combustion engine on any freshwater body ~~lake or pond~~, except as authorized by the Installation Commander.

11. through 15. No change.

16. Game cameras are only allowed as specified by the Installation Commander.

17. All traffic laws of the State of Florida and Department of Defense are applicable to this area, unless otherwise provided by area rules.

(16) Escambia River Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. through 4. No change.

5. Small game – Opening the second Saturday of November and closing the last day of quail season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C. ~~(except during general gun~~

~~season).~~

6. through 14. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers. Taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with three or more points or one antler with a main beam of ten inches or more in length is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. During the wild hog-dog season, only wild hog may be taken. During the Fox and Bobcat Season, rabbits may be chased by free-running dogs during daylight hours; however, taking wildlife with a gun, except as provided in paragraph 68A-24.002(2)(c), F.A.C., or as allowed during overlapping seasons, is prohibited.

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. No change.

2. Taking wildlife with dogs, other than using bird dogs, rabbit dogs, squirrel dogs or retrievers to take small game, is prohibited in the still hunt area, defined as that portion of the area north of State Road 184 in Santa Rosa County, and north of Cedartown Road and Daffin Road in Escambia County, except that dogs may be used to take raccoon and opossum at night during the raccoon and opossum season and to take wild hog during the wild hog-dog season. The dog hunt area is defined as that portion of the area outside the still hunt area. The take of deer with dogs is prohibited, except during the general gun and family hunt seasons in the dog hunt area. The take of wild hog with dogs is prohibited, except during the general gun, family hunt, and small game seasons in the dog hunt area and during the wild hog-dog season throughout the area.

3. through 9. No change.

(17) Tyndall AFB Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. No change.

2. Muzzleloading gun – During the first 7 days of the ~~and~~ Zone D muzzleloading gun season as established in Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., in areas and during days specified by the Installation Commander.

3. through 10. No change.

11. Crossbow – During the last five days of the Zone D crossbow season as established in Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., in areas and during days specified by the Installation Commander.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game (except quail), bear (only during the bear season), fish, frogs and furbearers. ~~Taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with two or more points is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age in areas specified by the Installation Commander. Within the East and West units, The take of antlered deer not having at least one antler with four or more points is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age in areas and during days unless otherwise specified by the Installation Commander. The Installation Commander may specify areas and days where~~

~~taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with three or more points is prohibited, and where persons less than 16 years of age may harvest antlered deer not meeting antler point criteria.~~ Antler restrictions shall not apply during the supervised youth hunt. Antlerless deer may be taken during established seasons only by permit from the Installation Commander. The bag limit for deer shall be ~~4~~ 3 (but no more than 2 antlerless deer) during all seasons combined, ~~except on the Flightline Unit where statewide bag limits for deer shall apply.~~

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. Taking wildlife with dogs other than bird dogs or retrievers is prohibited, except any dog may be used to take small game during the small game season in areas and during days designated by the Installation Commander. The take of deer, furbearers, or wild hog with dogs is prohibited.

2. through 4. No change.

5. Taking deer with centerfire shotguns or muzzleloading guns using ammunition other than slugs or single projectiles is prohibited. Taking wildlife with airguns is prohibited, except non pre-charged pneumatic airguns may be used for taking gray squirrel.

6. No change.

7. A Department of Defense-issued permit is required for all recreational users on the area, including specific permits to take fish and wildlife.

8. Persons may only enter and exit the area at designated entrances as established by the Installation Commander.

9. Hunters must check in and out at a check station when entering and exiting the area and check all harvested wildlife in areas and during days specified by the Installation Commander.

10. All hunters must obtain permission from the check station operator prior to pursuing a wounded animal into a closed area or hunting block to which they are not assigned.

11. Scouting is allowed only as specified by the Installation Commander.

12. All hunters and their guests must wear a minimum of 500 square inches of daylight fluorescent orange material above the waist as an outer garment during muzzleloading gun and general gun seasons, except those individuals participating in dove hunts on designated dove fields or waterfowl hunts.

13. For all hunts with designated stand locations, individuals may only hunt at their assigned stand. Taking deer, wild hog, or coyote by methods other than still-hunting directly from an assigned tree stand is prohibited. Moving or attempting to move pre-placed ladder stands from designated stand locations is prohibited.

14. The use of a light during nighttime hours to disclose the presence of wildlife is prohibited, except as specifically authorized by the Installation Commander.

15. Trail cameras are allowed only as specified by the

Installation Commander.

16. Motorized vehicles are prohibited, except street-legal vehicles may be operated on named and numbered roads in areas and during days specified by the Installation Commander.

17. All traffic laws of the State of Florida and Department of Defense are applicable to this area, unless otherwise provided by a specific area regulation.

18. Bicycles and electric bicycles are allowed only in areas and during days specified by the Installation Commander.

19. Fires are prohibited, except in designated camping areas.

(18) Choctawhatchee River Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. through 3. No change.

4. Small game – During the quail season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C. ~~(except during general gun season).~~

5. Archery/Muzzleloading gun – Opening the day after the last day of general gun season and closing ~~17~~ 40 days thereafter. Open the first 69 days of Zone D antlered deer season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., in Holmes Creek Unit and East River Island only.

6. through 11. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers. In that portion of the area south of I-10, taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with two or more points is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. In that portion of the area north of I-10, taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with three or more points or one antler with a main beam of ten inches or more in length is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. In that portion of the area north of the pipeline right-of-way, wild turkey may be taken only during the spring turkey season and only one gobbler or bearded turkey may be taken per spring turkey or youth turkey quota permit. During the wild hog-dog season, only wild hog may be taken.

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. No change.

2. Taking wildlife with dogs, other than using bird dogs, rabbit dogs, squirrel dogs or retrievers to take small game, is prohibited in still hunt areas, except any dog may be used during the wild hog-dog season throughout the still hunt area and to take raccoon and opossum during the general gun and small game seasons outside the East River Island Area and Holmes Creek Unit. Wild hog may only also be taken hunted with dogs during the general gun and small game seasons in the dog hunt area and throughout the area ~~(dog and still hunt areas)~~ during the wild hog-dog season, except in the Holmes Creek Unit. Designated still hunt areas are north of US Highway 90, Holmes Creek Unit (those lands in Washington County lying east of County Road 284) and East River Island (those lands in

Township 1 North, Ranges 17 and 18 West which are bounded on the south and east by East River and on the west and north by Choctawhatchee River); also those lands south of US Highway 90 lying north of the pipeline right-of-way and east of the Choctawhatchee River. The dog hunt area is defined as that portion of the area outside the still hunt areas. The take of deer with dogs is prohibited, except during the general gun season in the dog hunt area.

3. through 8. No change.

(19) Chipola River Wildlife Management Area.

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

1. through 3. No change.

4. Small game – During the quail season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C. ~~(except during general gun season).~~

5. through 12. No change.

(b) through (e) No change.

(20) Yellow River Wildlife Management Area.

(a) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. No change.

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

3. through 6. No change.

(21) Econfina Creek Wildlife Management Area.

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

1. through 3. No change.

4. Small game – During the quail season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C. ~~(except during general gun season).~~

5. through 11. No change.

(b) 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. through 3. No change.

4. Small game – During the quail season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C. ~~(except during general gun season and muzzleloading gun seasons)~~ (Cat Creek area) and opening the second Saturday in December and closing 15 days thereafter (Fitzhugh Carter area).

5. through 9. No change.

(d) through (e) No change.

(f) General regulations:

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

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

3. The use of off-highway vehicles (including all-terrain vehicles, recreational off-highway vehicles, swamp buggies, tracked vehicles, and unlicensed and unregistered motorcycles) is prohibited, except ATVs and ROVs (side-by-sides) may be operated in the mobility-impaired hunt area by persons possessing mobility-impaired certificates.

4. through 7. No change.

8. Horses are allowed on designated horse trails only. Horses, trailers, and the use of bicycles and electric bicycles are prohibited on the Fitzhugh Carter Area.

9. All persons entering or exiting the Fitzhugh/Carter area may do so only at a designated entrance.

10. When the check station is staffed, hHunters and anglers must shall check in and out at a check station when entering and exiting the Fitzhugh/Carter area and shall check all harvested wildlife game and fish taken.

11. through 14. No change.

15. During periods closed to hunting and fishing in the

Fitzhugh Carter Area, public access other than by foot is prohibited.

16. In the Fitzhugh Carter Area, vessels are prohibited, except canoes, kayaks, and those boats provided for use on the area.

17. Swimming is prohibited in the Fitzhugh Carter Area.

(22) Box-R Wildlife Management Area.

(a) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 3. No change.

4. Taking wildlife with dogs, other than bird dogs or retrievers, is prohibited, except any dog may be used during the wild hog-dog season and when taking small game during the small game season. The take of wild hogs with dogs is prohibited, except during the wild hog-dog season. During the wild hog-dog season, no more than 3 free-running dogs per quota permit may be used. The take of deer and furbearers with dogs is prohibited.

5. When the check station is staffed during the archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun, and wild hog-still seasons, hunters must shall check in and out at a check station when entering and exiting the area and shall check all harvested wildlife game taken, except during the small game, wild hog-dog, spring turkey, and dove seasons. Hunters accessing the Gulf County portion of the area are not required to check in or out at a check station or check harvested wildlife and are exempt from quota permit requirements.

6. through 11. No change.

(23) Lafayette Creek Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. through 4. No change.

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

6. through 10. No change.

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

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers, except that deer and turkey may not be taken during the wild hog-still season. Taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with two or more points is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. Taking antlerless deer is prohibited, except during the archery and family hunt seasons. The bag limit for antlerless deer during the family hunt is one per quota permit. During the wild hog-still season, only wild hog may be taken.

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 3. No change.

4. Taking wildlife with dogs, other than bird dogs or retrievers, is prohibited, except any dog may be used to take small game during the small game season. The take of deer, furbearers, and wild hog with dogs is prohibited.

5. through 7. No change.

(24) Wakulla Wildlife Management Area.

(a) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 2. No change.

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

4. through 7. No change.

(25) Perdido River Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. through 5. No change.

6. Small game – Opening the second Saturday in November and closing the first Sunday in March (except during archery, general gun, family hunt, muzzleloading gun, and archery/muzzleloading gun seasons).

7. through 10. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers. In that portion of the area south of I-10, taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with two or more points is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. In that portion of the area north of I-10, taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with three or more points or one antler with a main beam of ten inches or more in length is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. Taking antlerless deer is prohibited, except during the archery and family hunt seasons. The bag limit for antlerless deer during the family hunt is one per quota permit. During the youth turkey hunt, one gobbler or bearded turkey may be taken per quota permit.

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 2. No change.

3. Taking wildlife Hunting with dogs, other than bird dogs or retrievers, is prohibited, except any dog may be used to take small game during the small game season. The take of deer, furbearers, and wild hog with dogs is prohibited.

4. through 7. No change.

(26) No change.

(27) Beaverdam Creek Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. No change.

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

3. through 13. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. Vehicles may be operated on Harry Donar Road year-round and on the area road extending from the boat ramp at the terminus of Harry Donar Road to the pipeline parking area during the period October 1 through April 30 and during each wild hog-dog hunt. Operation of vehicles on any other road is prohibited.

2. through 8. No change.

(28) Escribano Point Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. through 5. No change.

6. Small game – During the quail season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C. (except during archery, general gun, muzzleloading gun, and archery/muzzleloading gun seasons).

7. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. No change.

2. Taking wildlife with dogs, other than bird dogs or retrievers, is prohibited, except any dog may be used to take small game during the small game season. The take of deer, furbearers, and wild hog with dogs is prohibited.

3. through 5. No change.

(29) Plank Road Wildlife Management Area.

(a) 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 or one antler with a main beam of 10-inches or more in length is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. The take of antlerless deer is prohibited except during the archery, family hunt, and mobility-impaired general gun seasons. During the family hunt, the bag limit shall be two deer per quota permit, only one of which may be antlerless. During the mobility-impaired general gun season, the bag limit for antlerless deer shall be one per quota permit and only mobility-impaired hunters may take antlerless deer. The take of beardless hen wild turkey is prohibited. During the wild hog-still season, only wild hog may be taken.

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. No change.

2. Taking wildlife with dogs, other than bird dogs or retrievers, is prohibited, except any dog may be used to take small game during the small game season. The take of deer and wild hog with dogs is prohibited. Taking furbearers with dogs is prohibited, except for taking raccoon and opossum during the small game season.

3. through 7. No change.

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

(a) No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs, and furbearers. Taking of antlered deer not having at least 1 antler with ~~4~~ 3 or more points or 1 antler with a main beam of ~~14~~ 10 inches or more in length is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. During the archery season, the bag limit for deer ~~is shall be~~ 1 deer (except spotted fawn) per quota permit. During the muzzleloading gun and general gun seasons, the bag limit for deer ~~is shall be~~ 1 antlered deer per quota permit. During the family hunt, the bag limit for deer ~~is shall be~~ 2 antlered deer per quota permit, but no more than 1 per person. The take of beardless hen wild turkey is prohibited. During the archery, youth turkey, and spring turkey seasons, 1 gobbler or bearded turkey may be taken per quota permit.

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 3. No change.

4. Taking wildlife ~~Hunting~~ with dogs is prohibited, except bird dogs and retrievers may be used for taking doves, ducks, geese, coots, snipe, and woodcock during their respective statewide seasons and any dog may be used to take small game during small game season. The take of ~~deer and~~ wild hog with dogs is prohibited.

5. through 6. No change.

(31) Garcon Point Wildlife Management Area.

(a) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 4. No change.

5. Taking wildlife ~~Hunting~~ with dogs is prohibited, except bird dogs and retrievers may be used for taking migratory birds during their respective statewide seasons and any dog may be used to take small game during small game season. The take of ~~deer and~~ wild hog with dogs is prohibited.

6. through 7. No change.

8. Horses are prohibited.

(32) Telogia Creek Wildlife Management Area.

(a) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 4. No change.

5. Taking wildlife with dogs, other than using bird dogs, rabbit dogs, squirrel dogs or retrievers to take small game during general gun and small game seasons, is prohibited, except bird dogs and retrievers may be used to take migratory birds when their respective statewide seasons overlap area-specific seasons. The take of ~~deer or~~ wild hog with dogs is prohibited.

6. through 7. No change.

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

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

(a) No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, furbearers and frogs.

Deer daily bag one, annual bag two. Turkeys may not be taken during the archery season. The take of antlerless deer is prohibited except during the last 9 days of archery season. Taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with three or more points or one antler with a main beam of ten inches or more in length is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. The take of wild turkey by non-residents during the first 9 days of the zonal spring turkey season (which includes the first 5 days of the area-specific spring turkey season) is prohibited.

(c) through (d) No change.

(2) Holey Land Wildlife Management Area.

(a) No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game (except turkey, crow, and mourning and white-winged doves), fish, frogs and furbearers.

Take of antlerless deer is prohibited during the archery season. Taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with two or more points and having one or more antlers at least 5 inches in length visible above the hairline is prohibited. The take of wild hog is prohibited during small game season. The bag limit for antlered deer shall be one during archery season, one during muzzleloading gun season, one during general gun-walk season and one per tag during the general gun-vehicle season. During the small game season, taking quail prior to the second Saturday in November is prohibited. Notwithstanding the quail season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., quail may be taken throughout the general gun-walk season established for this area.

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 5. No change.

6. Taking wildlife Hunting with dogs is allowed only during the general gun-vehicle season, except that bird dogs and retrievers may be used to take snipe and waterfowl during their respective statewide seasons and dogs may be used to take small game during small game season. The take of wild hog with dogs is prohibited during small game season.

7. through 19. No change.

(e) No change.

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

(a) No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game (except turkey and mourning and white-winged doves), 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. Take of antlerless deer is prohibited during archery season. The take of wild hog is prohibited during small game season. The bag limit for antlered deer shall be one per season during archery, muzzleloading gun and general gun-walk seasons and one per tag during the general gun-vehicle season. During the small game season, taking quail prior to the second Saturday in November is prohibited. Notwithstanding the quail season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., quail may be taken throughout the general gun-walk season established for this area.

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 11. No change.

12. Taking wildlife Hunting with dogs is allowed only during the general gun-vehicle season, except that bird dogs and retrievers may be used to take waterfowl and snipe during their respective statewide seasons and dogs may be used to take small game during small game season. The take of wild hog with dogs is prohibited during small game season.

13. through 25. No change.

(e) No change.

(4) Rotenberger Wildlife Management Area.

(a) No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game (except turkey and mourning and white-winged doves), furbearers, fish and frogs. Take of antlerless deer is prohibited during archery season. Taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with two or more points and having one or more antlers at least 5 inches in length visible above the hairline is prohibited. The take of wild hog is prohibited during small game season. The bag limit for antlered deer shall be one per season during archery, muzzleloading gun and general gun-walk seasons and one per tag during the general gun-vehicle season. During the small game season, taking quail prior to the second Saturday in November is prohibited. Notwithstanding the quail season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., quail may be taken throughout the general gun-walk season established for this area.

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 7. No change.

8. Taking wildlife Hunting with dogs is allowed only

during the general gun-vehicle season, except that bird dogs and retrievers may be used to take snipe and waterfowl during their respective statewide seasons and dogs may be used to take small game during small game season. The take of wild hog with dogs is prohibited during small game season.

9. through 19. No change.

(e) No change.

(5) Big Cypress Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. through 2. No change.

3. Archery – Opening the Saturday prior to Labor Day and closing 29 days thereafter in all units (except Loop and Stairsteps) and reopening 6 days later and closing 15 days thereafter and reopening twelve days prior to Thanksgiving Day and closing January 1 in the Deep Lake Unit, Loop, and Stairsteps units only, unless January 1 falls on a Thursday, Friday or Saturday, in which case the season would close on the following Sunday.

4. Muzzleloading gun – Opening 21 days after the first day of Zone A antlered deer season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., and closing 15 days thereafter, except in the Deep Lake, Loop, and Stairsteps units Unit.

5. through 8. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game (except armadillo), fish, frogs, coyote and nutria. Taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with two or more points is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. In the Corn Dance and Loop units and zones 1 through 3 of the Stairsteps Unit, taking of deer not having at least one antler with four or more points is prohibited. The take of deer in the Loop and Zone 4 of the Stairsteps units Unit is prohibited; however, this prohibition will be reviewed every two years beginning after the close of the 2026-27 hunting season to determine if the regulation is appropriate or should be repealed. The taking of turkey or antlerless deer during the archery season is prohibited. The take of wild turkey by non-residents during the first 9 days of the zonal spring turkey season is prohibited in non-quota units. The bag limit for deer is one annually (by hunting season year not calendar year). The bag limit for turkey is one per day, two per spring turkey season.

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. Taking wildlife Hunting with dogs is prohibited, except that bird dogs and retrievers may be used for hunting migratory birds during their respective statewide seasons and during small game season dogs may be used for hunting small game. Hunting wild hog with dogs is prohibited. The possession of dogs (other than for hunting purposes) is prohibited except as authorized by National Park Service regulations. Leashed dogs may not be used for trailing wounded game.

2. through 16. No change.

17. Taking wildlife with centerfire rifles is prohibited during small game season in the Deep Lake, Loop, and Stairsteps units.

18. No change.

(6) Okaloacoochee Slough Wildlife Management Area.

(a) No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, bear (only during the bear season), fish, frogs and furbearers. During the archery, muzzleloading gun, family and general gun seasons, the bag limit for deer shall be one per quota permit, except during the family hunt when the bag limit shall be two per quota permit, but no more than one per person. The taking of antlerless deer is prohibited during archery season. One gobbler or bearded turkey may be taken per spring turkey or youth turkey quota permit. Taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with three or more points or one antler with a main beam of ten inches or more in length is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. During the small game season, taking quail prior to the second Saturday in November is prohibited. Notwithstanding the quail season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., quail may be taken throughout the general gun-walk season established for this area.

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. Taking wildlife Hunting with dogs is prohibited, except dogs may be used for taking small game during small game season and for taking doves, snipe, and waterfowl during their respective statewide seasons established by Rules 68A-13.003 and 68A-13.008, F.A.C. The take of wild hog with dogs is prohibited.

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

3. Motor vehicles may be operated only on named or numbered roads and named or numbered trails.

4. through 8. No change.

(7) Fisheating Creek Wildlife Management Area.

(a) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 4. No change.

5. Taking wildlife Hunting with dogs is prohibited.

6. through 9. No change.

(8) Picayune Strand Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. through 3. No change.

4. Small game – Opening 4 ~~6~~ days after the last day of general gun season and closing February 15.

5. through 8. No change.

9. General gun for mobility impaired – Opening 5 days

prior to general gun season and closing 1 day thereafter.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, bear (only during those portions of the general gun season that coincide with the open season established for the South BMU in Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C.), fish, frogs and furbearers. Taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with three or more points or one antler with a main beam of 10 or more inches in length is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. The bag limit for deer during the archery, muzzleloading gun, and general gun seasons shall be two per quota permit, but no more than one per person. During the general gun for mobility-impaired season, the bag limit for deer shall be one antlered and one antlerless deer per quota permit, but only mobility-impaired hunters may take an antlerless deer. Taking antlerless deer is prohibited, except during the general gun for mobility-impaired season. The taking of ~~wild antlerless deer~~ and turkey is prohibited during archery season. One gobbler (or bearded turkey) may be taken per spring turkey or youth turkey quota permit. During the small game season, taking quail prior to the second Saturday in November is prohibited. Notwithstanding the quail season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., quail may be taken throughout the general gun season established for this area.

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. Taking wildlife ~~Hunting~~ with dogs is prohibited except dogs may be used to take small game during small game season and for taking doves, snipe, and waterfowl during their respective statewide seasons established by Rules 68A-13.003 and 68A-13.008, F.A.C. The take of wild hog with dogs is prohibited.

2. The use of airboats is prohibited. Off-Highway Vehicles (all-terrain vehicles, tracked vehicles, and off-highway motorcycles) are prohibited except by permit from the Florida Forest Service and as provided in subparagraph 68A-15.064(8)(d)3., F.A.C. only.

3. Only licensed and registered vehicles may be operated on the area, and only on designated roads, parking areas, and other areas as designated by the Florida Forest Service, except swamp buggies and ROVs (side-by-sides) may be used on designated roads only in that portion of the area east of and including Miller Blvd. and south of and including Berson Blvd. during the small game season by individuals who possess a released quail permit and during and 1 week prior to the opening of the archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun for mobility-impaired, general gun, and spring turkey seasons by individuals who possess a valid quota permit and their guests. During the general gun for mobility-impaired season, ATVs and ROVs may also be operated off-road, but only by individuals authorized to participate in the hunt.

4. through 7. No change.

(9) Dinner Island Ranch Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. through 8. No change.

9. Dove (dove field only) – Saturdays ~~only~~ during the mourning ~~dove~~ and white-winged dove season established by Rule 68A-13.008, F.A.C.

10. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers. The bag limit for deer shall be one per quota permit, except during the family hunt when the bag limit shall be two per quota permit, but no more than one per person. One gobbler (or bearded turkey) may be taken per spring turkey or youth turkey quota permit. The taking of antlerless deer and turkey is prohibited during archery season. Taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with three or more points or one antler with a main beam of ten inches or more in length is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. During the small game season, taking quail prior to the second Saturday in November is prohibited. Notwithstanding the quail season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., quail may be taken throughout the general gun-walk season established for this area.

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. Taking wildlife ~~Hunting~~ with dogs is prohibited except bird dogs or retrievers may be used during migratory bird seasons for taking migratory game birds and dogs may be used to take small game during small game season. The take of wild hog with dogs is prohibited.

2. through 4. No change.

5. During periods when the check station is staffed, hunters shall check in and out at the designated check station when entering and exiting the area and shall check all game taken, except for those participating in dove hunts.

6. through 7. No change.

8. Shooting hours for dove hunts shall be from one-half hour before sunrise until sunset. Hunters may enter the posted field no earlier than one hour before shooting time and shall exit the field within one hour after sunset. During the statewide dove season, hunting is prohibited on posted dove fields, except on Saturdays. Outside dove season, individuals may participate in hunting activities on the dove field as allowed by season.

~~9. Dove field permits shall be issued on a first come, first served basis at the check station on the day of each phase dove hunt.~~

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

~~11.2.~~ Motorized vehicle access is prohibited from one and one-half hours after sunset until one and one-half hours before sunrise, except individuals who possess a valid camping permit and their guests may access their designated campsite at any time during the dates listed on their permit.

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

(a) No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, bear (only during the bear season), fish, frogs and furbearers. The bag limit for deer shall be two per quota permit, but no more than one per person. During the spring turkey season, one gobbler (or bearded turkey) may be taken per person, but not more than two per quota permit. During the youth turkey season, one gobbler (or bearded turkey) may be taken per quota permit. The taking of antlerless deer and turkey is prohibited during archery season. Taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with three or more points or one antler with a main beam of ten inches or more in length is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. During the small game season, taking quail prior to the second Saturday in November is prohibited. Notwithstanding the quail season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., quail may be taken throughout the general gun-walk season established for this area.

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. Taking wildlife Hunting with dogs is prohibited except bird dogs or retrievers may be used during migratory bird seasons for taking migratory game birds and dogs may be used to take small game during small game season. The take of wild hog with dogs is prohibited.

2. through 7. No change.

(11) Allapattah Flats Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. through 10. No change.

11. General gun for mobility-impaired – Opening 35 days after the first day of Zone A antlered deer season established by rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., and closing 1 day thereafter.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, and furbearers (except bobcat and otter). Taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with three or more points or one antler with a main beam of ten inches or more in length is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. Taking antlerless deer is prohibited, except during the archery and general gun for mobility-impaired seasons. Wild Turkey may only be taken during the spring turkey season. The bag limit for deer shall be one per quota permit, except during the general gun for mobility-impaired season when the bag limit shall be one antlered and one antlerless deer per quota permit, but only mobility-impaired hunters may take an antlerless deer and during the family hunt when the bag limit for deer shall be two antlered deer per quota permit, but no more than one per person. One gobbler (or bearded turkey) may be taken per spring turkey or youth turkey quota permit. During the small game season, taking quail prior to the second Saturday in November is prohibited. Notwithstanding the quail season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., quail may be taken throughout the family hunt and general gun seasons established for this area.

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. No change.

2. Motor vehicles are prohibited except beginning 3 days prior to the opening of archery, muzzleloading gun, family hunt, general gun, small game, youth turkey, spring turkey, and wild hog-still seasons through 6 p.m. one day after the close of each of these seasons and during the dove, waterfowl, and snipe seasons established by Rules 68A-13.003 and 68A-13.008, F.A.C., when motor vehicles may be operated on numbered trails by individuals participating in the hunt. Beginning 3 days prior to the general gun for mobility-impaired season through 6 p.m. one day after the close of this season, motor vehicles may be operated on numbered trails and ATVs may be operated on numbered trails and off-trail by individuals authorized to participate in the hunt.

3. Tracked vehicles, swamp buggies, airboats, unlicensed and unregistered motorcycles, and all-terrain vehicles are prohibited, except ATVs may be used during the general gun for mobility-impaired season by individuals authorized to participate in the hunt.

4. through 7. No change.

(12) Everglades Headwaters Wildlife Management Area – Kissimmee Bend Unit.

(a) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 5. No change.

6. Taking wildlife Hunting with dogs is prohibited, except bird dogs and retrievers may be used to hunt migratory birds in season and any dog may be used to hunt small game during small game season. The take of wild hog with dogs is prohibited.

7. through 9. No change.

(13) Everglades Headwaters National Wildlife Refuge Wildlife Management Area – Okeechobee Unit.

(a) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 2. No change.

3. Motor vehicle access is prohibited, except individuals participating in hunts may operate street legal motor vehicles on designated roads and trails as indicated on the brochure map during archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun, family hunt, small game, youth turkey, and spring turkey seasons, and for hunting-related activities 3 days before and after each of these seasons, from 4 days after the last day of archery season through the last day of phase 1 of the statewide mourning and white-winged dove season established by Rule 68A-13.008, F.A.C., and from November 1 through 4 days prior to small game season; and individuals who possess a valid camping permit may operate street legal motor vehicles on designated roads and trails as indicated on the brochure map during the dates listed

on their permit. At all other times, public access other than by foot, horseback, or bicycle is prohibited.

4. through 9. No change.

(14) Dinner Island Ranch Wildlife Management Area – Caracara Unit

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – Opening 49 days prior to the first day of Zone A antlered deer season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., and closing 24 days thereafter (Saturdays, Sundays, Mondays, and Tuesdays only).

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

3. General gun for mobility-impaired – Opening the first day of Zone A antlered deer season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., and closing one day thereafter.

4. General gun – Opening 14 days after the first day of Zone A antlered deer season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., and closing 16 days thereafter (Saturdays, Sundays, and Mondays only).

5. Small game – Opening 19 days prior to Thanksgiving Day and closing 15 days thereafter (Saturdays and Sundays only), reopening 4 days later and closing 3 days thereafter, reopening 6 days later and closing 1 day thereafter, reopening 13 days later and closing 15 days thereafter (Saturday and Sunday only), and reopening 27 days later and closing 15 days thereafter (Saturday and Sunday only).

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

7. Spring turkey – Opening the first day of spring turkey season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., and closing 3 days thereafter, reopening 10 days later and closing 3 days thereafter, reopening 11 days later and closing 3 days thereafter.

8. Waterfowl – Opening 2 days after the first day of wood duck and teal season as established by subparagraph 68A-13.003(3)(a)1., F.A.C., and closing 6 days thereafter, reopening 5 days prior to the last Saturday in December, and closing 4 days thereafter, reopening 3 days later and closing 4 days thereafter, and reopening 8 days prior to the last Sunday in January and closing 8 days thereafter (only species as allowed by the respective statewide seasons established by Rule 68A-13.003, F.A.C.).

9. Dove – Opening the first day of the first phase of mourning and white-winged dove season as established by subparagraph 68A-13.008(1)(a)1., F.A.C., and closing 6 days thereafter, reopening 5 days prior to the last Saturday in December and closing 4 days thereafter, reopening 3 days later and closing 4 days thereafter, and reopening 8 days prior to the last Sunday in January and closing 8 days thereafter.

10. Snipe – Opening 5 days prior to the last Saturday in December and closing 4 days thereafter, reopening 3 days later

and closing 4 days thereafter, and reopening 8 days prior to the last Sunday in January and closing 8 days thereafter.

11. Fishing and frogging – Allowed year-round.

(b) Legal to take:

1. All legal game, fish, frogs, and furbearers. The bag limit for deer is one antlered deer per quota permit during the archery, muzzleloading gun, and general gun seasons. During the general gun for mobility-impaired season, the bag limit for deer is one antlered and one antlerless deer per quota permit, but only mobility-impaired hunters may take an antlerless deer. The bag limit for wild turkey is one gobbler or bearded turkey per youth or spring turkey quota permit. Taking antlered deer not having at least one antler with four or more points or a main beam of 14 or more inches in length is prohibited, except by youth less than 16 years of age. Taking antlerless deer is prohibited, except during the general gun for mobility-impaired season. Taking wild turkey is prohibited during archery season. During the small game season, taking quail prior to the second Saturday in November is prohibited. Notwithstanding the quail season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., quail may be taken throughout the general gun season established for this area.

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

(d) General Regulations:

1. Public access is allowed year-round, except during quota hunts, when only individuals possessing a valid quota permit and their guests may access the area.

2. Motorized vehicles (including airboats and off-highway vehicles) are prohibited, except street-legal vehicles may be operated from one and one-half hours before sunrise until one and one-half hours after sunset on designated roads and parking areas as indicated on the hunt map and ATVs and recreational off-highway vehicles (side-by-sides) may be operated on the area during the general gun for mobility-impaired season by individuals authorized to participate in the hunt.

3. Motor vehicles must enter and exit the area at a designated entrance only.

4. Taking wildlife with dogs is prohibited, except bird dogs and retrievers may be used to take migratory birds listed as legal to take during the dove, waterfowl, and snipe seasons and any dog may be used to hunt small game during the small game season. Taking wild hog with dogs is prohibited.

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

6. Horses are prohibited.

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

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

(a) No change.

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

The take of wild turkey by non-residents during the first 9 days of the zonal spring turkey season is prohibited.

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 6. No change.

7. Elevated shooting platforms and tree stands ~~Hunting equipment~~ may be taken onto the area after ~~until~~ 8 a.m. seven days prior to the opening of the hunt ~~season~~ and shall be removed from the WMA before 6:00 p.m. seven days following the close of the hunt ~~season~~.

(2) Ocala Wildlife Management Area.

(a) No change.

(b) Legal to take:

1. No change.

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

(c) through (e) No change.

(3) through (4) No change.

(5) Three Lakes Wildlife Management Area.

(a) No change.

(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 general-gun dog season. Taking quail is prohibited on the quail enhancement area (that portion of the area lying east of the Florida Turnpike) except during quail season as established annually by order of the Executive Director, based on annual fall quail surveys. The daily bag limit for quail on the quail enhancement area is six (6) per person. Taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with three or more points or one antler with a main beam of ten inches or more in length is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. During the 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. The take of antlerless deer is prohibited during the archery season. The take of wild turkey by non-residents during the first 9 days of the zonal spring turkey season is prohibited.

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 3. No change.

4. Hunting with dogs other than bird dogs and retrievers is prohibited except dogs ~~with a shoulder height of 17 inches or less~~ may be used for deer hunting east of the Florida Turnpike during the general gun-dog season; any dog may be used to take small game during the small game season; and any dog may be used to hunt raccoon during the raccoon season.

5. through 11. No change.

12. Elevated shooting platforms and tree stands ~~Hunting equipment~~ may be taken onto the area after 8 a.m. seven days prior to the opening of the hunt ~~season~~ and shall be removed from the area by 6 p.m. seven days following the close of the hunt ~~season~~.

(e) No change.

(6) through (8) No change.

(9) William Beardall Tosohatchee Wildlife Management Area.

(a) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 7. No change.

8. Elevated shooting platforms and tree stands ~~Hunting equipment~~ shall not be taken onto the area until 6:00 a.m. on the Monday prior to the opening day of each hunting season and shall be removed from the area before 6:00 p.m. one day following the close of each hunting season.

(10) Seminole Ranch Wildlife Management Area.

(a) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. When the check station is staffed, hunters ~~Hunters~~ shall check in and out at the check station when entering or exiting the area and shall check all game taken, except when hunting

on bodies of water connected to the St. Johns River during waterfowl and coot seasons. Check station hours on this area are from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. during Daylight Savings Time or from 5 a.m. to 8 p.m. during Eastern Standard Time during all hunts except during small game season when hours are from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

2. Vehicle access is prohibited except persons participating in a hunt are allowed vehicle access during designated check station operating hours for the archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun, wild hog-dog, small game and spring turkey seasons and one day prior to and one day after each of these hunts seasons from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. (except for small game season) for scouting purposes. 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. No change.

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

5. through 7 renumbered 4 through 6. No change.

~~7.8. Elevated shooting platforms and tree stands Authorized hunting equipment may be taken on the area after 6:00 8:00 a.m. one day before the opening of each hunt and shall be removed from the area before 8:00 6:00 p.m. one day following the close of each hunt (except for small game season) season.~~

9. renumbered 8. No change.

(11) Jumper Creek Wildlife Management Area.

(a) No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, bear (only during those portions of the muzzleloading gun season that coincide with the open season established for the Central BMU in Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C.), fish, frogs and furbearers. Taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with three or more points or one antler with a main beam of ten inches or more in length is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. The take of antlerless deer is prohibited during the archery season. The take of wild turkey by non-residents during the first 9 days of the zonal spring turkey season is prohibited.

(c) through (d) No change.

(12) Rock Springs Run Wildlife Management Area.

(a) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. No change.

2. Vehicles are prohibited on Old 433 except during established check station hours during archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun and small game seasons and from 8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. during all other times. Vehicles are only allowed on all other named or numbered roads two days, but only one day prior to and during archery, muzzleloading gun and; general

gun, and also during small game season dates seasons. Vehicles may only be parked at designated parking areas.

3. through 8. No change.

9. Elevated shooting platforms and tree stands may be taken onto the area beginning two days prior to each hunt (except small game season) and must be removed from the area one day after the last day of each hunt. During small game season elevated shooting platforms and tree stands may be taken onto the area beginning the first day of each hunt and must be removed from the area the last day of each hunt.

(13) through (14) No change.

(15) Caravelle Ranch Wildlife Management Area.

(a) No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers (except bobcat and otter). During the archery, family, 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 or one antler with a main beam of ten inches or more in length is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. During the family hunt, the bag limit for deer shall be one antlered and one antlerless deer per quota permit, but no more than one deer per person per day. During the spring turkey season, one gobbler (or bearded turkey) may be taken per quota permit. The take of dove is prohibited south of Rodeheaver Road and east of State Road 19, except on posted dove fields.

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 4. No change.

5. Vehicular access is prohibited except from 1.5 hours before sunrise to 1.5 hours after sunset one day prior to and from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. one day after the archery, family, muzzleloading gun, general gun and spring turkey hunts. Vehicular access is also allowed during the archery, family, muzzleloading gun, general gun, spring turkey, supervised small game and small game seasons from 5:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. during ~~(Daylight Savings Time)~~ and from 5:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. during ~~(Eastern Standard Time)~~; and during the dove field hunts spring turkey season from 11:00 4:30 a.m. until one hour after sunset. Public access other than on foot (pedestrian), horseback (equestrian), or by bicycle is prohibited at all other times.

6. through 9. No change.

(16) through (17) No change.

(18) Seminole Forest Wildlife Management Area.

(a) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 8. No change.

9. Elevated shooting platforms and tree stands ~~Hunting equipment~~ shall not be taken onto the WMA until 8:00 a.m. the Monday prior to archery, general gun mobility-impaired,

muzzleloading gun, and general gun seasons or the Thursday prior to each spring turkey hunt; and only when hunting is allowed during small game season. All elevated shooting platforms and tree stands ~~hunting equipment~~ must be removed 1 day after each hunt.

10. through 11. No change.

(19) Triple N Ranch Wildlife Management Area.

(a) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 5. No change.

6. Only individuals in possession of a special-opportunity hunting permit and that are camping in the designated area may have vehicle access to the area starting at 8:00 a.m. the day before a scout day but only to and from the designated campground area. Individuals in possession of a valid special-opportunity deer quota permit may have vehicle access on the Saturday and Sunday scout days the weekend prior to the hunt, the Friday immediately preceding the hunt and one day after the hunt and only from sunrise to sunset on those days. Only individuals in possession of a special-opportunity spring turkey quota permit may have vehicle access to the area on the Thursday and Friday preceding the hunt and only from 5:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Elevated shooting platforms and tree stands ~~Authorized hunting equipment~~ may be taken onto the area during these times. During special-opportunity deer, small game and wild hog-still seasons, vehicle access is only allowed from 5:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m., except vehicle access is also allowed by hunters camping, but only to directly access campsites. One day prior to each small game and wild hog-still hunt, motor vehicle access is allowed only from sunrise to sunset. During special-opportunity spring turkey season, vehicle access is only allowed from 4:30 a.m. until 9:00 p.m., except vehicle access is also allowed by hunters camping, but only to directly access campsites.

7. through 9. No change.

(20) No change.

(21) Little Big Econ Wildlife Management Area.

(a) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 3. No change.

4. Persons shall enter and exit at a designated entrance, ~~except during the September duck seasons, access is also allowed from the~~ The Econlockhatchee River is a ~~and from the Winding River Lane~~ designated entrance.

5. No change.

(22) Lake Panasoffkee Wildlife Management Area.

(a) No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers. Turkey may be taken only during the special-opportunity spring turkey hunts and only from one-half hour before sunrise until sunset ~~1 p.m.~~ One gobbler (or bearded turkey) may be taken per

special-opportunity spring turkey permit. One antlered deer may be taken per special-opportunity deer permit. Antlerless deer may be taken by antlerless deer permit only. Taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with four or more points is prohibited. Only wild hog may be taken during the wild hog-dog season.

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 9. No change.

10. Elevated shooting platforms, tree stands ~~Authorized hunting equipment~~ and dogs may be taken on the area no earlier than 8:00 a.m. the day preceding each hunt and shall be removed from the area the last day of each hunt. During spring turkey season elevated shooting platforms and tree stands are ~~hunting equipment~~ is allowed on the area beginning at 1.5 hours before sunrise the day preceding each hunt.

(23) through (25) No change.

(26) Gores Landing Wildlife Management Area.

(a) 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 6:00 p.m. one day after the close of each season, except during the small game season when vehicles may be operated 24 hours a day only on named or numbered roads to allow for raccoon hunting at night.

2. Hunting with dogs is prohibited except any dog may be used to take small game and raccoon during the small game season.

3. Hunting raccoon as specified in paragraph 68A-24.002(2)(b), F.A.C., is allowed only during the small game season.

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

(27) Seminole Forest Wildlife Management Area – Lake Tracy Unit.

(a) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 5. No change.

6. Persons participating in hunts may take elevated shooting platforms and tree stands ~~authorized hunting equipment~~ onto the area when vehicle access is allowed for their respective hunts and must remove all elevated shooting platforms and tree stands ~~hunting equipment~~ one day after the last day of each respective hunt.

7. No change.

(28) Upper St. Johns River Marsh Wildlife Management Area.

(a) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 10. No change.
 11. Elevated shooting platforms and tree stands ~~Authorized hunting equipment~~ may be taken on the area after 8:00 a.m. one day before the opening of the season and shall be removed from the area no later than seven days following the close of the season.

12. No change.

(29) Dunns Creek Wildlife Management Area.

(a) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

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

2. through 9. No change.

(30) through (31) No change.

(32) Lake Monroe Wildlife Management Area.

(a) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. Hunters must enter and exit at a designated entrance. Access is also allowed from the St. Johns River and Lake Monroe. Access from State Road 415 is prohibited.

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

(33) No change.

(34) Marshall Swamp Wildlife Management Area.

(a) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. Hunting with dogs other than bird dogs or retrievers for the take of small game is prohibited except that any dog may be used to take small game and raccoon during the small game season.

2. Hunting raccoon as specified in paragraph 68A-24.002(2)(b), F.A.C., is allowed only during the small game season.

2. through 7. renumbered 3. through 8. No change.

(35) Silver Springs Forest Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. through 8. No change.

9. Wild hog-still – Opening 6 days after the close of the small game season the second Monday in August and closing 6 days thereafter.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 2. No change.

3. Hunting with dogs other than bird dogs or retrievers is prohibited except any dog may be used to take small game and raccoon during the small game season.

4. Hunting raccoon as specified in paragraph 68A-24.002(2)(b), F.A.C., is allowed only during the small game season.

4. through 8. Renumbered 5. Through 9. No change.

(36) Deep Creek Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – Opening 42 days prior to the first day of the Zone C antlered deer season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., and closing 15 days thereafter, reopening 34 days later and closing 8 days thereafter.

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

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

4. General gun – Opening Thanksgiving Day and closing three days thereafter.

5. Small game – Opening 41 days after the first day of the Zone C antlered deer season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., and closing 44 days thereafter (Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays only).

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

7. Spring turkey – The first three days of the Zone C season, and the Friday, Saturday, and Sunday of the third and fifth weekends of the Zone C season.

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

9. Fishing and frogging – Throughout the year.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs, and furbearers. The bag limit for deer shall be one antlered or antlerless deer per person, but no more than two deer per quota permit during archery season and one antlered deer per person, but no more than two antlered deer per quota permit during muzzleloading gun and general gun seasons. During the family hunt the bag limit for deer shall be one antlered and one antlerless deer per quota permit; limit of one deer per person per day. Taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with three or more points or one antler with a main beam of ten inches or more in length is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. During the spring turkey season one gobbler or bearded turkey may be taken per person, but no more than two per quota permit.

(c) Camping: Prohibited.

(d) General regulations:

1. Hunting with dogs other than bird dogs and retrievers is prohibited except any dog may be used to take small game during small game season. Hunting wild hog with dogs is prohibited.

2. Motorized vehicles may be operated only on named or numbered roads one day prior to, one day after and during the archery, muzzleloading gun, family, general gun, wild hog-still, youth turkey and spring turkey hunts. During the small game

season and periods closed to hunting, vehicles are prohibited on the area except at designated parking areas.

3. The use of airboats, off-highway vehicles (including ATVs, side by sides), swamp buggies, tracked vehicles and unlicensed and unregistered motorcycles is prohibited.

4. Public access is allowed year-round.

5. During periods closed to hunting, horses may be used only on named or numbered roads and designated trails.

6. Taking wildlife with centerfire rifles is prohibited during small game season.

7. Fires: Prohibited.

(37) Rice Creek Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – Opening 42 days prior to the first day of the Zone C antlered deer season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., and closing 15 days thereafter, reopening 34 days later and closing 8 days thereafter.

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

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

4. General gun – Opening Thanksgiving Day and closing three days thereafter.

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

6. Small game – Opening 41 days after the first day of the Zone C antlered deer season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., and closing 44 days thereafter (Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays only).

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

8. Spring turkey – The first three days of the Zone C season, and the Friday, Saturday, and Sunday of the third and fifth weekends of the Zone C season.

9. Fishing and frogging – Throughout the year.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs, and furbearers. The bag limit for deer shall be one antlered or antlerless deer per person, but no more than two deer per quota permit during archery season and one antlered deer per person, but no more than two antlered deer per quota permit during muzzleloading gun and general gun seasons. During the family hunt the bag limit for deer shall be one antlered and one antlerless deer per quota permit; limit of one deer per person per day. Taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with three or more points or one antler with a main beam of ten inches or more in length is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. During the spring turkey season one gobbler or bearded turkey may be taken per person, but no more

than two per quota permit.

(c) Camping is allowed only in designated campsites.

(d) General regulations:

1. Hunting with dogs other than bird dogs and retrievers is prohibited except any dog may be used to take small game during small game season. Hunting wild hog with dogs is prohibited.

2. Motorized vehicles are prohibited on the area except at designated parking areas.

3. The use of airboats, off-highway vehicles (including ATVs, side by sides), swamp buggies, tracked vehicles and unlicensed and unregistered motorcycles is prohibited.

4. Public access is allowed year-round.

5. During periods closed to hunting, horses may be used only on designated trails.

6. Taking wildlife with centerfire rifles is prohibited during small game season.

7. Fires are allowed only in designated areas.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2025.

Rulemaking Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const., 375.313 FS. Law Implemented Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const., 379.2223, 375.313 FS. History—New 6-21-82, Amended 6-29-82, 7-1-83, 7-5-84, 10-1-84, 7-1-85, 5-7-86, 5-10-87, 5-1-88, 7-1-89, 12-19-89, 7-1-90, 7-1-91, 7-2-91, 7-2-92, 7-1-93, 7-1-94, 7-1-95, 7-1-96, 9-15-96, 6-1-97, 7-1-98, 7-2-98, 8-11-98, 12-28-98, 7-1-99, Formerly 39-15.065, Amended 12-20-99, 7-1-00, 12-26-00, 7-1-01, 6-2-02, 7-28-02, 5-1-03, 7-1-03, 10-12-03, 7-1-04, 7-1-05, 1-4-06, 7-1-06, 8-22-06, 7-1-07, 7-1-08, 7-1-09, 7-1-10, 7-1-11, 8-11-11, 7-1-12, 7-26-12, 7-1-13, 9-9-13, 7-1-14, 7-1-15, 7-29-15, 7-1-16, 7-1-17, 9-14-17, 7-1-18, 7-1-19, 8-19-19, 7-1-20, 7-1-21, 7-1-22, 7-1-23, 7-1-24, 7-1-25.

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE:
Morgan Richardson, 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 11, 2024

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: November 5, 2024

Section III Notice of Changes, Corrections and Withdrawals

NONE

**Section IV
Emergency Rules**

NONE

**Section V
Petitions and Dispositions Regarding Rule
Variance or Waiver**

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL
REGULATION

Division of Hotels and Restaurants

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

61C-5.001 Safety Standards

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on January 27, 2025, the Department of Business and Professional Regulation, Division of Hotels and Restaurants, Bureau of Elevator Safety, received a petition for Sentry Self Storage Lake Worth Beach LLC at 2202 Lake Worth Rd., Lake Worth, FL 33461. Petitioner seeks a Routine Permanent variance of the requirements of ASME A17.1, 2019, edition, Sections 2.8.1 and 2.8.2.2, as adopted by 61C-5.001, Florida Administrative Code that requires no foreign equipment be placed in an elevator hoistway, which poses a significant economic/financial hardship. Any interested person may file comments within 14 days of the publication of this notice with Division of Hotels and Restaurants, Bureau of Elevator Safety, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1013 (VW2025-012).

A copy of the Petition for Variance or Waiver may be obtained by contacting: Division of Hotels and Restaurants, Bureau of Elevator Safety, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1013. dhr.elevators@myfloridalicense.com

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL
REGULATION

Division of Hotels and Restaurants

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

61C-5.001 Safety Standards

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on January 28, 2025, the Department of Business and Professional Regulation, Division of Hotels and Restaurants, Bureau of Elevator Safety, received a petition for Flagler Residential LLC at 1333 South Flagler Dr., West Palm Beach, FL 33401. Petitioner seeks an Emergency Permanent variance of the requirements of ASME A17.1, 2016, edition, Section 2.7.4.1, as adopted by 61C-5.001, Florida Administrative Code that requires Elevator machine rooms, control rooms, and machinery spaces containing an elevator driving machine not located in the hoistway shall have a clear headroom of not less than 2 130 mm (84 in.), which

poses a significant economic/financial hardship. Any interested person may file comments within 5 days of the publication of this notice with Division of Hotels and Restaurants, Bureau of Elevator Safety, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1013 (VW2025-013).

A copy of the Petition for Variance or Waiver may be obtained by contacting: Division of Hotels and Restaurants, Bureau of Elevator Safety, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1013. dhr.elevators@myfloridalicense.com

**Section VI
Notice of Meetings, Workshops and Public
Hearings**

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Division of Historical Resources

The Division of Historical Resources announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Thursday, February 6, 2025, 1:30 p.m. - conclusion

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

and via webinar

Webinar

Address:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/69752362374011743>

Webinar ID: 616-268-411

Phone No.: +1(914)614-3221

Access Code: 774-021-092

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Quarterly meeting of the Florida National Register Review Board to review and approve proposed National Register nominations.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Dr. Kyra Lucas with the Division of Historical Resources at Kyra.Lucas@dos.fl.gov or (850)245-6339 or (850)245-6333

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 48 hours before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Dr. Kyra Lucas with the Division of Historical Resources at Kyra.Lucas@dos.fl.gov or (850)245-6339 or (850)245-6333. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

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

For more information, you may contact: Dr. Kyra Lucas with the Division of Historical Resources at Kyra.Lucas@dos.fl.gov or (850)245-6339 or (850)245-6333

DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT

The Florida Missing Child's Day Foundation (FMCDF) supported by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) announces a telephone conference call to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: February 6, 2025, 12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m.
 PLACE: by calling +1(850)270-3999, Phone Conference ID: 647 471 320#

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: THIS IS THE RESCHEDULED POSTED MEETING on January 23, 2025. The Foundation will meet to discuss preparations related to the 2025 Florida Missing Children's Day Event, and the 2025-year Foundation goals.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: FMCD@fdle.state.fl.us.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 7 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: FMCD@fdle.state.fl.us. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAY SAFETY AND MOTOR VEHICLES

The DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAY SAFETY AND MOTOR VEHICLES announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: February 11, 2025, 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., ET

PLACE: THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS. PLEASE SEE DIAL-IN INFO BELOW.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Motorist Modernization Advisory Board is meeting to discuss and provide guidance & recommendations on Phase 2 of the Motorist Modernization Program.

AGENDA

- Roll Call
- Welcome
- Review and Approval of Last Meeting Minutes
- Phase II IV&V Update
- MM Phase II Program Update
- Financial Review
- Phase II Pilot/Implementation Readiness
- Stakeholder Outreach Update
- Q&A

• Adjourn

Microsoft Teams meeting

Join on your computer or mobile app:

https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_MmFIYmMwYjgtZjRkYS00ZWRiLTlkOTUyYTI3MGNIZDE1ODBm%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%2225c7bf74-6ed1-4f3c-af88-d6c3933606ca%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22f12acde9-abbd-45e0-93b8-12e80c44c029%22%7d

Or call in (audio only):

+1(850)583-5466,,362353834# United States, Tallahassee
 Phone Conference ID: 362 353 834#

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: The agenda is included above.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 5 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Kristin Green, 2900 Apalachee Parkway, Room D313, Tallahassee, FL 32399, (850)617-2880. 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).

REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCILS

East Central Florida Regional Planning Council

The East Central Florida Regional Planning Council announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: February 19, 2025, 8:30 a.m.

PLACE: 260 N Country Club Rd, Lake Mary, FL 32746

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Regular bi-monthly meeting of the East Central Florida Regional Planning Executive Committee

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Ken Storey at (407)245-0300 ext. 300, or KStorey@ECFRPC.org

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least two days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Ken Storey at (407)245-0300 ext. 300, or KStorey@ECFRPC.org. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

For more information, you may contact: Ken Storey at (407)245-0300 ext. 300, or KStorey@ECFRPC.org

REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCILS

East Central Florida Regional Planning Council

The East Central Florida Regional Planning Council announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: February 19, 2025, 9:30 a.m.

PLACE: 260 N Country Club Rd, Lake Mary, FL 32746

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:
Regular bi-monthly meeting of the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council

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For more information, you may contact: Ken Storey at (407)245-0300 ext. 300, or KStorey@ECFRPC.org

REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCILS

South Florida Regional Planning Council

The South Florida Regional Planning Council announces a workshop to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Friday, February 7, 2025, 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: Virtual Meeting, Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82175590705?pwd=pdNr4qnvCGJmiBEISFDErF85a1KJm.1&from=addon>

Meeting ID: 821 7559 0705, Passcode: 142069

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:
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This will be Transit Connectivity and Integration with TOD Workshop to develop strategies for system integration, including fare systems and schedule coordination, and identify critical corridors and stations for TOD and transit investment. Transit Performance, Operational Benefits, and Interoperability will be discussed.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Administration at the South Florida Regional Planning Council, 1 Oakwood Boulevard, Suite 250, Hollywood, Florida 33020; (954)924-3653; or sfadmin@sfrpc.com.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 5 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Administration at the South Florida Regional Planning Council, 1 Oakwood Boulevard, Suite 250, Hollywood, Florida 33020; (954)924-3653; or sfadmin@sfrpc.com. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing, he/she will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the

proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence from which the appeal is to be issued.

For more information, you may contact: Administration at the South Florida Regional Planning Council, 1 Oakwood Boulevard, Suite 250, Hollywood, Florida 33020; (954)924-3653; or sfadmin@sfrpc.com.

REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCILS

Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council

The Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: February 20, 2025, 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: City of Stuart Fire Rescue, 800 SE Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, Stuart, Florida 34994

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Treasure Coast Local Emergency Planning Committee will hold its quarterly meeting.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Liz Gulick at (772)221-4060 or lgulick@tcrpc.org

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 5 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Liz Gulick at (772)221-4060 or lgulick@tcrpc.org. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

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WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS

Southwest Florida Water Management District

The Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Friday, February 28, 2025, 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: Manatee County Water Treatment Plant, 17915 Waterline Road, Bradenton, FL, 34208

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Public Supply and Industrial Advisory Committee and Governing Board member tour: During this two-hour tour, participants will learn about the history and operation of the Manatee County Water Treatment Plant. One or more Governing Board members may attend. Participants must RSVP by Friday, February 21 by calling (352)269-6923.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: WaterMatters.org – Boards, Meetings & Event Calendar; 1(800)423-1476 (FL only) or (352)796-7211

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 5 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: SWFWMD Human Resources Office Chief at 1(800)423-1476 (FL only) or (352)269-3929; or email to ADACoordinator@WaterMatters.org. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

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

For more information, you may contact: Barbara.Matrone@WaterMatters.org; 1(800)423-1476 (FL only) or (352)325-5772

WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS

Southwest Florida Water Management District

The Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Friday, March 7, 2025, 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: Colt Creek State Park, 16000 State Road 471 Lakeland, FL,

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Agricultural and Green Industry Advisory Committee and Governing Board member tour: During this tour, participants will learn about the regional significance of the Green Swamp, SWFWMD conservation lands program, land use changes, agency coordination and natural system restoration and maintenance. Participants must RSVP by Friday, Feb. 28 by calling (352)269-6923. One or more Governing Board members may attend.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: WaterMatters.org – Boards, Meetings & Event Calendar; 1(800)423-1476 (FL only) or (352)796-7211

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Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

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For more information, you may contact: Barbara.Matrone@WaterMatters.org; 1(800)423-1476 (FL only) or (352)325-5772

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
RULE NOS.:RULE TITLES:**

62-304.505 Middle St. Johns River Basin TMDLs

62-304.515 Kissimmee River Basin TMDLs

The Department of Environmental Protection announces a workshop to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: March 4, 2025, 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: Via Webinar:
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5431334996475080026>

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: To receive public comments on draft nutrient total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) for impaired waters in the Middle St Johns River Basin and the Kissimmee River Basin, to be adopted in Rule 62-304.505, F.A.C and Rule 62-304.515, F.A. C., respectively. The draft TMDLs to be presented at the public workshop are for Lake Terrace (WBID 3168X3), Lake Lawsona (WBID 3168Z9), Lake Lancaster (WBID 3168Y), Lake Davis (WBID 3168Y4), Lake Wade (WBID 3168W3), Lake Weldona (WBID 3168Y8), Lake Fran (WBID 3169G3), Lake Kozart (WBID 3169G4), Lake Richmond (WBID 3169G6), Lake Walker (WBID 3169G5), Lake Beardall (WBID 3169G8), Kasey Lake (WBID 3002Q), Kelly Lake (WBID 3002S), and Lake Lotta (WBID 3002G). These nutrient TMDLs, if adopted, will constitute site-specific numeric interpretations of the narrative nutrient criterion set forth in paragraph 62-302.530(48)(b), F.A.C., and replace the otherwise applicable numeric nutrient criteria in subsection 62-302.531(2), F.A.C., for these waters. The draft TMDL documents for these impaired waters are available on the Department’s TMDL website: <https://floridadep.gov/dear/water-quality-evaluation-tmdl/content/draft-tmdls>, and will be provided upon request to interested parties by mail or via email distribution. The Department will accept written comments on the draft TMDLs, as well as the establishment of these nutrient TMDLs as site-specific interpretations of the narrative nutrient criterion through April 3, 2025. Written comments should be directed to: Eric Simpson, Environmental Administrator, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, MS 3555, 2600 Blair

Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2400,
Eric.Simpson@FloridaDEP.gov

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Eric Simpson Department of Environmental Protection, MS 3555, 2600 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2400, (850)245-8469.

Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, religion, sex, pregnancy, national origin, age, handicap, or marital status. Persons who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) or persons who require translation services (free of charge) are asked to contact DEP's Limited English Proficiency Coordinator at (850)245-2118 or LEP@FloridaDEP.gov at least forty-eight (48) hours before the meeting. If you have a hearing or speech impairment, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, (800)955-8771 (TDD) or (800)955-8770 (voice).

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Board of Clinical Laboratory Personnel

The Board of Clinical Laboratory Personnel announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Friday, February 14, 2025, 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: <https://meet.goto.com/812907493>

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: General board matters, including discussions and actions related to licensure applications, rules, disciplinary issues, and other related business

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: <https://floridasclinicallabs.gov/meeting-information/>

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 7 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: The Board of Clinical Laboratory Personnel by phone at (850)245-4355 or via email at MQA.ClinicalLab@flhealth.gov. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

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For more information, you may contact: The Board of Clinical Laboratory Personnel by phone at (850)245-4355 or via email at MQA.ClinicalLab@flhealth.gov

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Board of Pharmacy

The Board of Pharmacy Compounding Committee announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: February 19, 2025, 9:00 a.m., E.T.
CANCELED

PLACE: CANCELED.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: This notice will replace notice #29133288. This meeting has been canceled.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: CANCELED, no agenda is available.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Division of Family Health Services

The Florida Department of Health, Division of Community Health Promotion announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: February 12, 2025, 11:00 a.m., EST

PLACE: Virtual via Microsoft Teams:

https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_Mjg1NjQ5OGItNTI1NS00ZmU5LTgwMWItODY1NGU3OGY1MDIw%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22id%22%3a%2228cd8f80-3c44-4b27-81a0-cd2b03a31b8d%22%2c%22oid%22%3a%220b10ad5e-4682-4be7-9c77-fcb5313f7f44%22%7d

Or call in (audio only): (850)792-1375, Phone conference ID: 847 763 948#

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Florida Department of Health/Division of Community Health Promotion is conducting a quarterly meeting with the Information Clearinghouse on Developmental Disabilities Advisory Council to advise the Department of Health on establishing and maintaining a clearinghouse of information related to developmental disabilities on its website.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Maggie Dilger at maggie.dilger@flhealth.gov

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 3 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Maggie Dilger at maggie.dilger@flhealth.gov. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

For more information, you may contact: Maggie Dilger at maggie.dilger@flhealth.gov

FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Vessel Registration and Boating Safety

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

68D-24.0038 Silver Glen Springs Protection Zone

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: February 5, 2025, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
CANCELLED

PLACE: Astor Community Center (24148 Ann St. Astor, FL 32102) CANCELLED

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: This meeting notice is being cancelled and will be rescheduled for a later date.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: William Holcomb William.holcomb@myfwc.com

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 5 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: 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).

FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Vessel Registration and Boating Safety

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

68D-24.0038 Silver Glen Springs Protection Zone

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: February 20, 2025, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

PLACE: Astor Community Center (24148 Ann St. Astor, FL 32102)

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Proposed establishment of a springs protection zone (SPZ) in Silver Glen Springs and the associated Spring Run

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: William Holcomb William.holcomb@myfwc.com

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 5 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: 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).

DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

70-1.001 Florida Armed Forces Reserve Family Readiness Program Application Fund

The Department of Military Affairs announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: January 31, 2025, 8:00 a.m. CANCELLED

PLACE: This meeting has been CANCELLED.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: This is a Notice of the cancellation of FAR Notice #29180236

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: This meeting has been CANCELLED.

For more information, you may contact: Joseph Bagnall at (904)823-0201

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Division of Workforce Services

The Florida Department of Commerce (FloridaCommerce) announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: February 14, 2025, 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

PLACE: Knott Building, Room 412K (601-631 S Duval St, Tallahassee, FL 32399).

This is a public meeting that will be broadcast on The Florida Channel.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Executive Steering Committee will meet to discuss the FL WINS Program.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: fl-wins@commerce.fl.gov.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 5 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: (850)245-7406. 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).

Section VII

Notice of Petitions and Dispositions Regarding Declaratory Statements

NONE

Section VIII

Notice of Petitions and Dispositions Regarding the Validity of Rules

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

NONE

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

NONE

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

NONE

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

NONE

Section XI
Notices Regarding Bids, Proposals and
Purchasing

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
 Division of Recreation and Parks
 Invitation to Bid BDC32-24/25 Guana Tolomato Matanzas
 National Estuarine Research Reserve - Visitor Center
 Improvements
 NOTICE OF INVITATION TO BID: The Florida Department
 of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Design and
 Construction, is soliciting formal, competitive, sealed bids from
 contractors for bid number BDC32-24/25 Guana Tolomato
 Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve - Visitor Center
 Improvements. More info @ <https://tinyurl.com/2wendpf4>.

City of Palmetto
 Notice of Unsolicited Proposal for 320 10th Ave. West
 Palmetto, FL 34221
 Report on City of Palmetto
 Proceeding with Unsolicited Proposal for 320 10th Ave. West
 Palmetto, FL 34221
 Pursuant to Section 255.065(3)(d), Florida Statutes
 On August 18, 2024, the City of Palmetto (City) received a
 public/private (P3) unsolicited proposal from Gray Property
 Group for the acquisition and development of the 1.16-acre
 municipal parking lot located at 320 10th Avenue West.
 On December 16, 2024, the City Commission held the first duly
 noticed public meeting pursuant to section 255.065(3)(c),
 Florida Statutes.
 On January 6, 2025, the City Commission conducted its second
 duly noticed public meeting on Gray Property Group’s
 unsolicited proposal pursuant to section 255.065(3)(c), Florida
 Statutes. The City Commission heard public comments from
 the public at the meeting. The City Commission made a motion

that Gray Property Group’s unsolicited proposal for 320 10th
 Avenue West was in the public’s interest in a vote 4 to 1 based
 upon the following:

1. The benefits to the public.
 - a. This unsolicited proposal from Gray Property Group offers
 several benefits to the public, such as;
 - i. Economically, the project will increase the City’s property
 tax revenue by at least \$600,000/year, pay \$500,000+ in
 municipal impact fees, create 100+ development and
 construction jobs prior to completion, and create 100+
 retail/restaurant jobs afterwards. This new economic activity
 will spread to every neighborhood in Palmetto, directly or
 indirectly.
 - ii. From a housing standpoint, the project will produce 75
 luxury apartments with waterfront views. These apartments will
 be market-rate, but will be much more affordable than the cost
 of waterfront condos for sale, thereby providing housing for the
 middle and upper-middle class segment of the local population.
 - iii. Culturally, the project will include at least 7 attractive retail
 and dining establishments that will prompt the public to gather
 at the Palmetto waterfront, which in turn will foster greater
 enjoyment of the Manatee River.
 - iv. From a public services perspective, the project will feature
 250 public/retail covered parking spaces (100 designated for
 city use) and 20 street parking spaces, more than 3 times the
 current figure of 79 uncovered spaces in the 320 10th Avenue
 W parking lot.
 - v. Optically, and perhaps most importantly for the City’s long-
 term growth, the project will make a strong statement that
 Palmetto is a vibrant and desirable place to live, work, and play,
 thereby serving as a catalyst for the continued revitalization of
 Downtown Palmetto.
2. The financial structure of and the economic efficiencies
 achieved by the proposal.
 - a. Gray Property Group estimates that the total development
 cost, inclusive of the residential, retail, and covered parking
 spaces, will be ~\$59.2M. To finance this project, they would
 secure commercial bank financing at 60% LTC or \$35.52M.
 They propose that the City contributes \$3.5M towards the
 construction of 100 designated city public parking spaces.
 Developer would invest \$20.18M in equity.
 Project’s Total Sources tabulation is as follows:
 Commercial Bank Debt: \$35,520,000
 City Parking Contribution: \$ 3,500,000
 Investor Equity: \$20,180,000
 Total Development Cost: \$59,200,000
 Developer is confident that they would raise this \$20.18M
 equity figure well in advance of
 municipal planning approval, and that financing would pose no
 challenge to this development.

3. The qualifications and experience of the private entity that submitted the proposal and such an entity’s ability to perform the project.

a. Nick Gray is the owner and managing principal of Gray Property Group, a multifamily development, sales, property management, and maintenance company based in Manchester, NH, and Sarasota, FL. Founded in 2019, the company owns and manages ~250 apartments in Southern New Hampshire and has a skilled team comprised of 16 personnel in addition to Mr. Gray: a business development specialist, an acquisitions analyst, a staff accountant, two property managers, two leasing agents, four maintenance technicians, and five sales agents.

b. On an individual level, Mr. Gray has worked in the real estate industry for 7 years as a multifamily investor and broker, having built a now sizable business from a small duplex that he purchased in 2017 at age 23.

c. Gray Property Group has assembled a skilled team of professionals to bring this envisioned development to fruition. The team members are as follows:

- i. Developer: Gray Property Group
- ii. Architect: DSDG Architects
- iii. Planner & Civil Engineer: Morris Engineering
- iv. Construction: Voeller Construction
- v. Legal Counsel: Dye Harrison Knowles et al, PLLC

4. The project’s compatibility with regional infrastructure plans.

a. Developer is under contract to purchase the property at 336 10th Avenue W (separate parcel to North and contiguous to City-owned 320 10th Ave West) zoned Commercial Core (CC) with a future land use designation of Downtown Commercial Core (DCOMC). Given these classifications, the lot is allowed 35 dwelling units per acre, a 60’ or 5-story height limit, and a 7.0 Floor to Area Ratio (FAR). Given this, the 0.51-acre lot can practically support 8,000 SF of first floor retail, second floor parking, and 17 residences on the third and fourth floors.

b. The property at 320 10th Avenue W is zoned Public (P) with the same future land use designation of Downtown Commercial Core (DCOMC). The proposed project would require a rezone of the city lot from its P zoning to a mixed-used planned development (PD-MU). As proposed, a comprehensive plan amendment to land use code Planned Community (PC) would also be required to get density and height requirements for this project.

c. Similarly, because of the 60’ foot or 5-story height maximum in the CC district and the fact that 250 public/retail parking spaces would consume the majority of 3 stories, the proposal would not be feasible with a rezone of 320 10th Avenue W to the CC district. Therefore, the proposal is contingent on a rezone of both 320 and 336 10th Avenue W to a mixed-use planned development (PD-MU) and future land use code Planned Community (PC), which allows a maximum of 45

dwelling units per acre, a 15-story height limit, and a 10.0 Floor to Area Ratio (FAR). The project would consume only 8 of the 15 allowed stories as a planned development and the rezone to PD-MU would be well-justified in that ~2.5 stories of the structure’s height would be for public parking.

d. Once both lots are assembled into a single 1.67-acre parcel zoned PD-MU, the project could practically support our preliminary design of 75 apartments, ~32,000 SF of retail, and 400 covered parking spaces (250 public/retail and 150 resident).

e. The majority of 320 10th Avenue W is located within the Coastal High Hazard Area (CHHA), which limits residential development to a density of 10 dwelling units per acre. The Developer proposes that city approvals for the project’s 45 dwelling unit per acre density be contingent upon first step in sitework being to elevate the property to a sufficient level so that the CHHA map can be revised, removing the site from the CHHA boundaries and ensuring compliance with the CHHA ordinance. Alternatively, the developer has requested the City to amend its comprehensive plan to allow higher densities in the CHHA area if certain evacuation standards are met.

5. Public comments submitted at the meeting. The public comments were specifically related to the wastewater treatment plant capacity. In making its decision, the City considered all public comments, and the Mayor and Commissioners specifically made comments in response supporting their decisions. Since the City Commission and the public will have further opportunities to review, consider, and comment upon the comprehensive agreement for the development of 320 10th Avenue West, the City believes the comments made will be sufficiently addressed in the forthcoming agreements.

2. The factors considered in making such public interest determination.

The factors that were taken into account by the City when making its public interest determination, as outlined earlier, include:

- Consistency with the city’s comprehensive plan and zoning laws.
- Financial feasibility and the economic viability of the project.
- Redevelopment of the downtown waterfront area.
- Economic benefits to the city including increased tax base and public parking
- The public benefits such as job creation, infrastructure improvements, waterfront housing, walkability in the downtown.
- Environmental impacts.
- The allocation of risk and responsibility between the public and private parties.
- Compliance with applicable laws.
- Community input

3. The City’s findings based on each considered factor.

The city must present specific findings regarding each of the factors considered. These findings should explain how the city evaluated each factor and the conclusions it reached based on the proposal. For instance:

The City concludes that the Gray Property Group proposal aligns with the local comprehensive plan (after rezoning, Comp Plan amendment, and CHHA modifications as discussed above, if approved) and the proposed financial ability to complete the project which includes commercial bank debt, investor equity, city contributions towards parking, and potential incentives offered via the CRA TIF rebate is reasonable.

The findings include an assessment of how well the proposal addresses revitalization of our downtown. The proposed grand mixed-use property which will provide a combination of commercial/retail spaces, public parking and waterfront market rate housing for middle and upper middle-class residents will significantly benefit the revitalization of the downtown.

The passage of this motion was 4-1.

The Mayor there upon declared this motion duly passed and adopted on the 6th of January 2025.

CITY OF PALMETTO

Daniel West, Mayor

ATTEST: James Freeman, City Clerk

Section XII Miscellaneous

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Index of Administrative Rules Filed with the Secretary of State Pursuant to subparagraph 120.55(1)(b)6. – 7., F.S., the below list of rules were filed in the Office of the Secretary of State between 3:00 p.m., Friday, January 24, 2025, and 3:00 p.m., Thursday, January 30, 2025.

Rule No.	File Date	Effective Date
5M-19.001	1/24/2025	2/13/2025
5M-19.002	1/24/2025	2/13/2025
5M-19.003	1/24/2025	2/13/2025
5M-19.004	1/24/2025	2/13/2025
6A-6.014	1/29/2025	2/18/2025
6A-6.0576	1/29/2025	2/18/2025
6A-10.0401	1/29/2025	2/18/2025
6M-8.604	1/29/2025	2/18/2025
61-35.003	1/30/2025	2/19/2025
61G15-20.0017	1/28/2025	2/17/2025
61G15-22.0002	1/28/2025	2/17/2025
61G15-33.003	1/28/2025	2/17/2025

61G18-18.002	1/24/2025	2/13/2025
61G18-19.003	1/24/2025	2/13/2025
61G18-30.001	1/24/2025	2/13/2025
64B7-25.001	1/24/2025	2/13/2025
64B7-26.003	1/24/2025	2/13/2025
64B32-6.004	1/24/2025	2/13/2025
61L-1.004	1/29/2025	2/18/2025
61L-2.005	1/29/2025	2/18/2025
LIST OF RULES AWAITING LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL SECTIONS 120.541(3), 373.139(7) AND/OR 373.1391(6), FLORIDA STATUTES		
Rule No.	File Date	Effective Date
60FF1-5.009	7/21/2016	**/**/****
64B8-10.003	12/9/2015	**/**/****
65C-9.004	3/31/2022	**/**/****

FLORIDA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION HOMEOWNERSHIP POOL PROGRAM NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY (NOFA)

The Florida Housing Finance Corporation ("Florida Housing") announces the availability of funds for the Homeownership Pool (HOP) Program.

It is anticipated that approximately \$1,000,000 in funding will be made available to eligible homebuyers under this program. Funding will be awarded in accordance with Rule Chapter 67-57, F.A.C.

The following set-asides will apply:

- \$500,000 Self-Help Housing
- \$500,000 Participating Jurisdictions (PJs)

Funding will be made available under these set-asides, in the order listed above as applicable, in the form of reservations for eligible homebuyers on a first-come, first-served basis. Any unreserved funds from any of the HOP set-asides may be reallocated as necessary.

For more information on the HOP Program, including Rule Chapter 67-57, F.A.C., please access Florida Housing's website at [https://www.floridahousing.org/programs/homebuyer-loan-program-wizards/homeownership-pool-\(hop\)-program](https://www.floridahousing.org/programs/homebuyer-loan-program-wizards/homeownership-pool-(hop)-program) or contact Nicole Gibson at (850)488-4197 or Nicole.Gibson@floridahousing.org. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

Section XIII
Index to Rules Filed During Preceding
Week

NOTE: The above section will be published on Tuesday beginning October 2, 2012, unless Monday is a holiday, then it will be published on Wednesday of that week.
