

Section I

Notice of Development of Proposed Rules and Negotiated Rulemaking

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

Division of Hotels and Restaurants

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

61C-1.001 Definitions

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: To clarify and revise an existing definition.

SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED: Clarification and revision of the existing definition of temporary food service event.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 509.032 FS

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 509.032, 509.102 FS

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

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT AND A COPY OF THE PRELIMINARY DRAFT, IF AVAILABLE, IS: Michelle Keith; Division of Hotels and Restaurants, Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation, 2601 Blair Stone Rd., Tallahassee, FL 32399-1011; DHR.Rules@myfloridalicense.com; (850)717-1290.

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

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

Division of Hotels and Restaurants

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

61C-4.016 Temporary Food Service Events

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: To clarify and revise existing guidelines.

SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED: Clarification and revision of existing guidelines to include temporary events which take place on or within a workplace.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 509.032(2)(d), (6) FS.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 509.032(2)(d), (3), 509.221 FS.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy and Mental Health Counseling

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

64B4-5.007 Citations

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The Board proposes a rule amendment to update the rule requirements for citations.

SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED: The rule amendment addresses citations.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 456.077, 491.004(5) FS.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 456.077 FS.

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THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT AND A COPY OF THE PRELIMINARY DRAFT, IF AVAILABLE, IS: Ashleigh K. Irving, Executive Director, Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy and Mental Health Counseling, 4052 Bald Cypress Way Bin C-08, Tallahassee, FL 32399-3258, telephone: (850)488-0595, or by electronic mail – Ashleigh.Irving@flhealth.gov

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

Section II

Proposed Rules

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

62-722.400 Procedures for Certification and Reporting

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The Department is proposing a rule amendment to correct Form 62-722.400(9)(b) Reporting Form for Recovered Materials and update the effective date of the form in Rule 62-722.400, F.A.C.

SUMMARY: Rule 62-722.400, F.A.C., adopts and incorporates by reference Form 62-722.400(9)(b) Reporting Form for Recovered Materials. During the August 2025 rulemaking, line 15 was unintentionally omitted from Form 62-722.400(9)(b) which states, “15. I hereby certify that the

foregoing information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.” This language is being reinserted on the form.

OTHER RULES INCORPORATING THIS RULE: 62-701.100, 62-701.200, 62-701.220, 62-701.310, 62-701.320, and 62-701.730, F.A.C.

EFFECT ON THOSE OTHER RULES: The changes to Form 62-722.400(9)(b), Reporting Form for Recovered Materials, will have the same effect across all rules that incorporate the requirements of Chapter 62-722, F.A.C., that is, the change will require an attestation to the accuracy of reported amounts of recovered materials by the facilities handling recovered materials regulated under Chapter 62-722, F.A.C. However, this rulemaking is not anticipated to have any significant effect regarding industry compliance or Department administration to such rules.

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 SERC was not prepared based on the SERC checklist determination. This rulemaking will not incur any costs since it is only introducing a line that was inadvertently omitted on the form.

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: Since no SERC was required, the proposed rule is not expected to have an adverse impact on economic growth, job creation, or employment nor will it have an impact on business competitiveness, nor will it increase regulatory costs in excess of \$1 million in aggregate within five years.

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: 403.061, 403.704, 403.7046, FS.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 119.0715, 403.705, 403.7046, FS.

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

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Karen Moore, Environmental Administrator, (850)245-8864, Karen.S.Moore@FloridaDEP.gov. Please contact Karen within

21 days of the publication of this notice to request a Rule Hearing by email or by writing to: Department of Environmental Protection, Waste Reduction Section, MS 4555, 2600 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2400. Rule revision documentation is available online at <https://floridadep.gov/waste>.

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 American with Disabilities Act (ADA) or persons who require translation services (free of charge) are asked to contact DEP’s Limited English Proficiency Coordinator within ten (10) days of publication of this notice at (850)245-2118 or LEP@FloridaDEP.gov. 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).

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

62-722.400 Procedures for Certification and Reporting.

(1) No change.

(2) Any person in this state who handles, purchases, receives, recovers, sells, or is an end user of 600 tons or more of recovered materials or post-use polymers must annually report to the Department, and to all counties from which it received recovered materials or post-use polymers, certain information for the preceding calendar year, unless such person is exempt pursuant to Rule 62-722.300, F.A.C., or is otherwise not subject to the requirements of this chapter. Such reports shall be submitted by February 1. For reporting recovered materials, use Form 62-722.400(9)(b), Reporting Form for Recovered Materials, effective date [February 2026 ~~August 2025~~], hereby adopted and incorporated by reference. This form can be accessed online here: <http://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19091> ~~<http://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-18236>~~. For reporting by pyrolysis facilities, use Form 62-722.400(9)(d), Reporting Form for Post-Use Polymers, effective date [August 2025], hereby adopted and incorporated by reference. This form can be accessed online here <http://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-18237>.

Copies of both forms are also available from a local District Office; or by writing to the Department of Environmental Protection, Waste Reduction Section, MS #4555, 2600 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2400; or the Department’s website at <https://floridadep.gov/waste/waste-reduction/content/recovered-materials-certification-and-reporting-program>. Annual reports are submitted online via the web-based portal system located at <https://app.re-trac.com/> or can be submitted to the Department’s address listed above. The Reporting Form for Recovered Materials and the Reporting

Form for Post-Use Polymers shall include the following information:

(a) through (e) No change.

(3) through (8) No change.

(9) The forms used by the Department in this chapter are adopted and incorporated by reference elsewhere. The following list of forms is provided solely for convenience and can be obtained on the internet at http://www.dep.state.fl.us/waste/quick_topics/forms/pages/62-722.htm or by contacting the Waste Reduction Section, MS #4555, Division of Waste Management, Department of Environmental Protection, 2600 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2400.

(a) No change.

(b) Form 62-722.400(9)(b), Reporting Form for Recovered Materials, incorporated by reference in subsection 62-722.400(2), F.A.C., effective date February 2026
~~<http://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19091>~~
~~August 2025~~
~~<http://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-18236>~~

(c) through (d) No change.

Rulemaking Authority 403.061, 403.704, 403.7046 FS. Law Implemented 119.0715, 403.705, 403.7046 FS. History—New 1-1-95, Amended 12-17-96, 12-17-13, 8-31-25, ____.

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE:

Karen Moore, Environmental Administrator

NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: Alexis Lambert, Secretary

DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: December 4, 2025

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: November 13, 2025

FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Freshwater Fish and Wildlife

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

68A-1.004 Definitions

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The proposed rule amendment will update the definition of furbearers, game birds, game mammals, legal game, non-protected mammals, and wildlife. The amendment will improve the clarity and correctness of existing definitions.

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

Furbearers – remove nutria from the list of species defined as furbearers.

Game Birds – clarify that nonnative bird species generally considered as game are not limited to pheasant, chukar partridge, and coturnix quail.

Game Mammals – clarify that nonnative mammal species generally considered as game are not limited to elk, antelope, and buffalo.

Legal Game – add nutria and nonnative species that were formerly defined as non-protected mammals (armadillo, black and brown rats, and house mouse) to this definition.

Non-protected mammals – remove this definition.

Additionally, the proposed rule amendment 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 4-5, 2026, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., each day.

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

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

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Justin Bingham, Public Hunting Areas Program Coordinator, Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, 620 South Meridian Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1600, (850)617-9651, or justin.bingham@myfwc.com.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

68A-1.004 Definitions.

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

(1) through (34) No change.

(35) Furbearers – Raccoon, opossum, skunk, ~~nutria~~, beaver, coyote, fox, bobcat, otter, mink, weasel, and round-tailed muskrat.

(36) No change.

(37) Game birds – Those species of turkey, quail, rail, snipe, woodcock, duck, goose, brant, dove, coot, and gallinule with open seasons established by Rule 68A-13.003, 68A-13.004 or 68A-13.008, F.A.C., and non-native bird species generally considered game, including but not limited to ~~such as~~ pheasant, chukar partridge, and coturnix quail.

(38) No change.

(39) Game mammals – Those species of deer, squirrel, bear, and rabbit with open seasons established by Rule 68A-12.012 or 68A-13.004, F.A.C., and non-native mammal species generally considered game, including but not limited to ~~such as~~ elk, antelope, and buffalo.

(40) through (41) No change.

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

(43) through (50) No change.

(51) ~~Non-protected mammals — armadillo, black or Norway rat, and house mouse.~~

(52) through (94) renumbered (51) through (93) No change.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2026

Rulemaking Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. Law Implemented Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. History—New 8-1-79, Amended 6-15-81, 11-17-81, 6-21-82, 7-1-83, 7-1-84, 7-1-85, Formerly 39-1.04, Amended 6-1-86, 5-10-87, 10-8-87, 3-1-88, 4-13-88, 4-27-89, 4-11-90, 7-1-92, 4-20-93, 3-1-94, 7-1-94, 4-1-96, 11-23-97, 7-1-98, 6-23-99, Formerly 39-1.004, Amended 7-1-00, 5-1-01, 5-1-03, 7-1-04, 5-26-05, 7-1-06, 4-1-07, 7-1-08, 10-23-08, 7-1-10, 11-8-10, 1-1-11, 4-9-13, 7-29-15, 5-11-16, 7-1-18, 7-1-21, 7-1-22, 7-1-23, 7-1-24, 5-28-25, 6-2-25, 9-16-25, 7-1-26.

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: November 5, 2025

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: October 21, 2025

FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**Freshwater Fish and Wildlife**

RULE NOS.: RULE TITLES:

68A-4.001 General Prohibitions

68A-4.002 Take of Wildlife and Freshwater Fish with a Gun at Night; Exceptions

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The proposed rule amendment will update hunting regulations to better manage wildlife populations.

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

68A-4.001 (General Prohibitions):

Non-Protected Mammal and Furbearer Language Correction – replace “non-protected mammals” with “armadillo” to maintain the provision of take for this species, due to a revision of the “non-protected mammals” definition.

68A-4.002 (Take of Wildlife and Freshwater Fish with a Gun at Night; Exceptions):

Nighttime Hunting with Guns Equipped with Thermal or Night-vision Devices – clarify that on lands outside the WMA System, taking wildlife or freshwater fish at night with a gun equipped with a thermal or night-vision device is prohibited, except when take with a gun at night is specifically allowed for a particular species pursuant to Commission rule or permit.

Non-Protected Mammal and Furbearer Language Correction – replace “non-protected mammals” with “armadillo”, “black and brown rats”, “house mouse”, and “nutria” to maintain the provision of take for these species.

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE RATIFICATION:

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

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

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THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Justin Bingham, Public Hunting Areas Program Coordinator, Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, 620 South Meridian Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1600, (850)617-9651, or justin.bingham@myfwc.com.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

68A-4.001 General Prohibitions.

(1) through (8) No change.

(9) Unless otherwise specifically provided in this Title, armadillo non-protected mammals and non-protected birds may be taken throughout the year, without restrictions.

(10) No change.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2026

Rulemaking Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. Law Implemented Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. History—New 8-1-79, Amended 6-21-82, Formerly 39-4.01, Amended 4-1-96, Formerly 39-4.001, Amended 5-13-02, 7-1-04, 7-1-08, 7-29-15, 8-6-15, 2-11-18, 7-1-2025, 7-1-26.

68A-4.002 Take of Wildlife and Freshwater Fish with a Gun at Night; Exceptions.

(1) No change.

(2) On privately owned lands, the landowner land owner or designee may take wild hog, coyote, armadillo, black and brown rats, house mouse, and nutria non-protected mammals with a gun and light during non-daylight hours.

(3) On lands outside the Wildlife Management Area (WMA) System, the use of a gun equipped with a thermal, night-vision, or similar device is prohibited for taking wildlife or freshwater fish during non-daylight hours, except when

Commission rule or permit specifically authorizes the take of wildlife or freshwater fish with a gun during non-daylight hours.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2026

Rulemaking Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const., 379.1025 FS. Law Implemented Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const., 379.3015, 379.404(2) FS. History—New 8-1-79, Amended 6-21-82, Formerly 39-4.02, 39-4.002, Amended 4-3-08, 7-27-10, 3-25-12, 7-1-26.

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: November 5, 2025

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: October 21, 2025

FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Freshwater Fish and Wildlife

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

68A-9.008 Permits for Physically Disabled

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The proposed rule amendment revises the title for crossbow permits to align the language in rule with that of official FWC communication materials.

SUMMARY: The proposed rule amendment changes the title of "Crossbow Permits" to "Persons with Disabilities Crossbow Permits".

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE RATIFICATION:

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THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Justin Bingham, Public Hunting Areas Program Coordinator, Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, 620 South Meridian Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1600, (850)617-9651, or justin.bingham@myfwc.com.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

68A-9.008 Permits for Physically Disabled.

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

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

(2) through (4) No change.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2026

Rulemaking Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. Law Implemented Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. History—New 5-10-04, Amended 5-1-05, 10-23-08, 8-11-11, 7-1-23, 7-1-24, 7-1-26.

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: November 5, 2025

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FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Freshwater Fish and Wildlife

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

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

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The proposed rule amendment updates hunting regulations concerning methods of take for game species. The proposed rule corrects a prior omission regarding the take of wildlife with pre-charged pneumatic (PCP) airguns.

SUMMARY: The proposed rule amendment aligns rule language with the proposals that were previously communicated to the public and approved by Commissioners to establish that the same regulations for taking deer with PCP airguns apply to bear.

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE RATIFICATION:

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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) through (b) No change.

(c) Air guns, except that:

1. Only pre-charged pneumatic air guns .30 caliber or greater propelling a single projectile (to include an arrow or bolt meeting specifications outlined in paragraph (3)(e)) may be used for taking deer or bear.

2. through 3. No change.

(d) through (f) No change.

(4) through (7) No change.

(8) No person shall:

(a) through (c) No change.

(d) Take or attempt to take any game with the aid of live decoys, recorded game calls or sounds, set guns, artificial light, net, trap, ~~snare~~, drug, or poison.

(e) through (j) No change.

(9) No change.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2026

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, 9-16-25, 7-1-26.

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: November 5, 2025

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: October 21, 2025

FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Freshwater Fish and Wildlife

RULE NOS.: RULE TITLES:

68A-13.0001 Definitions

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

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

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The proposed rule amendments will update definitions of deer management units (DMUs) and deer hunting zones; make a correction to existing hunting regulations for deer; and revise regulations regarding allowed methods of take, the labeling and use of hunting and other wildlife-recreation equipment, and motorized vehicles on Public Small Game Hunting Areas (PSGHAs). The proposed rule amendment will clarify existing DMU and zonal boundaries for deer hunting, fix a reference that incorrectly excludes deer taken under certain permits from statewide bag and possession limits, align rules for nighttime gun seasons with the original intent of these hunts, and better manage public recreation on PSGHAs.

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

68A-13.0001 (Definitions):

Deer Management Unit (DMU) and Zonal Boundaries – clarify the existing boundaries of DMUs A1, A2, A3, C1, C2, C3, C4, C5, and C6 and zones A, C, and D.

68A-13.004 (Protection of Certain Deer and Turkey; Tagging of Deer, Bear, and Turkey; Deer Harvest Reporting; Evidence of Sex Required):

Exceptions to Deer Bag and Possession Limits – clarify that only deer taken under permits issued pursuant to rules 68A-9.002 and 9.012, F.A.C., are not subject to statewide bag and possession limits.

68A-13.007 (Hunting Regulations on Public Small-Game Hunting Areas):

Hunting Equipment on PSGHAs – establish that tree stands, elevated shooting platforms, and unattended ground blinds may not be placed on a PSGHA until after 8:00 a.m. the day before any hunt and must be removed from the area by 6 p.m. the day

after the end of every hunt, unless otherwise provided by area rule.

Labeling tree stands, elevated shooting platforms, trail cameras, and ground blinds on PSGHAs – require PSGHA 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 leaving any of these items unattended on a PSGHA, prohibit tampering with or removal of this identifying information without the owner's permission, and establish that FWC and cooperators staff may remove any of these items if they are not properly labeled.

Nighttime Hunting Restriction on Guns Equipped with Thermal or Night-vision Devices – prohibit the take of wildlife on PSGHAs at night (from 30 minutes after sunset through 30 minutes before sunrise) with a gun equipped with a thermal, night-vision, or similar device.

Off-road vehicles on PSGHAs – clarify that recreational off-highway vehicles (side-by-sides) and swamp buggies are prohibited on PSGHAs unless allowed by area-specific regulation.

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. ; Sec. 375.313, Fla. Stat.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. ; ss 379.2223, 375.313, Fla. Stat.

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

DATE AND TIME: During the Commission's regular meeting February 4-5, 2026, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., each day.

PLACE: Donald L. Tucker Civic Center, 505 W Pensacola St, Tallahassee, FL 32301

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THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Justin Bingham, Public Hunting Areas Program Coordinator, Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, 620 South Meridian Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1600, (850)617-9651, or justin.bingham@myfwc.com.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

68A-13.0001 Definitions.

When used in this rule chapter, the terms and phrases listed below have the meaning provided:

(1) Deer management unit (DMU) – The following geographical portions of the state, less any lands established by the Commission pursuant to Rule 68A-14.001, F.A.C.:

(a) DMU A1 – That portion of Zone A located east and south of State Road 80, south of US Highway 27, east and south of County Road 835, east and north of County Road 833/Josie Billie Rd/Snake Road, east of the eastern boundary of Big Cypress National Preserve, south of Interstate 75, and east of the western boundary of Miami-Dade County south of Big Cypress National Preserve.

(b) DMU A2 – That portion of Zone A located south of County Road 886/Golden Gate Parkway ~~west of Interstate 75,~~ south of Interstate 75 ~~west of the State Road 29,~~ east of State Road 29, south of the northern boundary of Big Cypress National Preserve, west of the eastern boundary of Big Cypress National Preserve, and west of the western boundary of Miami-Dade County south of the Big Cypress National Preserve.

(c) DMU A3 – That portion of Zone A located north of County Road 886/Golden Gate Parkway ~~west of Interstate 75,~~ north of Interstate 75 ~~west of State Road 29,~~ west east of State Road 29, north of the northern boundary of Big Cypress National Preserve, ~~north of Interstate 75~~ east of the eastern boundary of Big Cypress National Preserve ~~and west of County Road 833/Josie Billie Rd/Snake Road,~~ west and south of County Road 833/Josie Billie Rd/Snake Road, west and north of County Road 835, north of US Highway 27, and north and west of State Road 80 ~~and east of Lake Okeechobee.~~

(d) No change.

(e) DMU C1 – That portion of Zone C located west of the eastern boundary of Highlands County, ~~north of State Road 70,~~

~~and west of the eastern boundary of Polk County south of State Road 60, west of Interstate 75, south of State Road 50, and south of State Road 550/Cortez Boulevard and north of State Road 60.~~

(f) DMU C2 – That portion of Zone C located east of the eastern boundary of Highlands County ~~north of State Road 70,~~ east of the eastern boundary of Polk County ~~south of State Road 60,~~ south of State Road 50 ~~east of US Highway 441,~~ west of US Highway 1 ~~south of State Road 50,~~ and south of State Road 528/Bennett Causeway and Canaveral Barge Canal ~~east of US Highway 1.~~

(g) DMU C3 – That portion of Zone C located south of US Highway 27, west of US Highway 41, ~~and west of US Highway 41~~ north of State Road 50, ~~and north of State Road 550/Cortez Boulevard and south of US Highway 27.~~

(h) DMU C4 – That portion of Zone C located north of State Road 50, ~~east of US Highway 441;~~ east of US Highway 1, ~~north of State Road 50;~~ north of State Road 528/Bennett Causeway and Canaveral Barge Canal, ~~east of US Highway 1;~~ east of US Highway 41, ~~north of State Road 50;~~ south of US Highway 441, ~~east of US Highway 41;~~ west and south of State Road 20, ~~west and south of~~ US Highway 17/State Road 20/State Road 100, ~~west and south of and~~ State Road 20/State Road 100, ~~and south of State Road 100/Moody Boulevard east of US Highway 1.~~

(i) DMU C5 – That portion of Zone C located north of US Highway 27 ~~west of US Highway 441,~~ north of US Highway 441 ~~west of Interstate 75, and west of Interstate 75 north of US Highway 441.~~

(j) DMU C6 – That portion of Zone C located east of Interstate 75, ~~north of US Highway 441;~~ north of US Highway 441, ~~east of Interstate 75;~~ north and east of State Road 20, ~~north and east of~~ and State Road 20/State Road 100, ~~and north of State Road 100/Moody Boulevard east of US Highway 1.~~

(k) through (l) No change.

(2) Zone – The following geographical portions of the state:

(a) Zone A – The counties of Broward, Charlotte (east of the Peace River and east Charlotte Harbor), Collier, Dade, DeSoto (south of State Road 70 and east of the Peace River), Glades, Hendry, Highlands (south of State Road 70), Lee, Martin (west of US Highway 441), Monroe, Okeechobee (south of State Road 70 and west of US Highway 441) and Palm Beach (except that portion lying east of US Highway 441, east of State Road 80 ~~north of County Road 880,~~ north of County Road 880, and north of US Highway 98/US Highway 441/State Road 80/Southern Boulevard).

(b) No change.

(c) Zone C – The counties of Alachua, Baker, Bradford, Brevard, Citrus, Clay, Charlotte (except east of the Peace River

and east of Charlotte Harbor), Columbia, DeSoto (~~except south north of State Road 70,~~ and ~~east west~~ of the Peace River ~~south of State Road 70~~), Dixie, Duval, Flagler, Gadsden (east of US Highway 27), Gilchrist, Hamilton, Hardee, Hernando (north of State Road 50 and west of Interstate 75), Highlands (north of State Road 70), Hillsborough (south of State Road 60 and west of Interstate 75), Indian River, Jefferson, Lafayette, Lake, Leon (east of US Highway 27, east of State Road 61, and east of US Highway 319), Levy, Madison, Manatee, Marion, Martin (east of US Highway 441), Nassau, Okeechobee (except that portion lying south of State Road 70 and west of US Highway 441), Orange (north of State Road 50 and east of US Highway 17), Osceola (east of US Highway 17, north and east of County Road 525, east of the western shoreline of Lake Tohopekaliga, east of C-35 canal, east of the western shoreline of Cypress Lake, east of C-36 canal and east of the eastern shoreline of Lake Hatchineha), Palm Beach (east of US Highway 441, east of State Road 80 ~~north of County Road 880,~~ north of County Road 880, and north of US Highway 98/US Highway 441/State Road 80/Southern Boulevard), Pasco (west of Interstate 75), Pinellas, Polk (south of State Road 60), Putnam, St. Johns, St. Lucie, Sarasota, Seminole, Sumter (north of State Road 50), Suwannee, Taylor, Union, Volusia and Wakulla (east of US Highway 319, north and east of US Highway 98, and east of the eastern shoreline of the Wakulla and St. Marks Rivers).

(d) Zone D – The counties of Bay, Calhoun, Escambia, Franklin, Gadsden (west of US Highway 27), Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, Leon (west of US Highway 27, west of State Road 61, and west of US Highway 319), Liberty, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, Wakulla (west of US Highway 319, south of US Highway 98, and west of the eastern shoreline of the Wakulla and St. Marks Rivers), Walton and Washington.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2026.

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

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

(1) Bag and possession limits:

(a) Deer: Statewide annual bag (all seasons combined including antlered, antlerless, archery, crossbow, and muzzleloading gun seasons and the youth deer hunt) 5 deer, of which no more than 2 in Zones A, B, C, and DMU D1 and no more than 3 in DMU D2 may be antlerless deer; possession limit, 4; daily bag, 2. No person shall exceed the statewide annual bag, except antlerless or antlered deer taken under the authority of subsections (4) or (5) of this rule, non-native deer,

deer killed by a motor vehicle, deer harvested under permits issued pursuant to Rule 68A-9.002 or 68A-9.012 Chapter 68A-9, F.A.C., and deer killed on a Licensed Game Farm or Licensed Private Hunting preserve preserve, shall not be subjected to bag or possession limits.

(b) through (c) No change.

(2) through (5) No change.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2026.

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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 (d) No change.

(e) Shooting hours for ducks, geese, coots, and mourning and white-winged doves – During the shooting hours established pursuant to Rules 68A-13.003 and 68A-13.008, F.A.C., unless otherwise provided by area-specific regulation. Shooting hours for other legal game shall be provided by specific area regulation. Taking wildlife at night with a gun equipped with a thermal, night-vision, or similar device is prohibited unless otherwise provided by area-specific rule.

(f) No change.

(g) Airboats, outboard motors larger than 10 horsepower, recreational off-highway vehicles (ROVs), swamp buggies, tracked vehicles, unregistered and unlicensed motorcycles, and all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) are prohibited unless otherwise provided by specific area regulation.

(h) through (n) No change.

(o) Authorized hunting equipment, defined for the purposes of this rule as ground blinds (if left unattended), treestands, and elevated shooting platforms, may be taken on the area after 8:00 a.m. one day before the opening of the hunt and must be removed from the area before 6:00 p.m. one day following the close of the hunt, unless otherwise provided by area-specific regulation.

(p) Recreational users of public small game hunting areas must obtain a Commission-issued customer identification number and permanently affix this number in a conspicuous and legible manner to all treestands, elevated shooting platforms, ground blinds, and trail cameras prior to leaving any of these items unattended on a public small game hunting 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.

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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.

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FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Freshwater Fish and Wildlife

RULE NOS.: RULE TITLES:

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

68A-17.005 Specific Regulations for Wildlife and Environmental Areas

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The proposed rule amendment revises regulations pertaining to general rules for Wildlife and Environmental Areas (WEAs) and specific rules for WEAs in the North Central, Northwest, and South regions to enable the agency to better manage fish and wildlife resources and public recreation on WEAs.

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

68A-17.004 (General Regulations Relating to Wildlife and Environmental Areas):

Baits, Lures and Visual Attractants for Trapping – allow baits, lures, and visual attractants to be used for trapping furbearers and nutria pursuant to Rule 68A-32.002, F.A.C., on WEAs with established trapping seasons, unless prohibited by area-specific rule.

Chasing Coyote and Bobcat during Special-Use Other Fox Hunts – allow bobcat and coyote to be chased by free-running dogs during permitted SUO fox hunts.

Crossbows and airbows during archery/muzzleloading gun season on WEAs – allow the take of wildlife with crossbows

and airbows during archery/muzzleloading gun season on applicable WEAs, unless otherwise provided by area rule.

Furbearer Language Correction – replace instances of “furbearing animals” with “furbearers” so that reference is made to the intended term as defined in Rule 68A-1.004, F.A.C.

Ground blinds on WEAs – establish that ground blinds may not be left unattended on a WEA until 8:00 a.m. the day before each hunt and must be removed from the area before 6 p.m. the day after the end of every hunt, unless otherwise provided by area rule.

Nighttime Hunting Restriction on Guns Equipped with Thermal or Night-vision Devices – prohibit the take of wildlife on WEAs at night (from 30 minutes after sunset through 30 minutes before sunrise) with a gun equipped with a thermal, night-vision, or similar device.

Non-Protected Mammals and Furbearer Language Correction – replace “non-protected mammals” with species formerly defined as “non-protected mammals” or removed from the definition of “furbearers” to maintain the provision of take for these wildlife, due to revisions of these definitions.

Released Quail on WEAs – clarify that northern bobwhite must be purchased from a licensed game farm to be released on a WEA.

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-17.005 (Specific Regulations for Wildlife and Environmental Areas):

Southwest Region

NONE.

North Central Region

Santa Fe Swamp WEA – allow the take of wildlife with crossbows and airbows during the archery/muzzleloading gun season; and replace “non-protected mammals” with species formerly defined as “non-protected mammals” or removed from the definition of “furbearers” to maintain the provision of take for these wildlife, due to revisions of these definitions.

Suwannee Ridge WEA – replace “non-protected mammals” with species formerly defined as “non-protected mammals” or removed from the definition of “furbearers” to maintain the provision of take for these wildlife, due to revisions of these definitions; require hunters to check in and out and check harvested wildlife only when the check station is staffed; and require hunters to enter and exit at a designated entrance.

Northwest Region

Apalachicola River WEA – allow the take of wildlife with crossbows and airbows during archery/muzzleloading gun season; convert the Northwest Florida Water Management District still-hunt acres lying west of the Chipola River into dog-hunt acres; define the boundaries of the dog hunt area as

that portion of the area outside the still hunt area; and replace “non-protected mammals” with species formerly defined as “non-protected mammals” or removed from the definition of “furbearers” to maintain the provision of take for these wildlife, due to revisions of these definitions.

L. Kirk Edwards WEA – allow the take of wildlife with crossbows and airbows during archery/muzzleloading gun season.

St. Andrew’s Flatwoods WEA – establish rules and regulations for a new WEA (115 acres in Bay County) as follows: prohibit taking wildlife with a gun; prohibit fishing and frogging; prohibit the possession of any animal, except dogs on a leash; prohibit access other than by foot; and prohibit public access during nighttime hours.

South Region

CREW WEA – prohibit the take of wildlife with a gun within 100 yards of designated campsites.

Northeast Region

NONE.

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

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE RATIFICATION:

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

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THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

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

(1) General prohibitions: Hunting, fishing or trapping is prohibited on any portion of any wildlife and environmental area posted as closed to hunting, fishing or trapping. Hunting, fishing, trapping, camping or other usage related to such activity on any wildlife and environmental area shall only be at the time and in the manner provided by the regulations for the particular wildlife and environmental area. During a given season, all legal methods for taking fish, frogs or wildlife during that season shall be allowed, unless prohibited under the rules governing a particular area. Taking furbearers or nutria with traps, snares or at night is prohibited unless allowed by an area specific rule. Taking wildlife at night with a gun equipped with a thermal, night-vision, or similar device is prohibited unless otherwise provided by area-specific rule.

(2) through (3) No change.

(4) Legal to Hunt: Legal game shall be only those wildlife species identified as legal to take in specific area regulations.

(a) through (b) No change.

(c) Armadillo, black and brown rats, house mouse, nutria, ~~Non-protected mammals~~ and non-protected birds may be taken during any season open for the taking of game mammals or game birds, with no size or bag limit unless otherwise provided by area-specific rule.

(d) through (e) No change.

(5) Hunters and other recreational users:

(a) Authorized hunting equipment, defined for the purposes of this rule as ground blinds (if left unattended), treestands, tree stands and elevated shooting platforms, may be taken on the area after 8:00 a.m. one day before the opening of the hunt and must shall be removed from the area before 6:00 p.m. one day following the close of the hunt unless, otherwise provided by specific area regulations. ~~Recreational users of wildlife and environmental 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 and environmental 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) Recreational users of wildlife and environmental areas must obtain a Commission-issued customer identification number and permanently affix this number in a conspicuous and legible manner to all treestands, elevated shooting platforms, ground blinds, and trail cameras prior to leaving any of these items unattended on a wildlife and environmental 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) renumbered (c) No change.

(6) Guns:

(a) Taking wildlife (except migratory birds and non-protected birds during migratory bird season) with a gun (except a bow) is prohibited on any wildlife and environmental area during the established season for archery hunting unless otherwise stipulated in a regulation established for a specific area. Taking wildlife (except migratory birds and non-protected birds during migratory bird season) with a gun (except a muzzleloading gun) is prohibited on any wildlife and environmental area during the established season for muzzleloading gun hunting unless otherwise stipulated in a regulation established for a specific area. Taking wildlife (except migratory birds and non-protected birds during migratory bird season) with a gun (except a bow, crossbow, airbow, or muzzleloading gun) is prohibited on any wildlife and environmental area during the established archery/muzzleloading gun season, unless otherwise stipulated in a regulation established for a specific area. Taking wildlife with a gun is prohibited on any wildlife and environmental area during any season open only for the taking of furbearers ~~furbearing animals~~ or frogs unless otherwise stipulated in a regulation established for a specific area.

(b) through (d) No change.

(e) Methods of take for armadillo, black and brown rats, house mouse, nutria, ~~non-protected mammals~~ and non-protected birds, other than those allowed for the taking of game during each open season, are prohibited.

(7) Dogs:

(a) Dogs may be used for hunting during open seasons, except if prohibited by regulations for the particular wildlife

and environmental area. The take of non-protected birds with dogs is allowed during any season when at least one species of small game is legal to take with dogs. The Executive Director or designee may issue permits to raccoon, coyote, bobcat, or fox hunting organizations that are sanctioned by the United Kennel Club, American Kennel Club, Professional Kennel Club, or similar sanctioning entity to allow raccoon, coyote, bobcat, or fox hunting during otherwise closed seasons and at times and places designated in the permit. Permits may be issued only in areas where this activity will not negatively impact wildlife, where adjoining landowner conflicts will be minimal, where cooperating landowners are in agreement with the permit conditions, and when not in conflict with other user groups.

(b) through (e) No change.

(8) through (9) No change.

(10) Grain and food: No person shall place, provide, expose or distribute any grain or other food for wildlife on any wildlife and environmental area except for the purpose of trapping furbearers and nutria pursuant to Rule 68A-32.002, F.A.C., on areas with an established trapping season, unless prohibited under the rules governing a particular area or as authorized by permit from the executive director. No person shall take wildlife on any land or waters upon which grain or other food has been deposited, except furbearers and nutria may be trapped using baits, lures, or visual attractants pursuant to Rule 68A-32.002, F.A.C., on areas with an established trapping season, unless prohibited under the rules governing a particular area. ~~No person shall provide food for wildlife on any wildlife and environmental area.~~

(11) Release of animals: ~~No person shall release any species of the animal kingdom on any wildlife and environmental area where the Commission is the landowner or lead managing agency unless authorized by specific area regulations or written authorization from the executive director.~~

(a) No person shall release any species of the animal kingdom on any wildlife and environmental area where the Commission is the landowner or lead managing agency unless authorized by specific area regulations or written authorization from the executive director.

(b) Notwithstanding the exemptions provided in paragraph 68A-12.011(23)(b), F.A.C., and only as authorized by area-specific regulations, northern bobwhite must be purchased from a game farm licensed by the Commission or another state to be released on a wildlife and environmental area.

(12) through (18) No change.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2026

Rulemaking Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. Law Implemented Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const., 379.354, 375.313 FS. History—New 4-12-

98, Amended 12-28-98, Formerly 39-17.004, Amended 7-1-00, 7-1-04, 7-1-05, 7-1-06, 7-29-07, 7-1-08, 7-1-09, 7-1-10, 1-1-11, 3-25-12, 4-9-13, 7-1-14, 7-1-15, 7-1-16, 7-1-18, 7-1-19, 9-13-20, 7-1-21, 7-1-22, 7-1-23, 7-1-24, 7-1-25, 9-16-25, 7-1-26.

68A-17.005 Specific Regulations for Wildlife and Environmental Areas.

(1) No change.

(2) North Central Region.

(a) Santa Fe Swamp – Bradford County.

1. Open season:

a. through b. No Change.

c. Archery/~~and~~ muzzleloading gun – Opening the first day of Zone C antlered deer season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., and closing 57 days thereafter.

d. through f. No change.

2. Legal to take: Gray squirrel, rabbit, antlered deer, turkey, non-protected birds, armadillo, black and brown rats, house mouse, nutria ~~non-protected mammals~~, wild hog, and fish. Taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with three or more points or one antler with a main beam of ten inches or more in length is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. Antlered and antlerless deer and turkey of either sex may be taken during the archery season. Only bearded turkey or gobblers may be taken during the spring turkey season.

3. General regulations:

a. through b. No change.

c. Centerfire or rimfire rifles, centerfire shotguns, centerfire pistols, and crossbows are prohibited for taking wildlife, except centerfire shotguns may be used to take wild turkey during spring turkey season and crossbows may be used to take wildlife during the archery/muzzleloading gun season.

d. through e. No change.

(b) No change.

(c) Suwannee Ridge – Hamilton County.

1. No change.

2. Legal to take: Antlered deer, antlerless deer, wild hog, gobbler or bearded turkey (during spring turkey season only), gray squirrel, rabbit, non-protected birds, armadillo, black and brown rats, house mouse, nutria ~~non-protected mammals~~, and furbearers. Two deer or two turkeys may be taken per quota permit. Only certified mobility-impaired hunters may take an antlerless deer. 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.

3. General regulations:

a. ~~When the check station is staffed, hunters~~ Hunters shall check in and out at the designated check station on Holton Creek WMA and report all ~~harvested wildlife~~ game taken.

b. through d. No change.

e. Hunters shall enter and exit through a designated entrance ~~Holton Creek WMA Road 2~~ only. The area may be accessed during non-hunting periods only by use of the Adams Grade parking area.

f. through i. No change.

(d) through (g) No change.

(3) Northwest Region.

(a) No change.

(b) Apalachicola River – Gulf and Franklin counties.

1. through 3. No change.

4. General regulations:

a. through d. No change.

e. Taking wildlife with dogs, other than bird dogs or retrievers, is prohibited in the still hunt area, defined as that portion of the area posted as Florida Forest Service lands (which lie east of East Bay and Cash Bayou) and Northwest Florida Water Management District lands (not including those NFWMD lands lying west of the Chipola River upstream from its confluence with the Apalachicola River or south of the Chipola River downstream from at its confluence with the Apalachicola River), except any dog may be used 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 season in the dog hunt area. The take of wild hog with dogs is prohibited, except during the general gun and small game seasons in the dog hunt area and throughout the area during the wild hog-dog season. Taking furbearers with dogs is prohibited in the still hunt area.

f. through i. No change.

j. Taking rabbits, armadillo, black and brown rats, house mouse, or nutria ~~non-protected mammals~~ with dogs during the spring turkey season is prohibited.

(c) No change.

(d) St. Andrew's Flatwoods – Bay County.

1. Taking wildlife with a gun is prohibited.

2. Fishing and frogging is prohibited.

3. Possession of any animal is prohibited, except dogs as provided by paragraph 68A-17.004(7)(c), F.A.C.

4. Public access other than by foot (pedestrian) is prohibited. No motorized vehicles, bicycles, or horseback riding is allowed.

5. Public access is prohibited from one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise.

(4) South Region.

(a) Southern Glades – Dade County.

1. through 2. No change.

3. General regulations:

a. No change.

b. The take of wildlife with guns is prohibited on, from, or across any ~~check station~~, levee, or improved road.

c. through h. No change.

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

1. through 3. No change.

4. General regulations:

a. through f. No change.

g. ~~When During periods when~~ the check station is staffed, hunters ~~must shall~~ check in and out at the check station and check all ~~harvested wildlife game taken~~, and no deer or turkey may be dismembered until checked at the check station. Hunters must enter and exit the area through the designated entrance where the check station is located. People through-hiking on the Florida Trail may enter or exit the area through the Florida Trail.

h. through k. No change.

(c) CREW – Collier and Lee Counties.

1. through 3. No change.

4. General regulations:

a. through e. No change.

f. Persons may enter and exit the area only at designated access points and, ~~during periods~~ when check stations are staffed, hunters must check in and out at the designated check station and ~~must shall~~ check all ~~harvested wildlife game taken~~. Public access via the designated access point located at the intersection of Sand and Vincent roads is prohibited, except by individuals possessing a valid quota permit and their guests.

g. through i. No change.

j. ~~When During periods when~~ check stations are staffed, no deer or turkey ~~may shall~~ be dismembered until checked at a check station.

k. No change.

l. Taking wildlife with a gun within 100 yards of a designated campsite is prohibited.

(d) No change.

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

1. through 3. No change.

4. General regulations:

a. through c. No change.

d. ~~When During periods when~~ 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 game taken~~.

e. ~~When During periods when~~ the check station is staffed, no deer or turkey ~~may shall~~ be dismembered until checked at the check station.

f. through i. No change.

(5) No change.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2026

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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: November 5, 2025

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: October 21, 2025

FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Freshwater Fish and Wildlife

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

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The proposed rule amendment revises regulations regarding methods of take for furbearers to clarify existing regulations for taking furbearers with a gun at night.

SUMMARY: The proposed amendment clarifies that bobcat and otter may only be taken with a gun during daylight hours and that during nighttime hours, coyote, raccoon, and opossum may only be taken with a gun as provided in this rule and by Rule 68A-4.002, F.A.C. The proposed 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 4-5, 2026, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., each day.

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

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THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Justin Bingham, Public Hunting Areas Program Coordinator, Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, 620 South Meridian Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1600, (850)617-9651, or justin.bingham@myfwc.com.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

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

(1) ~~Furbearers~~ Certain furbearers may be taken by guns, ~~dogs~~, live traps and snares during specified open seasons detailed below. Live traps and snares shall be visited at intervals not exceeding 24 hours.

(2) Provisions for methods of take, open seasons, and possession ~~Fur bearing animals may be taken in accordance with the following:~~

(a) Raccoon, coyote, opossum, skunk, ~~nutria~~, and beaver may be taken throughout the year by the use of guns (during daylight hours only, except as provided in paragraph (2)(b) below and Rule 68A-4.002, F.A.C.), dogs, live traps or snares, and may be possessed or transported alive only as authorized under Rules 68A-9.006, 68A-9.010, and 68A-9.012 by Chapter 68A-6, F.A.C.

(b) During nighttime hours, racoon ~~Raccoon~~ or opossum may be taken with a gun only at night by the aid of a light and dogs, with .22 rimfire firearms other than .22 magnum, or with a single-shot, .410-gauge centerfire or muzzleloading shotgun using shot no larger than No. 6. The hunting of raccoon or opossum under the provisions of this paragraph by display or use of a light from a moving vehicle, boat, or animal is prohibited.

(c) Bobcat or otter may be taken from December 1 through March 1 by live traps, guns (during daylight hours only), dogs or snares. Additionally, bobcat may be taken for non-commercial purposes from March 2-31 by guns (during daylight hours only) or dogs. Fox and bobcats may be chased by the use of free-running dogs (day and night) throughout the year. The taking of any fox and/or coyote by a dog or dogs within an enclosure is prohibited. For the purposes of this subsection, in relation to using dogs for the taking of fox or coyote, an "enclosure" is defined as an area of land enclosed in such a manner as to prevent the natural ingress or egress of fox or coyote. No person shall kill or possess fox unless authorized by permit from the executive director.

(d) No change.

(3) No change.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2026

Rulemaking Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. Law Implemented Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. History—New 8-1-79, Amended 6-22-80, 6-4-81, 6-21-82, 7-1-83, 7-5-84, 7-1-85, Formerly 39-24.02, Amended 10-8-87, 4-11-90, Formerly 39-24.002, Amended 5-13-02, 7-1-08, 10-5-10, 3-25-12, 7-1-14, 7-29-15, 7-1-24, 7-1-26.

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.

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Section III

Notice of Changes, Corrections and Withdrawals

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Board of Orthotists and Prosthetists

RULE NO.: 64B14-7.003
RULE TITLE: Disciplinary Guidelines

NOTICE OF CHANGE

Notice is hereby given that the following changes have been made to the proposed rule in accordance with subparagraph 120.54(3)(d)1., F.S., published in Vol. 51 No. 199, October 13, 2025 issue of the Florida Administrative Register.

The Board received written comments from the Joint Administrative Procedures Committee on Rule 64B14-7.003, F.A.C. Accordingly, the Board made changes to the proposed rule language as set forth below.

THE TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE WILL NOW READ:

64B14-7.003 Disciplinary Guidelines.

(1) No Change.

(2) Violations and Ranges of Penalties. In imposing discipline upon applicants and licensees, in proceedings pursuant to Sections 120.57(1) and 120.57(2), F.S., the Board shall act in accordance with the following disciplinary guidelines and shall impose a penalty within the range corresponding to the violations set forth below. The verbal identification of offenses are descriptive only; the full language of each statutory provision cited must be consulted in order to determine the conduct included.

VIOLATION	PENALTY RANGE MINIMUM	PENALTY RANGE MAXIMUM
(a) through (oo) No Change.		
(pp) Failure to tender charges for reimbursement to the patient no later than thirty (30) days after the date the health care practitioner determines that an overpayment was made. (Section 456.0625, F.S.)		
First Offense	\$50 fine	\$250 fine
Second Offense	\$100 fine	\$500 fine
TELEHEALTH REGISTRANTS	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM
First Offense	<u>Letter of Concern</u> \$50 fine	<u>Revocation</u> \$250 fine
Second Offense	<u>Letter of Concern</u> \$100 fine	<u>Revocation</u> \$500 fine

(3) through (4) No Change.

~~PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2026~~

Rulemaking Authority 456.0625(4), 456.072(4), 456.079(1), 456.47(7), 468.802 FS. Law Implemented 456.0625, 456.072, 456.079(2), 456.47, 468.811, 760.27 FS. History—New 7-1-98, Amended 9-17-00, 7-5-06, 7-6-10, 10-4-17, 11-1-21, ~~4-1-26~~.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Ashleigh Irving, Executive Director, Board of Orthotists & Prosthetists, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin # C08, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3258, at (850)245-4292, or by email: Ashleigh.Irving@flhealth.gov.

Section IV Emergency Rules

DEPARTMENT OF THE LOTTERY

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

53ER25-64 FREE FLORIDA DAILY GAMES for a YEAR Bonus Play

SUMMARY: This emergency rule sets forth the provisions for the FREE FLORIDA DAILY GAMES for a YEAR Bonus Play.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE EMERGENCY RULE IS: Minerva A. Simpson, Attorney, Department of the Lottery, 250 Marriott Drive, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-4011

THE FULL TEXT OF THE EMERGENCY RULE IS:

53ER25-64 FREE FLORIDA DAILY GAMES for a YEAR Bonus Play.

(1) General Bonus Play Description.

(a) Bonus Play Period: January 1 - February 28, 2026, dates inclusive.

(b) Eligible Tickets: Winning and non-winning CASH POP™, PICK Daily Games™ (PICK 2™, PICK 3™, PICK 4™, and PICK 5™) (with or without PLUS FIREBALL®) (hereafter, collectively, "PICK"), and FANTASY 5® (with or without EZmatch™) (hereafter, collectively, "FANTASY 5") tickets, of a \$1.00 or greater amount, purchased during the Bonus Play Period. Tickets that are part of GROUPER® and GROUPER® Super Sampler purchases are eligible. However, free tickets obtained with a GROUPER/GROUPER Super Sampler purchase, or otherwise, are not eligible. Continuation and Canceled tickets are not eligible. Training tickets and tickets with invalid ticket numbers are not eligible. Tickets meeting the criteria described in this paragraph are hereafter referred to as "Eligible" tickets.

(c) Drawing Prizes Available: \$5,475.00 (This is the sum necessary to purchase a year's worth of CASH POP, PICK, and

FANTASY 5 tickets for every draw in the respective games.) Details in subsection (6), below.

(d) Coupons. The Lottery will randomly award Coupons that are redeemable for cash. The Coupon value provides the amount necessary to purchase tickets as set forth in the table under paragraph (4)(b), below.

(2) How to Enter.

(a) To enter an Eligible ticket into a Bonus Play Drawing, a player may use the Florida Lottery's website at floralottery.com or use the Florida Lottery's Mobile Convenience App ("App"). Only Eligible tickets purchased during a given Drawing Entry Period can be entered during that Drawing Entry Period. See subsection (5), below, for Drawing Entry Period dates.

1. Website. On the home page of the Florida Lottery's website, players click on the Promotions tab and select the Free Florida Daily Games for a Year Bonus Play. Players will manually enter the 19-digit ticket number on Eligible tickets on the ticket entry page to collect entries as described in subsection (3), below.

2. App. On the App, players select the Free Florida Daily Games for a Year Bonus Play under the Promotions section. A Promotions button is located on the main menu and on the bottom navigation bar. Players may scan the barcode on the bottom of a ticket or may manually enter the 19-digit ticket number on Eligible tickets on the ticket entry page to collect entries as described in subsection (3), below.

3. Deleted Accounts. If a player deletes his/her account, whether through the App or on the Florida Lottery's website, all account data, including ticket entries, associated with the email address used to register his/her account will also be deleted. Any entries earned will not be entered into a drawing. A player's account cannot be reactivated using the email associated with the deactivated account. Should a player establish a new account utilizing a different email address, account data, including ticket entries, cannot be transferred to the newly established account. Tickets entered under the prior account cannot be re-entered utilizing the newly created account.

4. Regardless of whether a player chooses to participate in the Bonus Play by using the web browser or the App, the following provisions shall apply:

- a. a player will be prompted to either register or login;
- b. the player must use the same account login information to enter tickets;
- c. the player will only be required to register one time; and
- d. the player's entry history will be cumulative among the entry platforms.

(b) Any attempt by a player to use more than one account by using multiple or different email addresses, identities, registrations, logins, or any other methods will subject the

player and any associated entries to disqualification. In the event a player wins a prize, the name a player uses to register must match the name shown on his/her identification used to make a claim, except for a person who has made a legal name change. A person who has made a legal name change must provide a copy of a marriage certificate/judgment/court order, as applicable, as proof of a differing name. Fictitious names and business names will not be accepted and shall subject the player and any associated entries to disqualification.

(c) The odds of winning depend on the number of entries in a drawing. All entries are subject to validation by the Florida Lottery and will be disqualified if eligibility requirements are not met.

(d) Lottery tickets should not be mailed to the Lottery for entry into a drawing. Tickets received in the mail by the Lottery for entry into the Bonus Play will not be entered into a drawing and will not be returned.

(3) Earning Entries.

(a) To earn entries into a drawing, a player may enter ticket numbers by scanning the barcode on the bottom of an Eligible ticket using his or her mobile device or by manually entering the 19-digit number on Eligible tickets on the website or the Mobile App. A player may earn multiple entries during an entry period. A player may enter a maximum of 200 tickets per day. Each ticket number can only be entered one time and cannot be entered again for another drawing. Players may enter Eligible ticket/s at any time during the Bonus Play Period, except that entry capabilities on the website and App will be unavailable from 12 a.m. through 6 a.m. ET due to routine maintenance and may be unavailable at other times if there are technical difficulties. Entries must be made by midnight (ET) on the last day of a Drawing Entry Period to be entered into that drawing. See subsection (5) for Drawing Entry Periods.

(b) Number of Entries Earned.

1. A player will receive one (1) entry into a Drawing for every \$15 purchased of Eligible tickets.

2. For any amount over \$15 on the purchase that achieves the \$15 sum, that amount will be counted towards the next \$15 purchase. For example, a player reaches \$17 with a purchase to earn one entry; the additional \$2 will go towards the next \$15 total purchase during the same Drawing Entry Period.

3. The \$15 sum does not include PICK purchases of \$0.50 and otherwise not in even dollar purchase amounts. For example, a player purchases a \$2.50 PICK ticket; the amount of \$0.50 will not be included in the tabulation to achieve \$15, only \$2 will be applied.

4. The sum of \$15 does not need to be made in a single purchase nor need to be for the same game but must be made during the same Drawing Entry Period to earn an entry into that Drawing.

5. No sums will be carried over into a subsequent Drawing Entry Period.

(4) Coupons. Upon entry of an Eligible ticket, a player may be awarded a Coupon for an amount of cash that would permit a player to purchase a day's worth of tickets as set forth in the table in paragraph (4)(b), below. A "Nth" generation process, across all entries state-wide, will be used to make random Coupon awards. Any Coupon/s not awarded during the Bonus Play will not be otherwise awarded, and players will not otherwise be compensated.

(a) Coupons may be redeemed at any Florida Lottery retailer or office. Printed Coupons or those presented on a mobile device may be used. Coupons should not be mailed to the Lottery for redemption. Coupons mailed to the Lottery will not be submitted for redemption, will not be returned, and the player will not otherwise be compensated. Coupons are valid for one use only. The redemption deadline for all Coupons is 11:59:59 p.m. (ET) on April 29, 2026, subject to Lottery retailer or office hours. For Coupons not redeemed by the deadline, prizes will not be awarded, and players will not otherwise be compensated.

(b) Available Coupons:

<u>COUPON PRIZES*</u>	<u>TOTAL NUMBER OF COUPONS</u>	<u>TOTAL VALUE OF COUPON PRIZES</u>
<u>4 \$1 PICK x 2 Draws + \$1 FANTASY 5 x 2 Draws + \$1 CASH POP x 5 Draws (Free Day of Draws = \$15)</u>	<u>2,500</u>	<u>\$37,500</u>
<u>\$1 CASH POP x 5 Draws (Free Day of Draws = \$5)</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>\$25,000</u>
<u>4 \$1 PICK x 2 Draws (Free Day of Draws = \$8)</u>	<u>50,475</u>	<u>\$403,800</u>
<u>\$1 FANTASY 5 x 2 Draws (Free Day of Draws = \$2)</u>	<u>100,000</u>	<u>\$200,000</u>
<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>157,975</u>	<u>\$666,300</u>

*Coupons are for a cash sum that equals the purchase price/value of the tickets set forth in the table.

(5) Entry Periods and Drawings. The Florida Lottery will conduct four (4) drawings during the Bonus Play. Winners for each drawing will be randomly selected from entries submitted and received before midnight (ET) of a Drawing Entry Period

end date, as identified in the table below. Entries from one Drawing Entry Period are not carried over into a subsequent Drawing Entry Period. Winners will be randomly selected using a certified random number generation process. The drawing shall be public, held in Tallahassee, Florida, and witnessed by an accountant employed by an independent certified public accounting firm. The Drawing Entry Periods, Drawing Dates, and Winner Announced dates are:

<u>DRAWING ENTRY PERIOD</u> (all dates are inclusive)	<u>DRAWING DATE</u>	<u>WINNERS ANNOUNCED</u>
January 1 – 18, 2026	January 20, 2026	January 22, 2026
January 19 – February 1, 2026	February 3, 2026	February 5, 2026
February 2 – 15, 2026	February 17, 2026	February 19, 2026
February 16 – 28, 2026	March 3, 2026	March 5, 2026

(a) The winners in a Drawing will be announced and posted on floridalottery.com on the “WINNERS ANNOUNCED” dates, set forth in the table above, or as soon thereafter as possible.

(b) In each drawing, a total of 20 valid entries will be drawn. Prizes will be awarded in the quantities set forth in the table in subsection (6), below, and awarded to players in the order in which they were drawn. Remaining entries will be alternates and used in the order in which they were drawn and in the order of need to select alternate winner/s if they cannot be notified, as set forth in subsection (7), below, if they fail to timely provide required claim documentation as set forth in subsection (8), below, or in the event an entry is disqualified. A player can only win one prize in a drawing. If a second/subsequent entry for a player is pulled in a drawing, that second/subsequent entry will be disqualified.

(6) Available Prizes, Prize Amounts, and Number of Winners:

<u>PRIZE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>NUMBER OF WINNERS PER DRAWING</u>	<u>TOTAL PRIZE AMOUNTS (Over All Drawings)</u>
A Free Year of Daily Draw Games	\$5,475	10	\$54,750
TOTALS	N/A	40	\$219,000

(a) The sum of \$5,475, shown in the table, above, represents the price that would be paid for tickets for draw games CASH POP, FANTASY 5, and PICK Daily Games

(PICK 2, PICK 3, PICK 4, and PICK 5); specifically, 4 \$1 PICK x 2 Draws + \$1 FANTASY 5 x 2 Draws + \$1 CASH POP x 5 Draws, at a total price/value of \$15 each day times 365 days (i.e. tickets for every draw for every day for a year).

(b) Lottery Paying Federal Tax on Draw Prizes. The Lottery will cover federal taxes on draw prizes at a rate of twenty-four percent (24%) for U. S. citizens and legal U. S. residents and at a rate of thirty percent (30%) for nonresident winners. The reportable taxable value of the draw prizes includes the value of the draw prize amount, \$5,475, plus the value of the federal income tax withholding paid by the Lottery. Any additional tax shall be the responsibility of a winner. The estimated retail value of the draw prize and the estimated reportable taxable value is:

<u>Draw Prize</u>	<u>Estimated Reportable Taxable Value (U.S. Citizen/Legal U. S. Resident)</u>	<u>Estimated Reportable Taxable Value (Nonresident)</u>
\$5,475.00	\$7,203.95	\$7,821.43

(7) Winner Notification – Drawing Prizes. The Florida Lottery will attempt to notify winners by telephone or email using the contact information provided in the winner’s registration data within one business day after winners are posted on the Lottery’s website. The Lottery deems a winner’s registration data as the winner’s official contact information. Issuing an email or leaving a telephone message on voicemail, if available, shall constitute notification. The Lottery will not attempt to further locate a winner if attempts to reach the winner by telephone or email are unsuccessful. If the Lottery is unable to have contact by telephone or email with a winner within ten (10) calendar days of the date the winners are posted on the Lottery’s website, the winner will forfeit his/her right to claim the prize and the Lottery will select an alternate winner in accordance with subsection (5), above. If the Lottery is unable to have contact by email or telephone with the alternate winner within ten (10) calendar days of the date of notification, the alternate winner will forfeit his/her right to claim the prize and the Lottery will select the next alternate winner. This process will continue until an alternate is contacted or the Lottery has exhausted the list of alternates due to unsuccessful notification attempts or due to failure by a winner or an alternate winner to timely provide required claim documentation as set forth in subsection (8), below. The Lottery is not responsible or liable for system failures of any sort or type, including, but not exclusively, computer failures, email service failures, and telephone failures. If a prize cannot be awarded for any reason, the prize will not otherwise be awarded, and players will not otherwise be compensated.

(8) How to Claim a Drawing Prize.

(a) To claim a prize won in a drawing, a winner must submit to the Florida Lottery a completed Winner Claim Form DOL-173-2, Revised 2/2023, or Spanish Winner Claim Form DOL-173-2S, Revised 2/2023, and a copy of acceptable identification as set forth in the Florida Lottery's rule governing payment of prizes. Forms DOL 173-2 and DOL 173-2S are hereby incorporated by reference and may be obtained at any Florida Lottery office or retailer, from the Florida Lottery's website at floralottery.com, or by contacting: Florida Lottery, Claims Processing, 250 Marriott Drive, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-4016.

(b) A copy of the current prize payment rule can be obtained from the Florida Lottery, Office of the General Counsel, 250 Marriott Drive, Tallahassee, Florida 32301.

(c) The required documents must be received by the Florida Lottery no later than ten (10) calendar days after the Lottery has first notified the winner by telephone (notification by telephone is deemed complete by leaving a voicemail message, if available) or email (issuing an email constitutes notification). If the Lottery does not receive the required documents from a winner by the tenth calendar day after notification, the winner will forfeit his/her right to claim the prize and the Lottery will award the prize to an alternate winner as described in subsection (5), above. The same timeframe for a winner to return required documentation to the Lottery shall apply to an alternate winner. Should a player use a mailing service (U. S. Mail, FedEx, UPS, etc.) to submit documents, the risk of mailing remains with the player. The Lottery is not responsible for delays in mailing or lost/stolen mail.

(9) Award of Drawing Prizes. Upon the Florida Lottery's timely receipt of a winner's required documentation, the Lottery will award the prize to that winner, subject to applicable federal tax withholding and analysis for State-Owed Debt and Child Support Debt.

(10) Analysis for State-Owed Debt and Child Support Debt – Drawing Prizes. Prior to the award of drawing prizes, winners will be analyzed for child support debt and Florida state-owed debt. If more than one prize is awarded to a winner, a separate analysis shall occur prior to payment of each prize. If the winner is identified as owing outstanding debt to any state agency or owes child support, the debt will be offset in accordance with Section 24.115, Fla. Stat. If the debt is less than the amount of the cash prize, the balance of the prize, less applicable income tax withholding on the full prize amount, and after the debt is offset shall be awarded. If the debt is greater than any cash prize, the entire prize amount, after applicable income tax withholding on the full prize amount, will be applied to the outstanding debt.

(11) Taxes. Except as set forth in paragraph (6)(b), above, all federal, state, and/or local taxes and/or other costs and fees on all prizes will be the responsibility of winners.

(12) Coupons issued pursuant to this Bonus Play are for cash sums. Drawing prizes are cash sums. Players are not obligated to expend these funds on the draw game tickets defined within this Emergency Rule or on any other Lottery tickets.

(13) Other Restrictions and Provisions.

(a) A player must be at least 18 years of age.

(b) All prizes are subject to the provisions of chapter 24, Fla. Stat., and rules promulgated thereunder. Prizes will be paid in accordance with the Florida Lottery's rule governing payment of prizes, Emergency Rule 53ER23-20, Payment of Prizes. Copies of the current prize payment rule can be obtained from the Florida Lottery, Office of the General Counsel, 250 Marriott Drive, Tallahassee, Florida 32301 or at flrules.org.

(c) Persons prohibited by Section 24.116, Fla. Stat., from purchasing a Florida Lottery ticket are not eligible to enter this Bonus Play.

(d) By entering the Free Florida Daily Games for a Year Bonus Play, a player gives his/her permission and consent for the Florida Lottery to photograph and/or videotape and record him/her and to use his/her name, photograph, videotape, and/or recording of him/her for current and future advertising or publicity purposes without additional compensation, notification, or consent.

(e) If there is a conflict with a provision set forth in this Emergency Rule and any promotional materials, including, but not limited to, point of sale, television, radio and print advertising, and other promotional media/materials, the terms of this Emergency Rule shall prevail.

Rulemaking Authority 24.105(9), 24.109(1) FS. Law Implemented 24.105(9), 24.115(1) FS. History—New 1-1-26.

THIS RULE TAKES EFFECT UPON BEING FILED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE UNLESS A LATER TIME AND DATE IS SPECIFIED IN THE RULE.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2026

NOTE: The full text of Emergency Rules that are currently in effect can be viewed by going to <https://flrules.org/Notice/emergencyRules.asp>.

Section V

Petitions and Dispositions Regarding Rule Variance or Waiver

NONE

Section VI

Notice of Meetings, Workshops and Public Hearings

DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL AFFAIRS

The Legislative and Special Initiatives Committee of the Statewide Council on Human Trafficking announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, January 7, 2026, 10:00 a.m. until conclusion

PLACE: Webex Meeting – 1-415-655-0002, Phone Conference ID: 23388006430 and,

<https://myfloridahouse.webex.com/myfloridahouse/j.php?MTID=m1da42f765256b21796b6ff0f3fba6e6b>, Meeting Number: 23388006430, Password: vUSJXmfM933

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Committee Business

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Lynn Guyton at Lynn.Guyton@myfloridalegal.com or by accessing the board's website at:

<https://www.myfloridalegal.com/human-trafficking/council/meetings>

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 Office of the Attorney General James Uthmeier at (850)414-3300. 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: Lynn Guyton at Lynn.Guyton@myfloridalegal.com by telephone at (813)287-7950.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES

Florida Forest Service

The Florida Forest Service announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: January 13, 2026, 10:00 a.m., EST

PLACE: Online Webinar - Registration Link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2273985112001827414>

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Silviculture Best Management Practices (BMP) Technical

Advisory Council will be holding a meeting to discuss potential updates to the 2008 Silviculture BMP Manual. The primary Silviculture BMPs that will be discussed during this meeting are the BMPs from the Wet Weather Operations category.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Robin Holland; Robin.Holland@FDACS.gov; (352)732-1781

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: Robin Holland; Robin.Holland@FDACS.gov; (352)732-1781. 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: Robin Holland; Robin.Holland@FDACS.gov; (352)732-1781

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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

DATES AND TIMES: Thursday, January 8, 2026, 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. (in-person); Thursday, January 15, 2026, 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. (virtual).

PLACE: The in-person public information meeting: Grace Presbyterian Church, 10548 Kings Highway, Arcadia, Florida 34269. The public information meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. with an open-house format and a looping video. Attend virtually on Thursday, January 15, 2026 starting at 5:30 p.m. This event will include a video presentation and a live question and-answer component with the project team. Register in advance by visiting

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8157516911744717149> or on the project website. Once registered, attendees will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting online.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), in coordination with Desoto County, is hosting a public information meeting for the Kings Highway (CR 769) from Charlotte County Line to SW Glenadine venue Design Project, Financial Project Identification (FPID) 440342-2-32-01. You can participate in the public information meeting in-person or live online. The same materials will be displayed at both the in-person and online events and will also be posted on the project website.

IN-PERSON OPTION: The in-person public information meeting will be held on Thursday, January 8, 2026, at the Grace Presbyterian Church, 10548 Kings Highway, Arcadia, Florida 34269. The public information meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. with an open-house format and a looping video.

LIVE ONLINE OPTION: Attend virtually on Thursday, January 15, 2026 starting at 5:30 p.m. This event will include a

video presentation and a live question-and-answer component with the project team. Register in advance by visiting <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8157516911744717149> or on the project website. Once registered, attendees will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting online.

The proposed improvements include widening the roadway, median access modifications, and drainage improvements. The public information meeting is being held to present information about the proposed improvements and provide the public with an opportunity to offer feedback on the project. For more information on the upcoming public information meeting, visit the [project website](https://www.swflroads.com/project/440342-2) <https://www.swflroads.com/project/440342-2> or contact the project manager (listed below).

FDOT is sending notices to property owners, business owners, interested persons and organizations within 300 feet of the project to provide the opportunity to give comments to FDOT regarding this

project. If you have any questions about the project, please contact FDOT Project Manager, Doug Burkhardt, P.E., by phone at (813)727-9157, or by email at doug.burkhardt@dot.state.fl.us. FDOT solicits public participation without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, or family status. People who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or who require translation services (free of charge) should contact Cynthia Sykes, District One Title VI Coordinator, at (863)519-2287, or email at Cynthia.Sykes@dot.state.fl.us at least seven days prior to the public information meeting. The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by FDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. §327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated May 26, 2022 and executed by FHWA and FDOT.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: FDOT Project Manager, Doug Burkhardt, P.E., by email at doug.burkhardt@dot.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: Cynthia Sykes, District One Title VI Coordinator, at (863)519-2287, or email at Cynthia.Sykes@dot.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).

For more information, you may contact: FDOT Project Manager, Doug Burkhardt, P.E., by email at doug.burkhardt@dot.state.fl.us

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

The FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, January 13, 2026, 2:00 p.m.

PLACE: Customers and other interested persons who have registered will participate by telephone using the GoToMeeting platform. The public may view a live stream of the customer meeting online using the link available at <https://www.floridapsc.com/watch-archive-psc-events>.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Docket No. 20250084-SU – Application for staff-assisted rate case in Orange County, by Gulfstream Utility LLC. The purpose of the meeting is to give customers and other interested persons an opportunity to provide comments and ask questions regarding the quality of service the utility provides, the proposed rate increase, and other relevant issues. One or more of the Commissioners of the Florida Public Service Commission may attend and participate in this meeting.

Persons who wish to speak at the virtual customer meeting must sign up via the Public Service Commission's online registration form, which will be available at www.FloridaPSC.com, under the "Hot Topics" heading on the home page. Registration is also available by emailing speakersignup@psc.state.fl.us. Customers without Internet access can sign up to speak by calling (850)413-7080. Registration will open on December 30, 2025, at 9:00 a.m., and close on January 9, 2026, at 12:00 noon. One day prior to the meeting, Commission staff will provide those who have registered further instruction on how to participate.

All customers who wish to comment are urged to join the meeting promptly at the scheduled time. The meeting will be adjourned once those present have spoken. Please note that the order in which customers will speak is based on the order in which they register. If you have questions about the sign-up process, please call (850)413-7080.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Commission staff, Sebastian Olivieri, by telephone at (850)413-6103 or by email at SOlivier@psc.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 five days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: the Office of Commission Clerk at 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850 or (850)413-6770.

Assistive Listening Devices are available upon request from the Office of Commission Clerk, Gerald L. Gunter Building, Room 152. 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: Commission staff, Sebastian Olivieri, by telephone at (850)413-6103 or by email at SOlivieri@psc.state.fl.us.

EMERGENCY CANCELLATION OF MEETING

If settlement of the case or a named storm or other disaster requires cancellation of the proceedings, Commission staff will attempt to give timely direct notice to the parties. Notice of cancellation will also be provided on the Commission's website (<http://www.floridapsc.com>) under the "Hot Topics" link found on the home page. Cancellation can also be confirmed by calling the Office of the General Counsel at (850)413-6199.

WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS

St. Johns River Water Management District

The St. Johns River Water Management District announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, January 13, 2026, 10:00 a.m., Governing Board meeting

PLACE: District Headquarters, 4049 Reid Street (Hwy 100 West), Palatka, FL 32177

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Discussion and consideration of District business including regulatory and non-regulatory matters. Staff may recommend approval of external amendments which affect the adopted budget.

NOTE: One or more Governing Board members may attend and participate in the meeting by means of communications media technology.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: St. Johns River Water Management District, Attention Heather Barnes, 4049 Reid Street, Palatka, FL 32177, or by phone at (386)329-4239, or by visiting the District's website at sjrwmd.com.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 48 hours before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Civil Rights Coordinator at (386)329-4500. 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 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: January 30, 2026, 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., EST

PLACE: UF/IFAS Extension, Brevard County, 3695 Lake Dr., Cocoa, FL 32926

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) will hold a public meeting to provide an opportunity for the public to ask questions, offer input and obtain information about the

industrial wastewater permit renewal application submitted by Blue Origin, LLC, for the continued operation of its industrial wastewater treatment facility at the OLS Manufacturing Complex on Merritt Island. The proposed action involves the renewal of an existing permit and does not change the conditions under which the facility has operated since 2020. The permit authorizes a maximum allowable flow of 490,000 gallons per day, which represents the highest allowable flow rather than a typical daily flow. Actual volumes are significantly lower. The industrial wastewater covered by the permit renewal is generated from routine facility operations using drinking water supplied by the city of Cocoa. This water does not come into contact with rocket fuel or other hazardous substances and is not discharged directly to the Indian River Lagoon. After completing its industrial use, it is managed through an on-site stormwater retention pond, which under certain conditions may discharge to an existing drainage system that ultimately connects to the Indian River Lagoon. All water used at the facility is monitored and reported regularly to DEP to ensure it meets strict water quality standards. The facility is located at 8082 Space Commerce Way, Merritt Island, FL 32953 (latitude 28° 30' 35.5" N, longitude 80° 40' 32.2" W) in Brevard County. DEP has assigned permit file number FL0A00007-002-IW7A to the proposed project. The public comment period will conclude on Feb. 6, 2026. All comments received will be reviewed and considered before the department takes final action on the permit application.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Sarah Fayed, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Central District Office, 3319 Maguire Blvd., Suite 232, Orlando, FL 32804; calling (407)897-4151; or emailing Sarah.Fayed@FloridaDEP.gov.

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 American 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 ten (10) days 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 COMMERCE

Division of Workforce Services

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

DATE AND TIME: January 7, 2026, 9:30 a.m.

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

calling (850)988-5144 and entering phone conference ID: 282 335 254#.

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

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

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 24 hours before the workshop/meeting by contacting: the Commission Clerk at (850)692-0180. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

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

HOLT COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

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

DATE AND TIME: Thursday, January 8, 2026, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

PLACE: The Construction Open House will be held virtually and in-person.

The Virtual Public Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 8, 2026, 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Please use the following link to register: <https://tinyurl.com/SRA1AFlamingo-Pine> Participants may also join the online meeting by dialing: (833)841-6727, access code: 596707182#. A brief presentation followed by questions and comments from the public will be held from 5:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. and again from 5:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Questions and comments may be submitted via the online chat or with the raise hand feature for the project team to address directly.

The In-Person Construction Open House is scheduled for Thursday, January 8, 2026, 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at the Lauderdale-By-The-Sea Town Hall Community Center at 4501 N Ocean Drive, Lauderdale-By-The-Sea, FL 33308, and will have an informal open house format. FDOT staff and consultant staff members will be available to discuss the project and answer questions.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Financial Management No.: 448405-1-52-01

Project Description: State Road (S.R.) A1A Resurfacing, Restoration and Rehabilitation (RRR) Project

Project improvements along S.R. A1A include milling and resurfacing the existing roadway within the project limits to ensure long-term infrastructure resilience, replacing crosswalks at various locations within the project limits, installing in-pavement lighting in the Hibiscus Avenue Crosswalk, upgrading existing pedestrian signals at signalized intersections to enhance pedestrian safety, and upgrading concrete sidewalks, curb ramps, pavement markings, and signage to improve visibility and accessibility.

Construction will begin in January 2026 and is estimated to be completed in Fall 2026. The cost is \$2,638,158.91.

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

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: Sarely Tejeda, P.E. — FDOT Construction Project Manager at sarely.tejeda@dot.state.fl.us or (954)958-7685.

Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, or family status. 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: Trisha Rangil, Community Outreach Specialist, at (754)283-2929 or by email at trisha.rangil@exp.com

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 AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES

Division of Administration

NEW BOARDWALK CONSTRUCTION SERVICES - MYAKKA STATE FOREST

The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services seeks to obtain competitive bids for the complete construction of an approximately 610-foot composite boardwalk within Myakka State Forest located at 2555 S. River Road, Englewood, Florida 34223.

The solicitation document is available at the MyFloridaMarketPlace, Vendor Information Portal:

<https://vendor.myfloridamarketplace.com/search/bids>.

Solicitation Number ITB GS 25 26 48

Interested participants may also contact the purchasing department at CONSTRUCTIONBIDS@FDACS.GOV

JACKSONVILLE PORT AUTHORITY

INVITATION TO BID

ITB_MC-2032 TMT STORM DRAIN UPGRADES - ENSTRUCTURE YARD

Sealed bids will be received by JAXPORT up to 2:00 p.m. (ET), local time, THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 2026, at which time they shall be opened via "ZOOM" at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87394789080?pwd=ZRfMhe0KlebTUm47igDt1UZeoP9ueE.1>,

Meeting ID: 873 9478 9080, Passcode: 241811 for Storm Drain Upgrades - Enstructure Yard.

Bids and all required supplemental material must be electronically submitted in PDF format only through Trimble Unity Construct (E-Builder). JAXPORT no longer accepts any

bid packages submitted by Email, Fax, Mail or Hand-Deliveries. All bids must be submitted in accordance with specifications for contract No. ITB_MC-2032.

A MANDATORY PRE-BID CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2026, AT 10:00 a.m. (ET), ZOOM at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89607892959?pwd=GDuacJWuNNb6Ic323lmsy8r8HetYUZ.1>, Meeting ID: 896 0789 2959, Passcode: 192846.

A MANDATORY SITE VISIT WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2026, AT 2:00 p.m. (ET).

DEADLINE FOR QUESTIONS: Questions related to this contract are due by 4:00 p.m. (ET) on FRIDAY, JANUARY 9, 2026. Submit Questions by e-mail ONLY to Elijah.Wright@JAXPORT.com or through Trimble Unity Construct (E-Builder). Questions will then be released by e-mail via an Addendum to all known prospective bidders and posted on the JAXPORT website.

Bid and contract bonds are required.

The SEB Participation Goal established for this project is 10%.

Section XII
Miscellaneous

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Index of Administrative Rules Filed with the Secretary of State Pursuant to subparagraphs 120.55(1)(b)7. – 8., F.S., the below list of rules were filed in the Office of the Secretary of State between 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 23, 2025, and 3:00 p.m., Monday, December 29, 2025.

Rule No.	File Date	Effective Date
40E-1.607	12/23/2025	1/12/2026
41-2.014	12/23/2025	1/12/2026
53ER25-64	12/29/2025	1/1/2026
59G-4.002	12/29/2025	1/18/2026
61G4-17.001	12/29/2025	1/18/2026
64B9-3.008	12/23/2025	1/12/2026
64B9-15.0035	12/23/2025	1/12/2026
64B16-27.4001	12/29/2025	1/18/2026
64B18-11.001	12/23/2025	1/12/2026
64B18-14.010	12/23/2025	1/12/2026
64B18-24.001	12/23/2025	1/12/2026
66A-2.003	12/23/2025	1/12/2026
66A-2.005	12/23/2025	1/12/2026
68B-44.004	12/23/2025	1/12/2026

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
14-10.0043	4/11/2025	**/**/****
60FF1-5.009	7/21/2016	**/**/****
65C-9.004	3/31/2022	**/**/****
69C-2.004	11/5/2025	**/**/****
69C-2.005	11/5/2025	**/**/****
69C-2.016	11/5/2025	**/**/****
69C-2.022	11/5/2025	**/**/****
69C-2.026	11/5/2025	**/**/****
69C-2.034	11/5/2025	**/**/****
69C-2.035	11/5/2025	**/**/****

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAY SAFETY AND MOTOR VEHICLES

Division of Motor Vehicles

Establishment of King Carts, LLC line-make DACH

Notice of Publication for a New Point Franchise Motor Vehicle Dealer in a County of More than 300,000 Population

Pursuant to section 320.642, Florida Statutes, notice is given that DCD Vehicle Corp, intends to allow the establishment of King Carts, LLC, as a dealership for the sale and service of low-speed vehicles manufactured by DCD Vehicle Corp (line-make DACH) at 621 Missouri Ave N, Largo, (Pinellas County), Florida 33770, on or after January 29, 2026.

The name and address of the dealer operator(s) and principal investor(s) of King Carts, LLC are dealer operator(s): Bartłomiej Harla, 621 Missouri Ave N, Largo, Florida 33770; principal investor(s): Bartłomiej Harla, 907 Garland Ave, Nakomis, Florida 34275.

The notice indicates intent to establish the new point location in a county of more than 300,000 population, according to the latest population estimates of the University of Florida, Bureau of Economic and Business Research.

Certain dealerships of the same line-make may have standing, pursuant to section 320.642, Florida Statutes, to file a petition or complaint protesting the application.

Written petitions or complaints must be received by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice and must be submitted to: Sondra L. Howard, Administrator, Dealer License Section, Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, Room A-312 MS65, Neil Kirkman Building, 2900 Apalachee Parkway, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0635.

A copy of such petition or complaint must also be sent by US Mail to: Sarah E. Stewart, DCD Vehicle Corp, 2001 Directors Row, Orlando, Florida 32809.

If no petitions or complaints are received within 30 days of the date of publication, a final order will be issued by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles approving the establishment of the dealership, subject to the applicant's compliance with the provisions of Chapter 320, Florida Statutes.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Office of the Secretary

Florida State Clearinghouse

The state is coordinating reviews of federal activities and federally funded projects as required by Section 403.061(43), F.S. This includes Outer Continental Shelf activities and other actions subject to federal consistency review under the Florida Coastal Management Program. A list of projects, comments and deadlines, and the address for providing comments, are available at: <https://prodapps.dep.state.fl.us/clearinghouse/>. For information, call (850)717-9037. This public notice fulfills the requirements of 15 CFR 930.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

Notice of Publishing Annual Regulatory Plan Amendment

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on December 30, 2025, the Department of Financial Services published an Amended 2025-2026 Annual Regulatory Plan on the Department's website at <https://www.myfloridacfo.com/rulemaking-regulatory-plans> to amend the list of rules to review during the 2025-2026 fiscal year. In summary, the Department removed the following rules from the rule review during fiscal year 2025-2026: 69A-37.056, 69A-37.501, 69A-37.502, and 69C-6.003, F.A.C. The Department added the following rules: 69A-50.015, 69A-67.001, 69A-67.002, and 69L-7.750, F.A.C.

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