

Section I

Notice of Development of Proposed Rules and Negotiated Rulemaking

WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS

South Florida Water Management District

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

40E-21.691 Surface Water Use Basin Descriptions

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The South Florida Water Management District ("District") is proposing to amend Rule 40E-21.691, F.A.C., to add clarifying language that the legal descriptions of the District's water use basin boundaries listed in Rule 40E-21.631, F.A.C., will be utilized by the Governing Board when issuing a water shortage warning or declaring a water shortage in all or part of the District. The District is not proposing any changes to the legal descriptions of the District's water use basin boundaries.

SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED: Surface Water Use Basin Descriptions to be utilized by the Governing Board when issuing a water shortage warning or declaring a water shortage in all or part of the District.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 373.044, 373.113, 373.171, 373.246, F.S.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 373.175 and 373.246, F.S.

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

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT AND A COPY OF THE PRELIMINARY DRAFT, IF AVAILABLE, IS: Janice Sluth, Paralegal Specialist, email: jsluth@sfwmd.gov, telephone: (561)682-6299.

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-5.001 Safety Standards

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

SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED: Clarification and revision of the safety code standards and exemptions for elevators.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 399.02, 399.10 FS

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 399.02, 399.03 FS

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

FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Vessel Registration and Boating Safety

RULE NOS.: RULE TITLES:

68D-36.102 Definitions

68D-36.103 Minimum Requirements for Training
Facilities and Instructors

68D-36.104 Minimum Standards for Boating Safety
Courses

68D-36.106 Violator Courses

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose of this rulemaking effort is to update the language "Training Facility" to the language "Course Provider" to align with the modern delivery methods of how approved Florida boating safety courses are delivered, as well as add language to provide consistency with the language in Florida Statutes.

SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED: Boating safety education.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 327.04, 327.39, 327.395, 327.54, 327.731 FS

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 327.39, 327.395, 327.54, 327.731 FS

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

Section II Proposed Rules

FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Freshwater Fish and Wildlife

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

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The proposed rule amendments revise: regulations pertaining to general rules for Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs); rules related to the use and transferability of quota permits; and specific rules for miscellaneous areas and WMAs in the Southwest, North Central, Northwest, South, and Northeast regions. The amendments will enable the agency to better manage fish and wildlife resources and public recreation on lands in the WMA system.

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

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

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 WMAs 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 WMAs – allow the take of wildlife with crossbows and airbows during archery/muzzleloading gun season on applicable WMAs, 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 WMAs – establish that ground blinds may not be left unattended on a WMA 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 WMAs 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 Mammal 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 WMAs – clarify that northern bobwhite must be purchased from a licensed game farm to be released on a WMA.

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

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

Active Participation by Assistants of Permanently Disabled Quota Hunters – allow quota permit and guest permit holders who also possess a valid Alternative Mobility Permit, Mobility-Impaired Certification Card, or Persons with Disabilities Hunting and Fishing License to have an assistant who may actively participate in a quota hunt (call, set up decoys, retrieve game, etc.) but may not harvest wildlife.

General Gun-Dog Permits for Blackwater WMA – prohibit residents from transferring Blackwater general gun-dog permits to nonresidents.

Hunting Guests for Mobility-Impaired Hunters during Quota Hunts that Allow Exemptions – allow certified mobility-impaired hunters and Alternative Mobility Permit holders to bring a guest hunter on quota hunts that allow exemptions.

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

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

Babcock Ranch Preserve Tier I Hunt Area – require hunters to check in and out and check all harvested wildlife and require that no deer or turkey shall be dismembered until checked at the check station only when the check station is staffed.

Babcock Ranch Preserve Tier II Hunt Area – cause the general wildlife management area regulations found in Rule 68A-15.004, F.A.C., not in conflict with area-specific regulations, to apply to this area.

Kissimmee Chain of Lakes Area – allow the take of crows during the entire second phase of the crow season; cause the general wildlife management area regulations found in Rule 68A-15.004, F.A.C., not in conflict with area-specific regulations, to apply to this area; clarify when trapping is allowed; and remove redundant language that is already covered in Rule 68A-15.004, F.A.C., concerning the take of non-protected mammals as well as baiting and the take of wildlife on baited areas.

Kissimmee Chain of Lakes Area, Rolling Meadows Unit – allow the take of crows during the entire second phase of the statewide crow season; and remove redundant language that is already covered in Rule 68A-15.004, F.A.C., concerning the take of non-protected mammals.

Kissimmee River Public Use Area – allow the take of crows during the entire second phase of the statewide crow season; cause the general wildlife management area regulations found in Rule 68A-15.004, F.A.C., not in conflict with area-specific regulations, to apply to this area; clarify when trapping is allowed; clarify that furbearers may be taken according to the provisions of Rule 68A-24.002 during the zonal antlered deer season; and remove redundant language that is already covered in Rule 68A-15.004, F.A.C., concerning the take of non-protected mammals as well as baiting and the take of wildlife on baited areas.

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

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

Arbuckle WMA – require hunters to check in and out and check all harvested wildlife and require that no deer or turkey be dismembered until checked at the check station only when the check station is staffed, issue daily quota permits (each weekday) (no exemptions) at the check station during the archery season only when the check station is staffed and issue daily quota permits (each weekday) (no exemptions) at the check station during the muzzleloading gun season only when the check station is staffed; and establish a new 4-day (Fri.-Mon.) youth turkey hunt (5 no-cost quota permits, no exemptions), with a bag limit of one gobbler (or bearded turkey) per quota permit.

Babcock Webb WMA – require hunters to check in and out when entering and exiting the area and check all harvested wildlife taken only when the check station is staffed and issue daily quail permits as determine by annual Executive Order at the check station during the small game season only when the check station is staffed; prohibit the take of wildlife with dogs during the muzzleloading gun season; allow hunting during the muzzleloading gun season within the field trial and Boy Scout

areas provided the take of quail is prohibited and access shall be on foot (pedestrian) only; and clarify that access within the Walk-in-Areas shall be on foot (pedestrian) only.

Babcock Webb, Yucca Pens Unit WMA – require hunters to check in and out at the designated check station when entering or exiting the area and check all harvested wildlife only when the check station is staffed.

Chassahowitzka WMA – require hunters to check in and out at a check station and check all harvested wildlife during the archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun, wild hog and spring turkey seasons only when the check station is staffed.

Creek Ranch WMA – establish open seasons and regulations for a new WMA (1,342 acres) in Polk County as follows: 4-day family hunt (two 2-day hunts, 2 no-cost, quota permits for each hunt, no exemptions); 4-day family small game season (two 2-day hunts, 2 no-cost, quota permits for each hunt, no exemptions); 4-day youth turkey hunt (two 2-day hunts, 2 no-cost, quota permits for each hunt, no exemptions); year-round fishing and frogging; prohibit trapping; allow hunting of all legal game, fish, frogs, and furbearers; the bag limit for deer will be 1 antlered or 1 antlerless deer per quota permit during the family hunt (only youth hunters may take antlerless deer); the bag limit for wild turkey will be 1 gobbler or bearded turkey per youth turkey quota permit; prohibit the harvest of antlered deer not having at least 1 antler with 3 or more points or a 10-inch main beam (except by persons less than 16 years of age); prohibit the harvest of antlerless deer, except during the family hunt; prohibit the harvest of wild turkey, except during the youth turkey hunts; allow the take of wild hog (no bag limit or size restriction) during all area-specific hunting seasons, except the youth turkey hunts; allow public access year-round from 1.5 hours before sunrise to 1.5 hours after sunset; allow entry into and exit from the area at the designated entrance only; prohibit the use of tracked vehicles, all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), swamp buggies, airboats, recreational off-highway vehicles (ROVs) or unlicensed and unregistered motorcycles; allow access only by foot, horseback, or bicycle, during non-hunting periods; during hunting periods, allow vehicle access only on roads indicated on the brochure map but only for authorized quota hunters and their guests, and only from 1.5 hours before sunrise to 1.5 hours after sunset one day prior to and during each family hunt and family small game hunt and from 4:30 a.m. until 1.5 hours after sunset during youth turkey hunts; allow bicycles to be operated only on roads indicated on the brochure map and multi-use trails only; allow horses only on roads indicated on the brochure map and designated multi-use trails only; allow tree stands, ground blinds, and elevated shooting platforms on the area beginning 8 a.m. one day before each hunt and removed by 1.5 hours after sunset the last day of each hunt; limit access to quota permit holders, their guests, and one additional non-hunting guest per quota permit during the family hunt, family small

game and youth turkey hunts; hunting with dogs is prohibited, except any dog may be used to hunt small game (quail, rabbits, gray squirrel, migratory birds, and non-protected birds) during the family hunt and family small game season; prohibit camping; and prohibit fires.

Croom WMA – require hunters to check all harvested wildlife and require that no deer or turkey shall be dismembered until checked at the check station only when the check station is staffed.

Green Swamp WMA – require hunters to check in and out and check all harvested wildlife and require that no deer or turkey shall be dismembered until check at the check station only when the check station is staffed, issue daily quota permits at the check station each day of the archery season, issue daily quota permits at the check station each day (after the first nine days) of the general gun season, issue daily quota permits at the check station each day (after the first weekend) of the spring turkey season only when the check station is staffed; prohibit camping equipment, defined as any item or structure intended for or capable of providing overnight shelter, accommodation, or extended occupancy, on the area outside of established permitted camping periods; establish a new 4-day (Fri.-Mon.) youth turkey hunt (100 no-cost quota permits, no exemptions), allow camping at both campsites during the youth turkey hunt, allow vehicle to be operated after 8:00 a.m. until 1.5 hours after sunset one day prior to the youth turkey hunt, and allow vehicle access to the designated camp sites any time after 8 a.m. one day prior to the youth turkey hunt until 1.5 hours after sunset on the last day of the hunt or season; require that an individual possess a valid management area permit in order to obtain a camping permit on the area, except those individuals exempt from wildlife management area permit requirements; and establish that an issued camping permit will be invalid if the permitted site is not occupied by a tent, trailer or self-propelled camping vehicle with the permit attached.

Green Swamp WMA, West Unit – allow the use of dogs to hunt small game (quail, rabbit, squirrel, and migratory birds in season) and non-protected birds during the Family small game season; require hunters to register at the hunt headquarters and require that no harvested wildlife shall be dismembered until checked at the hunt headquarters only when the hunt headquarters is staffed, remove from rule prohibiting the take of wild hog except by persons in possession of a daily wild hog permit during the small game season, remove from rule the issuance of eighty wild hog permits at the check station during the small game season and establish a daily quota of 80 (for wild hog and small game) and 40 (for small game only) (no exemptions) each day of the small game season issued at the check station only when the check station is staffed; and require that during open hunting seasons, an individual possess a valid management area permit in order to camp on the area, except

those individuals exempt from wildlife management area permit requirements.

Lower Hillsborough WMA - require that during open hunting seasons, an individual possess a valid management area permit in order to camp on the area, except those individuals exempt from wildlife management area permit requirements.

Upper Hillsborough WMA – require hunters to check in and out each day and check all harvested wildlife, require that no deer, turkey or wild hog shall be dismembered until check at the check station, and issue daily quota permits during the spring turkey season only when the check station is staffed; correct an error to remove unnecessary reference to wild hog regarding the requirements for hunters to check in and out and check all harvested wildlife; and require that during open hunting seasons, an individual possess a valid management area permit in order to camp on the area, except those individuals exempt from wildlife management area permit requirements.

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

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

Belmore WMA – increase hunting opportunities by allowing hunting on Thursdays during the small game season.

Camp Blanding WMA – reduce the number of quota permits issued for the Family Hunt from 40 quota permits to 30 quota permits and increase the bag limit to one antlered and one antlerless deer per quota permit during the family hunt; and require area users to have a Florida-National Guard issued permit as specified by the Installation Commander.

Catlett WMA – establish open seasons and regulations for a new WMA (1,563 acres) in Clay County as follows: 12-day archery season (three 4-day hunts, 5 no-cost, quota permits for each hunt, no exemptions); 3-day muzzleloading gun season (5 no-cost, quota permits, no exemptions); 2-day family hunt (5 no-cost, quota permits, no exemptions); 6-day archery/muzzleloading gun season (two 3-day hunts, 5 no-cost quota permits for each hunt, no exemptions); ~85-day small game season (no quota); 4-day youth spring turkey season (5 no-cost, quota permits for each hunt, no exemptions); 9-day spring turkey season (three 3-day hunts, 5 no cost, quota permits for each hunt, no exemptions); migratory bird season during timeframes that coincide with other open seasons; allow fishing and frogging year-round; prohibit trapping; allow hunting of all legal game, wild turkey (gobbler or bearded turkeys only), fish, frogs, and furbearers; the bag limit for deer will be 1 antlered deer and 1 antlerless deer during the archery season and the family hunt, 2 antlered deer per permit but only 1 per person during the muzzleloading gun season and the archery/muzzleloading gun season; the bag limit for wild turkey

will be 1 per quota permit during spring turkey season; prohibit the harvest of antlered deer not having at least 1 antler with 3 or more points or a main beam length of 10 inches or more (except by persons less than 16 years of age); prohibit the harvest of antlerless deer, except during archery season and the family hunt; allow the take of wild turkey during spring turkey seasons only (gobbler or bearded turkeys only); allow take of wild hog during small game season and all quota hunts (except youth and spring turkey) with no bag limits or size restrictions; allow public access year-round from 1.5 hours before sunrise to 1.5 hours after sunset; prohibit motor vehicles, except street legal vehicles are allowed from one and one-half hours before sunrise until one and one-half hours after sunset on named and numbered roads and parking areas as indicated on the map; prohibit public access other than by foot or bicycle during non-hunting periods; prohibit horses; prohibit airboats, ATVs, side-by-sides, unlicensed and unregistered motorcycles, swamp buggies, and tracked vehicles; require vehicles to enter and exit the area at a designated entrance; prohibit hunting with dogs, with the following exceptions; dogs may be used to hunt migratory birds whenever their respective statewide seasons overlap with area-specific seasons; dogs may be used to hunt small game (gray squirrel, migratory birds in season, quail, and rabbits) during the small game seasons; allow tree stands, ground blinds, and elevated shooting platforms on the area 8 a.m. one day before each hunt and removed by the last day of every hunt; prohibit camping and fires; prohibit non-hunter access during spring youth turkey hunts; and require area users to have a Florida-National Guard issued permit as specified by the Installation Commander.

Cypress Creek WMA – prohibit camping, except by permit from the Suwannee River Water Management District on District Managed Lands, and only allow nighttime access on the portions of the area that are managed by SRWMD and only by persons in possession of a Special Use Authorization from the SRWMD; and remove the summer nighttime raccoon hunting season.

Devil's Hammock WMA – require hunters to check in and out and check all harvested wildlife and require that no deer or turkey be dismembered until checked at the check station only when the check station is staffed.

Flying Eagle – require hunters to check in and out and check all harvested wildlife and require that no deer or turkey be dismembered until checked at the check station only when the check station is staffed.

Goethe WMA – shift the archery season to occur one week earlier.

Gulf Hammock WMA – allow the take of wildlife with crossbows and airbows during archery/muzzleloading gun season.

Holton Creek WMA – 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 all harvested wildlife only when the check station is staffed; and require all users to enter and exit at a designated entrance, the Florida Trail or the Suwannee River.

Homosassa WMA – require hunters to check in and out and check all harvested wildlife only when the check station is staffed.

J.P. Hall Bayard Point WMA – remove the rule that prohibits the use of horses during the hunting seasons.

Lochloosa WMA – remove the rule that prohibits the use of horses during the general gun season.

Lochloosa Slough WMA – establish open seasons and regulations for a new WMA (5,247 acres) in Alachua County as follows: 9-day archery season (three 3-day hunts, 10 no-cost, quota permits for each hunt, no exemptions); 3-day muzzleloading gun season (10 no-cost, quota permits, no exemptions); 2-day family hunt (10 no-cost, quota permits, no exemptions); 9-day general gun season (three 3-day hunts, 10 no-cost, quota permits for each hunt, no exemptions); 12-day small game season (four 3-day hunts, no quota); 4-day youth turkey hunt (5 no-cost, quota permits, no exemptions); 12-day spring turkey season (three 4-day hunts, 5 no-cost, quota permits for each hunt, no exemptions); allow fishing and frogging year-round; prohibit trapping; allow hunting of deer, gray squirrel, rabbit, wild hog, wild turkey (gobblers or bearded turkeys only), fish, and frogs; prohibit the take of furbearers; the bag limit for deer will be 1 antlered deer and 1 antlerless deer during the archery season and family hunt and 1 antlered deer per quota permit during the muzzleloading gun and general gun seasons; prohibit the harvest of antlered deer not having at least 1 antler with 3 or more points or a 10-inch main beam (except by persons less than 16 years of age); prohibit the harvest of antlerless deer, except during archery season and the family hunt; allow the take of wild turkey during the spring turkey season only (gobbler or bearded turkeys only); the bag limit for wild turkey will be 1 gobbler or bearded turkey per spring or youth turkey quota permit; allow the take of wild hog during small game season and all quota hunts (except youth and spring turkey) with no bag limits or size restrictions; allow public access year-round; prohibit hunting in Area 2 (located south of SE 177th St); allow access from 1.5 hours before sunrise to 1.5 hours after sunset for individuals participating in designated hunting seasons in designated hunting areas, all other public access must be during posted hours at designated access points; allow street legal vehicle access on named and numbered roads as indicated on the brochure map is allowed 1.5 hours before sunrise until 1.5 hours after sunset, but only by

individuals participating in the archery, muzzleloading, family hunt, general gun, youth turkey, and spring turkey hunts and only on hunt days and the day before each hunt; prohibit vehicles except at the designated parking areas; prohibit the use of tracked vehicles, all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), swamp buggies, airboats, recreational off-highway vehicles (ROVs) unlicensed and unregistered motorcycles, and e-bikes; allow access only by foot, horseback, vessel or bicycle, year-round in area 2 and during non-hunting periods in area 1; require vehicles to enter and exit the area at a designated entrance; prohibit operating vehicles in areas designated as closed to vehicular traffic; prohibit hunting with dogs, except rabbit dogs and squirrel dogs, and retrievers may be used to hunt gray squirrel and rabbits during the general gun and small game seasons; allow tree stands, ground blinds, and elevated shooting platforms on the area beginning 8 a.m. one day before each hunt and require that these items be removed from the area the last day of each hunt; prohibit camping; and prohibit fires.

Potts WMA – require hunters to check in and out and check all harvested wildlife and require that no deer or turkey be dismembered until checked at the check station only when the check station is staffed.

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

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

Apalachee WMA – allow motorized vehicles one day prior to each spring turkey hunt to provide more access during scouting periods.

Apalachicola WMA – allow the take of wildlife with crossbows and airbows during archery/muzzleloading gun season.

Apalachicola, Bradwell Unit WMA – extend the small game season by adding two 9-day hunts (one in January and one in February); and shift the second-to-last family hunt to run Saturday-Monday (instead of Friday-Sunday), so it ends on Martin Luther King Jr. Day and shift the last 3-day family hunt to end on President's Day, instead of beginning the third Saturday in January and ending the following Monday.

Aucilla WMA, Pinhook Still Hunt Area – convert the existing 19-day small game and 16-day wild hog-still seasons (35 days of small game, furbearer, and wild hog hunting) into a small game season that runs from the day after the last day of the general gun season until the first Sunday in March (98 days of small game, furbearer, and wild hog hunting).

Beaverdam Creek WMA – allow the take of wildlife with crossbows and airbows during archery/muzzleloading gun season.

Blackwater WMA – allow the take of wildlife with crossbows and airbows during archery/muzzleloading gun season; allow

wild hog to be hunted throughout the wild hog-dog season in the portion of the West Boundary Forest lying South of Springhill Road; and establish a Fox, Raccoon, Opossum, and Bobcat season throughout the Dog Hunt Area (Dog Hunt Area and Fox Hunt Area) from May 1 through the 1st Sunday in March.

Blackwater, Hutton Unit WMA – increase the spring turkey quota from 10 permits to 15 permits for each of the three 3-day spring turkey hunts.

Box-R WMA – establish a 2-day family hunt (10 no-cost quota permits, no exemptions), with a bag limit of three antlered deer per quota permit (but no more than one per person), beginning the Saturday following the last general gun hunt; establish two additional 4-day spring turkey hunts (five no-cost quota permits for each hunt, no exemptions) running Friday-Monday on the second and fourth weekends of the season; and remove the daily quota and check station requirements for the wild hog-still season and add these seven days of wild hog, small game, and furbearer hunting opportunity to the small game season.

Chipola River WMA – allow the take of wildlife with crossbows and airbows during archery/muzzleloading gun season.

Chipola River WMA, Dudley Road Area – establish a 3-day muzzleloading gun season (five no-cost quota permits, no exemptions), with a bag limit of two antlered deer (but no more than one per person); establish a 12-day family hunt (four 3-day hunts, three no-cost quota permits for each hunt, no exemptions), with a bag limit of two antlered deer and one antlerless deer per quota permit (but no more than one deer per person); prohibit the harvest of antlered deer not having at least one antler with four or more points or a main beam length of 14 inches or more (except by persons less than 16 years of age); establish a 6-day youth turkey hunt (three 2-day hunts, five no-cost quota permits for each hunt, no exemptions), with a bag limit of one gobbler or bearded turkey per quota permit; limit public access to individuals participating in the hunt during quota hunts; prohibit motorized vehicles, except individuals participating in quota hunts or scouting activities may operate street-legal vehicles on named or numbered roads from one week prior to the first day until one day after the last day of their permitted hunt; prohibit public access during nighttime hours, except individuals participating in quota hunts may access the area at any time during their permitted hunt.

Choctawhatchee River WMA – allow the take of wildlife with crossbows and airbows during archery/muzzleloading gun season; convert the existing 37-day non-quota spring turkey season in the south zone of the area into a 9-day quota period (one 4-day hunt and one 5-day hunt, 25 no-cost quota permits for each hunt, no exemptions, with a bag limit of one gobbler or bearded turkey per quota permit) followed by a 28-day non-quota hunt to address crowding complaints; and prohibit

hunting with centerfire and rimfire rifles and pistols, muzzleloading guns, and shotgun slugs in specified portions of the area.

Econfina Creek WMA – allow the take of wildlife with crossbows and airbows during archery/muzzleloading gun season; and prohibit hunting with centerfire and rimfire rifles and pistols, muzzleloading guns, and shotgun slugs in specified portions of the area.

Eglin AFB WMA – allow the take of wildlife with crossbows and airbows during archery/muzzleloading gun season; prohibit the take of wildlife with a gun along or across a road, the Florida Trail, or a designated biking trail and define “road” as, “any established, maintained, or regularly used route intended for four-wheeled motorized vehicle travel including but not limited to gravel, dirt, sand, or paved surfaces; and to include access roads, logging roads, and utility rights-of-way”; and prohibit the take of wildlife with centerfire rifles or shotgun slugs when hunting deer or wild hog with the aid of dogs

Escambia River WMA – allow the take of wildlife with crossbows and airbows during archery/muzzleloading gun season.

Escribano Point WMA – allow the take of wildlife with crossbows and airbows during archery/muzzleloading gun season.

Garcon Point WMA – allow the take of wildlife with crossbows and airbows during archery/muzzleloading gun season.

Garcon Point WMA, Avalon Tract – allow hunting with bows only during established area seasons, except shotguns may be used for hunting waterfowl in season.

Joe Budd WMA – prohibit horses, except on named or numbered roads and designated trails, to align FWC rules with those of FFS; prohibit the take of wildlife with airbows and crossbows during the archery/muzzleloading gun; and remove the access restriction during shooting hours in spring turkey season.

Juniper Creek WMA – 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; and shift the second-to-last family hunt to run Saturday-Monday (instead of Friday-Sunday), so it ends on Martin Luther King Jr. Day and shift the last 3-day family hunt to end on President’s Day, instead of beginning the third Saturday in January and ending the following Monday.

Lafayette Creek WMA – allow the take of wildlife with crossbows and airbows during archery/muzzleloading gun season; clarify that during non-quota hunts and outside hunting seasons, public access is allowed during daylight hours only, except for individuals participating in hunts; clarify that during quota hunts, individuals participating in the hunt may access the area day and night and through hikers on the Florida trail may

access the area during daylight hours only; correct an error that omitted archery/muzzleloading gun season from the list of quota hunts when public access is limited to those participating in the hunt; prohibit horses; and prohibit motorized vehicles, except street legal vehicles may be operated on named or numbered roads from three days prior to the first day of archery season until three days after the last day of spring turkey season. Ochlockonee River WMA – allow the take of wildlife with crossbows and airbows during archery/muzzleloading gun season; establish an additional 3-day wild hog-still hunt per month from May through September; and increase the quota from 10 permits to 15 permits for each of the six 2-day spring turkey hunts.

Perdido River WMA – allow the take of wildlife with crossbows and airbows during archery/muzzleloading gun season.

Pine Log WMA – allow the take of wildlife with crossbows and airbows during archery/muzzleloading gun season; and eliminate check station requirements.

Plank Road WMA – establish an additional 3-day wild hog-still hunt per month from May through September.

Point Washington WMA – allow the take of wildlife with crossbows and airbows during archery/muzzleloading gun season.

Talquin WMA – establish an additional 3-day wild hog-still hunt per month from May through September; and increase the quota from 10 permits to 15 permits for each of the six 2-day spring turkey hunts.

Tate’s Hell WMA – allow the take of wildlife with crossbows and airbows during archery/muzzleloading gun season.

Tate’s Hell, Womack Creek Unit WMA – allow the take of wildlife with crossbows and airbows during archery/muzzleloading gun season.

Telogia Creek WMA – allow the take of wildlife with crossbows and airbows during archery/muzzleloading gun season; eliminate check station requirements; shift small game season dates to avoid overlap with deer seasons and prohibit hunting with dogs during general gun season, except bird dogs and retrievers for taking small game (gray squirrel, quail, rabbits, and migratory game birds in season); and shift the second and third general gun hunts to always begin on Christmas Eve and New Year’s Eve, respectively, to consistently provide hunting opportunities during holidays.

Tyndall AFB WMA – establish the final seven days of the Zone D muzzleloading gun season as open on the area, in areas and during days specified by the Installation Commander, to align FWC rules with those of the U.S. Department of Defense; extend the small game season to open the second Saturday in October instead of the second Saturday in November; and prohibit hunting with dogs, except bird dogs and retrievers may

be used to hunt migratory birds in season, to align FWC rules with those of the U.S. Department of Defense.

Wakulla WMA – allow the take of wildlife with crossbows and airbows during archery/muzzleloading gun season; and extend the small game season by 7 days so it ends the first Sunday in March instead of the last Sunday in February.

Yellow River WMA – allow the take of wildlife with crossbows and airbows during archery/muzzleloading gun season; and establish an additional 3-day wild hog-still hunt per month from May through September.

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

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

Allapattah Flats WMA – establish a 3-day general gun hunt (50 no-cost quota permits, no exemptions), with a bag limit of one antlered deer per quota permit, to be held the Friday-Sunday before Christmas.

Big Cypress WMA – correct an error that caused a portion of the archery season in the Deep Lake Unit to be held on the wrong dates.

Dinner Island Ranch, Caracara Unit WMA – prohibit parking a vehicle outside the designated parking areas as indicated on the hunt map, except for individuals participating in the mobility-impaired hunt.

Everglades and Francis S. Taylor WMA – clarify that during the archery, muzzleloading gun, and general gun-walk seasons, motorized vehicles may only be operated on designated levees, except all-terrain vehicles and ROVs (side-by-sides) may be operated off-road; clarify that general gun-vehicle season is open for airboats and tracked vehicles only, with only tracked vehicles being allowed in Conservation Area 3A North and only airboats being allowed in Conservation areas 3A South, 2, and the Francis S. Taylor Wildlife Management Area; clarify that motorized vehicles are prohibited on all levees except the L-4, L-5, and L-6 levees; clarify that motorized vehicles are prohibited on tree islands, strands, and wildlife islands; clarify that motorized vehicles are prohibited outside of hunting seasons and associated scouting periods, except street legal vehicles are allowed on the L-4, L-5, and L-6 levees; clarify that no person shall operate any motorized vehicle off-road, unless it is equipped with an orange flag at least 10 inches wide and 12 inches long and displayed at a minimum height of 6 feet above the top of the seat; correct a prior mistake that unnecessarily prohibited the take of wild hog with dogs during small game season even though the take of wild hog is completely prohibited during this season; and shift the general gun-vehicle season to begin four weeks later.

Everglades Headwaters National Wildlife Refuge Wildlife Management Area, Okeechobee Unit – shift the second and third general gun hunts to each begin seven days earlier.

Holey Land WMA – clarify that during the general gun-vehicle season, the area is closed to all motorized vehicles and airboats, except street-legal vehicles on designated levees, tracked vehicles authorized by permit, and airboats used for the purpose of waterfowl hunting on days when waterfowl hunting is allowed under Rule 68A-13.003, F.A.C.; clarify that during the archery, muzzleloading gun, and general gun-walk seasons, motorized vehicles may only be operated on designated levees, except all-terrain vehicles and ROVs (side-by-sides) may be operated off-road; clarify that motorized vehicles are prohibited on all levees except the L-5 and Miami Canal levees; clarify that motorized vehicles are prohibited on tree islands, strands, and wildlife islands; clarify that motorized vehicles are prohibited outside of hunting seasons and associated scouting periods, except street legal vehicles are allowed on the L-5 and Miami Canal levees; clarify that no person shall operate any motorized vehicle off-road, unless it is equipped with an orange flag at least 10 inches wide and 12 inches long and displayed at a minimum height of 6 feet above the top of the seat; correct a prior mistake that unnecessarily prohibited the take of wild hog with dogs during small game season even though the take of wild hog is completely prohibited during this season; and shift the general gun-vehicle season to begin four weeks later.

J.W. Corbett WMA – allow camping until seven days after the close of general gun season to provide campers more time to remove their equipment; allow individuals participating in the 9-day dog training season to operate street-legal vehicles, side-by-sides, and swamp buggies on Stumper's Grade and numbered trails and to operate swamp buggies off-road and off-trail in the portion of the area lying south and east of Stumper's Grade; prohibit the discharge of a bow, crossbow, or airgun and the possession of harvested wildlife throughout the closed-to-hunting portion of the Bruce Bowman Archery Still Hunt Area; remove any mention of Camp M from rule; and remove the 3-day limit for camping at half of Camp B during archery season. Okaloacoochee Slough WMA – reduce the archery, muzzleloading gun, and general gun quotas from 185 to 165 to address crowding concerns from area hunters.

Picayune Strand WMA – establish a 2-day family hunt (50 no-cost quota permits, no exemptions), with a bag limit of 2 antlered deer per quota permit but no more than one per person, to be held the Saturday-Sunday between the muzzleloading gun and general gun mobility-impaired seasons and allow quota permit holders and their guests to operate swamp buggies and side-by-sides on designated roads in that portion of the area east of and including Miller Blvd. and south of and including Berson Blvd. during (and one week prior to) the family hunt.

Rotenberger WMA – clarify that during the general gun-vehicle season, the area is closed to all motorized vehicles and airboats, except street-legal vehicles on designated levees, tracked vehicles authorized by permit, and airboats used for the purpose of waterfowl hunting on days when waterfowl hunting is allowed under Rule 68A-13.003, F.A.C.; clarify that during the archery, muzzleloading gun, and general gun-walk seasons, motorized vehicles may only be operated on designated levees, except all-terrain vehicles and ROVs (side-by-sides) may be operated off-road; clarify that motorized vehicles are prohibited on all levees except the L-4, Manley Ditch, Miami Canal, and Powerline levees; clarify that motorized vehicles are prohibited on tree islands, strands, and wildlife islands; clarify that motorized vehicles are prohibited outside of hunting seasons and associated scouting periods, except street legal vehicles are allowed on the L-4, Manley Ditch, Miami Canal, and Powerline levees; clarify that no person shall operate any motorized vehicle off-road, unless it is equipped with an orange flag at least 10 inches wide and 12 inches long and displayed at a minimum height of 6 feet above the top of the seat; correct a prior mistake that unnecessarily prohibited the take of wild hog with dogs during small game season even though the take of wild hog is completely prohibited during this season; and shift the general gun-vehicle season to begin four weeks later.

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

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

Buck Lake WMA – allow walk-in access only (motorized access prohibited) for the small game and wild hog hunts (quota permit not required); remove rule language that prohibits horses during the hunting seasons.

Caravelle Ranch WMA – require hunters to check in and out when entering and exiting the area and check all harvested wildlife taken only when the check station is staffed.

Deep Creek WMA – remove rule language that prohibits horses during the hunting seasons.

Dunns Creek WMA – remove rule language that prohibits horses during the hunting seasons.

Fort Drum WMA – require hunters to check in and out when entering and exiting the area and check all harvested wildlife taken only when the check station is staffed and require that no deer, wild hog or turkey be dismembered until checked at the check station only when the check station is staffed; and remove rule language that prohibits horses during the hunting seasons, except for during the special- opportunity hunts.

Guana River WMA – require hunters to check in and out when entering and exiting the area and check all harvested wildlife

taken and issue daily quota permits only when the check station is staffed.

Half Moon WMA – require hunters to check in and out when entering and exiting the area and check all harvested wildlife taken only when the check station is staffed, issue daily quota permits and require that no deer, wild hog or turkey be dismembered until checked at the check station only when the check station is staffed.

Herky Huffman/Bull Creek WMA – require hunters to check in and out when entering and exiting the area and check all harvested wildlife taken and issue daily quota permits only when the check station is staffed; require permit to camp in designated hunter campground during hunting seasons on the area; and expand the raccoon hunting season from three 3-day hunts to three 7-day hunts.

Lake George WMA, Dexter Mary Farms Unit – require hunters to check in and out when entering and exiting the area and check all harvested wildlife taken only when the check station is staffed and require that no deer, wild hog or turkey be dismembered until checked at the check station only when the check station is staffed; and modify the current small game schedule (two 16-day hunts/32 days total) to eight 4-day weekend hunts (32 days total still) with a Thurs – Sun format.

Lake Panasoffkee WMA – require hunters to check in and out when entering and exiting the area and check all harvested wildlife taken only when the check station is staffed and require that no wildlife be dismembered until checked at the check station only when the check station is staffed.

Rice Creek WMA – remove rule language that prohibits horses during the hunting seasons; and require hunters to enter and exit the area from designated entrances only.

Richloam WMA - require hunters to check in and out when entering and exiting the area and check all harvested wildlife taken only when the check station is staffed.

Richloam WMA, Baird Unit - require hunters to check in and out when entering and exiting the area and check all harvested wildlife taken only when the check station is staffed.

Rock Springs Run WMA – convert the first two days of the small game season (50 daily quota permits) to a 2-day youth turkey hunt (10 quota permits, no exemptions), bag limit of one gobbler or bearded turkey per quota permit; remove the requirement to park only in designated parking areas; require hunters to check in and out when entering and exiting the area and check all harvested wildlife taken only when the check station is staffed, and require that no deer be dismembered until checked at the check station only when the check station is staffed and issue daily quota permits at the check station to individuals hunting on the West BMK portion of the area only when the check station is staffed.

Salt Lake WMA - require hunters to check in and out when entering and exiting the area and check all harvested wildlife

taken only when the check station is staffed and require that no deer, wild hog or turkey be dismembered until checked at the check station only when the check station is staffed.

Seminole Forest WMA – require hunters to check in and out when entering and exiting the area and check all harvested wildlife taken only and issue daily quota permits when the check station is staffed and require that no deer, wild hog or turkey be dismembered until checked at the check station only when the check station is staffed.

Seminole Ranch WMA – remove rule language that prohibits horses during the hunting seasons; require that no deer, wild hog or turkey be dismembered until checked at the check station and issue daily quota permits only when the check station is staffed.

Silver Springs Forest WMA – allow the take of antlerless deer during the family hunt. The area bag limit would be 1 antlered and 1 antlerless deer per permit, one deer per person per day.

Three Lakes WMA – require hunters to check in and out when entering and exiting the area and check all harvested wildlife taken and issue daily quota permits only when the check station is staffed and require that no deer, wild hog or turkey be dismembered until checked at the check station only when the check station is staffed; and require permit/authorization to camp in designated hunter campground during hunting seasons on the area.

Three Lakes WMA, Prairie Lakes Unit – require hunters to check in and out when entering and exiting the area and check all harvested wildlife taken only when the check station is staffed and require that no deer, wild hog or turkey be dismembered until checked at the check station only when the check station is staffed.

Triple N Ranch WMA – require hunters to check in and out when entering and exiting the area and check all harvested wildlife taken only when the check station is staffed and require that no deer, wild hog or turkey be dismembered until checked at the check station only when the check station is staffed.

Tosohatchee WMA – require hunters to check in and out when entering and exiting the area and check all harvested wildlife taken only when the check station is staffed and issue daily quota permits at the check station during the wild hog-dog season only when the check station is staffed; and remove the requirement to park only in designated parking areas during the hunting season (would still be required during non-hunting dates).

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

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE RATIFICATION:

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

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

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

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

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

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

DATE AND TIME: During the Commission's regular meeting February 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.

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-15.004 General Regulations Relating to Wildlife Management Areas.

(1) General prohibitions: Hunting, fishing or trapping is prohibited on any portion of any wildlife management area posted as closed to hunting, fishing or trapping. Hunting, fishing, trapping, camping or other usage related to such activity on any wildlife management area shall only be at the time and in the manner provided by the regulations for the particular wildlife management area. During a given season, all legal methods for taking fish, frogs or wildlife during the season will 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:

(a) through (i) No change.

(j) 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.

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

(b) Recreational users of wildlife management areas must obtain a Commission-issued customer identification number and permanently affix this number in a conspicuous and legible manner to all treestands, elevated shooting platforms, ground blinds, and trail cameras prior to leaving any of these items unattended on a wildlife management area. Removing, tampering with, or otherwise interfering with any label or tag displaying a Commission-issued customer identification number on any of these items without the owner's permission is prohibited. Commission and cooperator staff may remove any of these items at any time if they are not labeled as described herein.

(b) 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 management area during the established archery season 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 management area during the established muzzleloading gun season 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 management 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 management area during any season open only for the taking of furbearers ~~fur-bearing 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 management 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, expose or distribute any grain or other food for wildlife on any wildlife management 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, provided that 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, and quail may be hunted in proximity to established game feeders.

(11) Release of animals: ~~No person shall release any species of the animal kingdom on any wildlife management 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 management 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 management area.

(12) through (16) No change.

(17) Bears: Notwithstanding any other provision in Chapter 68A-15, F.A.C., the harvest and pursuit of bear may be conducted during the season dates for each specific wildlife ~~management~~ management area set in accordance with Commission order(s) and Rule 68A-12.012, F.A.C.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2026

Rulemaking Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. Law Implemented Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const., 379.2223, 379.354 FS. History—New 8-1-79, Amended 6-4-81, 6-21-82, 6-9-83, 9-27-83, 7-5-84, 7-1-85, Formerly 39-15.04, Amended 5-7-86, 5-10-87, 4-13-88, 8-18-88, 4-19-90, 4-4-91, 4-14-92, 10-22-92, 7-26-94, 11-6-94, 3-30-95, 10-23-95, 9-15-96, 6-1-97, 7-1-98, 12-28-98, 4-15-99, Formerly 39-15.004, Amended 7-1-00, 6-2-02, 5-1-03, 7-1-04, 7-1-06, 7-29-07, 7-1-08, 7-1-09, 7-1-10, 1-1-11, 5-2-12, 4-9-13, 7-1-14, 7-1-15, 7-1-16, 7-1-18, 7-1-19, 9-13-20, 7-1-21, 7-1-22, 7-1-23, 7-1-24, 7-1-25, 9-17-25, 7-1-26.

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

(1) No change.

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

(a) No change.

(b) Quota Permit Exemptions.

1. through 6. No change.

~~7. On all mobility impaired hunts, one non hunting unlicensed assistant may accompany a mobility impaired hunter with a valid quota permit and participate in the hunt, provided the assistant may not take wildlife with a gun, unless otherwise provided by area specific regulation. The non hunting assistant is in addition to one guest permit holder as specified in Rule 68A-15.005, F.A.C.~~

~~8. Unless otherwise provided by area specific rule, on those hunts specified as family hunts, one or two youth per quota permit, under 16 years of age but not younger than 8 years of age, may hunt as provided in Section 790.22, F.S., under the supervision and in the presence of one adult not younger than 18 years of age; the adult may only hunt when in the presence of at least one youth under 16 years of age but not younger than 8 years of age; and each hunter may take a daily bag limit but no additional hunters are allowed.~~

~~7.9. Persons exempt from obtaining a quota permit for a hunt that allows exemptions may bring an assistant or supervisor that may participate in the hunt, provided the assistant or supervisor has required licenses and permits (except for a quota permit) and shall not take wildlife with a gun.~~

(c) Quota Permit Transferability.

1. Quota permits shall be nontransferable, except that permits issued for Holton Creek WMA and the general gun permits issued for Blackwater Dog Hunt Area may be transferred, subject to the following restrictions:

a. through c. No change.

d. General gun-dog permits for Blackwater WMA may not be transferred from residents to nonresidents.

2. No change.

(d) Guest Permits; Guest Hunters; and Assistants.

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

a. Only one guest permit may be used by each quota permit holder or exempt hunter (pursuant to subparagraph 68A-15.005(2)(d)5., F.A.C.) per day of the hunt.

b. through c. No change.

2. On areas where zone tags are required, the guest hunter must hunt in the same zone as the quota permit holder or exempt hunter (pursuant to subparagraph 68A-15.005(2)(d)5., F.A.C.).

3. No change.

4. Quota permit holders or exempt hunters (pursuant to subparagraph 68A-15.005(2)(d)5., F.A.C.) may only bring one additional person as a guest hunter at any time.

5. On those hunts that allow quota permit exemptions, only exempt hunters who possess a valid Alternative Mobility Permit or Mobility-Impaired Certification Card may bring a guest hunter. Exempt hunters participating in a hunt that allows quota permit exemptions are not considered to be a quota permit holder's guest hunter at any time.

6. No change.

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

present on the area (exempt hunters in this subparagraph are those referenced in subparagraph 68A-15.005(2)(d)5., F.A.C.).

8. The guests and quota permit holder or exempt hunter must share a single bag limit of deer, quail or wild turkey, as specified under area specific rules. The quota permit holder or exempt hunter shall be responsible for both parties complying with the bag limit (exempt hunters in this subparagraph are those referenced in subparagraph 68A-15.005(2)(d)5., F.A.C.).

9. On all mobility-impaired hunts, one unlicensed assistant may accompany a mobility-impaired hunter with a valid quota permit and participate in the hunt, provided the assistant may not take wildlife with a gun, unless otherwise provided by area-specific regulation. The assistant is in addition to one guest permit holder as specified in this rule.

10. Unless otherwise provided by area-specific rule, on those hunts specified as family hunts, one or two youth per quota permit, under 16 years of age but not younger than 8 years of age, may hunt as provided in Section 790.22, F.S., under the supervision and in the presence of the quota permit holder, who must be at least 18 years of age; the quota permit holder may only hunt when in the presence of at least one youth under 16 years of age but not younger than 8 years of age; and each hunter may take a daily bag limit but no additional hunters are allowed.

11. On all quota hunts, one assistant with the required license and permits (except for a quota permit) may accompany a quota permit or guest permit holder and participate in the hunt, provided the respective quota or guest hunter possesses a valid Alternative Mobility Permit, Mobility-Impaired Certification Card, or Persons with Disabilities Hunting and Fishing License. The assistant may not take wildlife with a gun, unless otherwise provided by area-specific regulation.

(e) No change.

(3) through (5) No change.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: June 15, 2026

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68A-15.006 Regulations Relating to Miscellaneous Areas.

(1) No change.

(2) Kissimmee River Public Use Area.

(a) Open season:

1. No change.

2. Migratory ~~game~~ birds – Statewide regulations established under Rules 68A-13.003 and 68A-13.008, F.A.C.; ~~except that open season for crow shall be during the first phase of crow season only.~~

3. Furbearers – Statewide regulations established under Rule 68A-24.002, F.A.C., during ~~During~~ the zonal antlered deer season only, ~~except that~~ bobcat and otter may be taken only after November 30.

4. through 5. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, furbearers, fish, and frogs. 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. Antlerless deer may be taken only during the archery season in that portion of the area north of State Road 70 and during the last nine days of archery season in that portion of the areas south of State Road 70. Notwithstanding the gray squirrel and quail seasons established by subparagraph (2)(a)1. above Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., gray squirrel and quail may be taken during the general gun season established for this area. Bag and possession limits and shooting hours shall be those established under Rules 68A-13.003, 68A-13.004 and 68A-13.008, F.A.C., except that the daily bag limit for wild turkey shall be one per day.

(c) General regulations:

1. through 5. No change.

6. ~~No person shall place, expose or distribute any grain or other food for wildlife except 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.~~

7. renumbered 6. No change.

8. ~~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.~~

a. ~~Methods of take, other than those allowed for the taking of game during each open season, are prohibited.~~

9. through 11. renumbered 7. through 9. No change.

10. The regulations contained in Rule 68A-15.004, F.A.C., not in conflict with specific area regulations, shall apply to this area.

(3) Babcock Ranch Preserve.

(a) through (b) No change.

(c) Regulations controlling activities within the Tier I hunt area:

1. through 3. No change.

4. During periods when the check station is staffed, hunters ~~Hunters~~ shall check in and out at the check station when entering and exiting the area and check all harvested wildlife ~~game~~ taken.

5. No change.

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

7. through 15. No change.

(d) Regulations controlling activities in the Tier II hunt areas:

1. through 15. No change.

16. The regulations contained in Rule 68A-15.004, F.A.C., not in conflict with specific area regulations, shall apply to this area.

(e) through (f) No change.

(4) Kissimmee Chain of Lakes Area.

(a) Open season:

1. No change.

2. Migratory birds – Statewide regulations established under Rules 68A-13.003 and 68A-13.008, F.A.C., ~~except that open season for crow shall be during the first phase of crow season only.~~

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

4. No change.

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

(c) General regulations:

1. through 6. No change.

~~7. No person shall place, expose or distribute any grain or other food for wildlife except 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.~~

8. renumbered 7. No change.

~~9. 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.~~

~~a. Methods of take, other than those allowed for the taking of game during each open season, are prohibited.~~

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

10.12. Erecting or maintaining treestands ~~tree stands~~ more than ten days before the start of archery season or more than ten days after the end of spring turkey season is prohibited.

13. through 14. renumbered 11. through 12. No change.

13. The regulations contained in Rule 68A-15.004, F.A.C., not in conflict with specific area regulations, shall apply to this area.

(5) No change.

(6) Kissimmee Chain of Lakes Area – Rolling Meadows Unit.

(a) Open season:

1. No change.

2. Migratory birds – Statewide regulations established under Rules 68A-13.003 and 68A-13.008, F.A.C., ~~except that open season for crow shall be during the first phase of crow season only.~~

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

4. No change.

(b) No change.

(c) General regulations:

1. through 8. No change.

~~9. 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.~~

~~a. Methods of take, other than those allowed for the taking of game during each open season, are prohibited.~~

10. renumbered 9. No change.

10.11. Erecting or maintaining treestands ~~tree stands~~ more than ten days before the start of archery season or more than ten days after the end of spring turkey season is prohibited.

12. through 15. renumbered 11. through 14. No change.

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

(1) Green Swamp Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. through 4. No change.

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

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

(b) No change.

(c) Camping: Allowed by permit only and only within the designated campsites at the Rock Ridge Road and 471 campgrounds. Camping is allowed at both campgrounds during archery, general gun, wild hog, small game, youth turkey hunt and spring turkey seasons. Camping is allowed only at the Rock Ridge Road campground during the fishing and frogging season. Camping permits are non-transferable. Camping along the Green Swamp Hiking Trail (Florida Trail) is prohibited except by written permission from the Southwest Florida Water Management District. Refrigerators and freezers, unless contained in mobile campers, are prohibited. Lumber, sheet

metal or other building materials is prohibited. The alteration, defacing, moving or tampering in any way with official markings of campsites is prohibited. The use or operation of electrical generators powered by an internal combustion engine is prohibited within the campgrounds from 10:00 p.m. until 4:00 a.m. A legible copy of the camping permit or the permittee's name and permit number must be visibly affixed to camping shelters. Camping equipment must be removed by 8:00 p.m. on the last date listed on the camping permit, except for days between archery and general gun. Only tents, trailers or self-propelled camping vehicles may be used for camping. A valid management area permit as provided by Section 379.354, F.S. is required for persons to obtain a camping permit, except those persons exempt under Section 379.353, F.S. An issued camping permit will be invalidated if the permitted camp site is not occupied by a tent, trailer or self-propelled camping vehicle with the issued camping permit attached.

(d) General regulations:

1. During periods when the check station is staffed, hunters ~~Hunters~~ shall check in and out at a check station when entering and exiting the area and shall check all wildlife harvested game ~~game taken~~ except during the wild hog-dog and small game seasons.

2. During periods when the check station is staffed, no ~~No~~ deer or wild hog shall be dismembered until checked at a designated check station except wild hog during the wild hog-dog and small game seasons.

3. Hunters may enter or exit the area at designated entrances only. During periods when the check station is staffed, hunters ~~Hunters~~ may enter or exit the area only during hours in which check stations are in operation except during the wild hog-dog and small game seasons.

4. No change.

5. Vehicles may be operated from 1.5 hours before sunrise until 1.5 hours after sunset during established open seasons, except during the designated fishing and frogging season when vehicles may be operated during daylight hours only. Vehicles may be operated after 8:00 a.m. until 1.5 hours after sunset one day prior to each archery hunt, general gun season, youth turkey hunt and spring turkey season for scouting. Vehicle access to the designated campsites is allowed at any time after 8 a.m. one day prior to archery hunts, general gun season, youth turkey hunt and spring turkey season until 1.5 hours after sunset on the last day of the hunt or season, after 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday until 1.5 hours after sunset on Sunday during wild hog-dog season, and after 4:00 p.m. on Friday until 1.5 hours after sunset on Sunday during the small game and fishing and frogging seasons. Motorized vehicles may be operated only on named or numbered roads, except Stanley Fish Hole, Orange Lake and Tillman Lake roads shall be open only during the designated fishing and frogging season. Bicycles may be operated only on named or numbered roads and designated bicycle trails. During

the designated fishing and frogging season Tanic Grade, Powder Grade and Levee Road north of Main Grade will be closed to vehicle traffic.

6. No change.

7. Authorized hunting equipment, as defined in Rule 68A-15.004, F.A.C., or dogs may be taken on the area after 8:00 a.m. one day before the opening of a season and shall be removed from the area on the last day of each season.

8. No change.

9. During periods outside of established permitted camping periods, camping equipment, defined as any item or structure intended for or capable of providing overnight shelter, accommodation, or extended occupancy, is prohibited on the area, except by written permission from the Southwest Florida Water Management District.

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

(a) through (b) No change.

(c) Camping: Camping is allowed at designated campsites during hunting season and at other times by permit from the Southwest Florida Water Management District. Kitchen stoves, refrigerators, and freezers, unless contained in mobile campers are prohibited. Lumber, sheet metal or other building materials are prohibited. Each camper shall ensure that their campsite is clean at all times. The alteration, defacing, moving or tampering in any way with official markings of campsites is prohibited. The use or operation of electrical generators powered by an internal combustion engine is prohibited within the campgrounds from 10:00 p.m. until 4:00 a.m. During open hunting seasons, a valid management area permit as provided by Section 379.354, F.S. is required for persons to camp on the area, except those persons exempt under Section 379.353, F.S.

(d) General regulations:

1. During periods when the check station is staffed, hunters ~~Hunters~~ must enter and exit the area at the designated entrance and register at the hunt headquarters.

2. through 3. No change.

4. During periods when the check station is staffed, no ~~harvested wildlife~~ No game shall be dismembered until checked at the hunt headquarters.

5. through 6. No change.

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

8. through 9. No change.

~~10. During the small game season the take of wild hog is prohibited except by persons in possession of a daily wild hog permit. Eighty wild hog permits shall be issued daily at the check station.~~

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

(a) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. During periods when the check station is staffed, hunters ~~Hunters~~ shall check in and out at a check station when entering and exiting the area and shall check all harvested wildlife game taken, except during the raccoon and opossum season.

2. through 4. No change.

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

6. through 10. No change.

11. Authorized hunting equipment, as defined in Rule 68A-15.004, F.A.C., may be taken on the area beginning one week prior to the archery season.

12. No change.

13. During the archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun, and Wednesdays and Thursdays of small game seasons, hunting is allowed within the field trial, and Boy Scout areas provided the take of quail is prohibited and access shall be on foot (pedestrian) only. Access within the Walk-in-Areas shall be on foot (pedestrian) only.

14. through 19. No change.

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

(a) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. No change.

2. During periods when the check station is staffed, all ~~All~~ hunters shall check in and out at the designated check station when entering or exiting the area and check all harvested wildlife game taken, except during small game season when hunters shall use the Babcock/Webb check station and during the raccoon and opossum season when checking is not required.

3. through 11. No change.

(5) Upper Hillsborough Wildlife Management Area.

(a) through (b) No change.

(c) Camping: Prohibited except at the designated campsite from 8:00 a.m. one day prior to each archery, muzzleloading gun and spring turkey hunt until 8:00 p.m. on the last day of each hunt; from 3:00 p.m. one day prior to each wild hog-dog and small game hunt until 8:00 p.m. on the last day of each hunt; or by written permission from the Southwest Florida Water Management District. Only tents, trailers or self-propelled camping vehicles may be used for camping. Camping equipment is prohibited on the area except during periods when

camping is allowed. The use or operation of electrical generators powered by an internal combustion engine is prohibited within the campground from 10:00 p.m. until 5:00 a.m. During open hunting periods, a valid management area permit as provided by Section 379.354, F.S. is required for persons to camp on the area, except those persons exempt under Section 379.353, F.S.

(d) General regulations:

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

2. During periods when the check station is staffed, each ~~Each~~ day hunters shall check in prior to hunting and out when finished hunting at a check station when entering and exiting the area and shall check all harvested wildlife game taken except ~~wild hog~~ during the wild hog-dog and small game seasons.

3. through 10. No change.

11. In addition to the provisions of Rule 68A-15.004, F.A.C., hunting ~~Hunting~~ equipment is prohibited on the area except during periods when camping is allowed.

12. No change.

(6) Arbuckle Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. through 3. No change.

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

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

(b) Legal to take: All legal game (except turkeys shall be legal to take only during the youth turkey hunt and spring turkey season), furbearers 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. Deer bag limit – one per day. During the spring turkey season, one gobbler (or bearded turkey) may be taken per person, but not more than two per quota permit. During the youth turkey hunt, one gobbler (or bearded turkey) may be taken per quota permit.

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. During periods when the check station is staffed, hunters ~~Hunters~~ shall check in and out at the check station and shall check all wildlife harvested game taken. Hunters shall enter and exit only at designated entrances.

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

3. through 8. No change.

(7) through (11) No change.

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

(a) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 14. No change.

15. In addition to the provisions of Rule 68A-15.004, F.A.C., hunting ~~Hunting~~ equipment is prohibited except from 8:00 a.m. 7 days prior to the first day of archery season until 6:00 p.m. 7 days after the close of any hunt season, or as authorized by the Installation Commander or a designee.

(13) Croom Wildlife Management Area.

(a) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 5. No change.

6. During the first nine days of general gun season and the entire spring turkey and muzzleloading gun seasons, all ~~harvested wildlife game taken~~ shall be checked at the check station, and no turkey or deer shall be dismembered until checked at the check station, during periods when the check station is staffed.

7. through 8. No change.

(14) Chassahowitzka Wildlife Management Area.

(a) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. No change.

2. In addition to the provisions of Rule 68A-15.004, F.A.C., hunting ~~Hunting~~ equipment may be taken onto the area after 8:00 a.m. 7 days prior to the first day of each season and shall be removed by 6:00 p.m. 7 days after the last day of each season.

3. through 7. No change.

8. All persons shall enter and exit only at designated entrances. During periods when the check station is staffed, ~~hunters~~ ~~Hunters~~ shall check in and out at a check station and check all ~~harvested wildlife game taken~~ during the archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun, wild hog and spring turkey seasons.

9. through 14. No change.

(e) No change.

(15) through (16) No change.

(17) Lower Hillsborough Wildlife Management Area.

(a) through (b) No change.

(c) Camping: Prohibited except by permit from Southwest Florida Water Management District. During open hunting seasons, a valid management area permit as provided by Section 379.354, F.S. is required for persons to camp on the area, except those persons exempt under Section 379.353, F.S.

(d) No change.

(18) through (19) No change.

(20) Orange Hammock Wildlife Management Area.

(a) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 7. No change.

8. Authorized hunting equipment, as defined in Rule 68A-15.004, F.A.C., may ~~Tree stands, deer stands, ground blinds, and shooting platforms~~ shall not be taken onto the WMA until after 8:00 a.m. one day prior to each hunt and shall be removed from the area by 1.5 hours after sunset the last day of each hunt.

9. through 11. No change.

(21) Creek Ranch Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Family hunt – Opening 28 days after the first day of Zone B antlered deer season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., and closing 1 day thereafter, reopening 6 days later and closing 1 day thereafter (Saturdays and Sundays only).

2. Family small game – Opening 13 days after the last day of the family hunt season and closing 1 day thereafter, reopening 13 days later and closing 1 day thereafter (Saturdays and Sundays only).

3. Youth turkey hunt – Opening the first day of the spring turkey season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., and closing 1 day thereafter, reopening 27 days later and closing 1 day thereafter (Saturdays and Sundays only).

4. Fishing and Frogging – Allowed year-round.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers. Taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with three or more points or one antler with a main beam of ten inches or more in length is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. The bag limit for deer shall be 1 antlered or 1 antlerless deer per family hunt quota permit. Antlerless deer may be taken during the family hunt, but only by youth hunters. Wild turkey may be taken during the youth turkey hunt only. One gobbler (or bearded turkey) may be taken per youth turkey quota permit.

(c) Camping: Prohibited.

(d) General regulations:

1. Public access is allowed only from 1.5 hours before sunrise to 1.5 hours after sunset. Public access other than by foot, horseback, or bicycle is prohibited during non-hunting periods, except motor vehicle access is allowed only on named and numbered roads as specified in subparagraph 68A-15.061(21)(d)2., F.A.C.

2. Only persons participating in a quota hunt (and one additional non-hunting guest per quota permit during quota hunts) may operate motor vehicles on named and numbered roads from 1.5 hours before sunrise to 1.5 hours after sunset one day prior to and during each family hunt and family small game hunt, and from 4:30 a.m. until 1.5 hours after sunset during youth turkey hunts.

3. During periods open to hunting, public access is restricted to individuals with a valid quota permit or their guests

as identified in Rule 68A-15.005, F.A.C., and one additional non-hunting guest per quota permit.

4. All persons must enter and exit the area through a designated entrance.

5. The use of airboats, tracked vehicles, swamp buggies, all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), recreational off-highway vehicles (ROVs), or unlicensed and unregistered motorcycles is prohibited.

6. Bicycles may be operated only on named or numbered roads shown on the brochure map and designated multi-use trails.

7. Horses may be ridden but only on named or numbered roads shown on the brochure map and designated multi-use trails.

8. Taking wildlife with dogs is prohibited, except any dog may be used to hunt small game during the family hunt and family small game season. The take of wild hogs with dogs is prohibited.

9. Authorized hunting equipment, as defined in Rule 68A-15.004, F.A.C., may not be taken onto the WMA until after 8:00 a.m. one day prior to each hunt and shall be removed from the area by 1.5 hours after sunset the last day of each hunt.

10. Fires are prohibited.

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

(1) Camp Blanding Wildlife Management Area.

(a) No change.

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

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. No change.

2. During periods open to hunting, hunters may enter the area with authorized hunting equipment, as defined in Rule 68A-15.004, F.A.C., ~~tree stands, elevated shooting platforms,~~ and dogs by one hour after sunset. Authorized hunting equipment ~~Tree stands and elevated shooting platforms~~ may only be taken onto the area beginning 8 a.m. the day preceding each family hunt and youth spring turkey hunt and shall be removed from the area the last day of each family hunt and youth spring turkey hunt.

3. through 19. No change.

20. A permit issued by the Florida National Guard is required for recreational users on the area, as specified by the Camp Blanding Installation Commander.

(2) Cypress Creek Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. through 6. No change.

7. ~~Raccoon Opening the third Thursday in June and closing the last Sunday in August (Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays only).~~

(b) No change.

(c) Camping is allowed by permit only from the Suwannee River Water Management District (SRWMD) on SRWMD-managed lands.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 3. No change.

4. Public access is prohibited from 1.5 hours after sunset until 1.5 hours before sunrise, except by persons possessing a Special Use Authorization from the Suwannee River Water Management District (SRWMD) on SRWMD-managed lands only.

5. through 6. No change.

(3) Gulf Hammock Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. through 4. No change.

5. Archery/Muzzleloading ~~and muzzleloading~~ gun – Opening 14 days prior to the first day of the Zone C antlered deer season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., and closing 13 days thereafter.

6. through 7. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 9. No change.

10. Authorized hunting equipment, as defined in Rule 68A-15.004, F.A.C., ~~Tree stands and elevated shooting platforms~~ shall be allowed on the area beginning 8 days prior to each hunting season and must be removed by the Sunday following the close of each hunting season.

(4) Lochloosa Wildlife Management Area.

(a) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 5. No change.

6. ~~Horses are prohibited during general gun season.~~ Horses may be ridden only on named or numbered roads and designated trails.

7. No change.

(5) through (11) No change.

(12) Raiford Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. through 2. No change.

3. Archery/~~Muzzloading and muzzleloading~~ gun – Opening the first day of Zone C antlered deer season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., and closing 8 days thereafter, reopening Thanksgiving Day and closing the Sunday after Thanksgiving Day, and reopening 49 days after the first day of Zone C antlered deer season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., and closing 3 days thereafter.

4. through 7. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(13) through (18) No change.

(19) Holton Creek Wildlife Management Area.

(a) No change.

(b) Legal to take: Antlered deer, antlerless deer, wild hog, gobbler or bearded turkey, gray squirrel, rabbit, fish, non-protected birds, armadillo, black and brown rats, house mouse, nutria ~~non-protected mammals~~, and furbearers. Taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with three or more points or one antler with a main beam of ten inches or more in length is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. One deer and one turkey may be taken per quota permit.

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. During periods when the check station is staffed, hunters ~~Hunters~~ shall check in and out at the designated check station and report all harvested wildlife ~~game taken~~.

2. through 5. No change.

6. Persons must ~~may~~ enter and exit the area only at a designated entrance ~~on Road 1~~, the Florida Trail and the Suwannee River.

7. through 10. No change.

(20) Goethe Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – Opening 49 ~~42~~ days prior to the first day of Zone C antlered deer season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., and closing 22 days thereafter.

2. through 8. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(21) No change.

(22) Flying Eagle Wildlife Management Area.

(a) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 4. No change.

5. During periods when the check station is staffed, hunters ~~Hunters~~ shall check in and out at the check station when entering and exiting the area and check all harvested wildlife ~~game taken~~.

6. During periods when the check station is staffed, no ~~No~~ deer, wild hog or turkey shall be dismembered until checked at the check station.

7. No change.

8. Authorized hunting equipment, as defined in Rule 68A-15.004, F.A.C., ~~Tree stands and elevated shooting platforms~~ may be taken onto the area beginning 8:00 a.m. the day preceding each hunt and shall be removed from the area the last day of each hunt, except during spring turkey season, when tree stands and elevated shooting platforms are allowed on the area beginning 1.5 hours before sunrise the day preceding each hunt.

(23) Potts Wildlife Management Area.

(a) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 3. No change.

4. During periods when the check station is staffed, hunters ~~Hunters~~ shall check in and out at the check station when entering or exiting the area and shall check all harvested wildlife ~~game taken~~.

5. During periods when the check station is staffed, no ~~No~~ game shall be dismembered until checked at the check station.

6. through 7. No change.

8. Authorized hunting equipment, as defined in Rule 68A-15.004, F.A.C., ~~tree stands and elevated shooting platforms~~ and dogs may be taken onto the area no earlier than 8:00 a.m. the day preceding each hunt and shall be removed from the area the last day of each hunt. During spring turkey season, authorized hunting equipment is ~~tree stands and elevated shooting platforms are~~ allowed on the area no earlier than 1.5 hours before sunrise the day preceding each hunt.

(24) Homosassa Wildlife Management Area.

(a) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 4. No change.

5. Hunters shall enter and exit the area at designated entrances. During periods when the check station is staffed, hunters must register at the hunt headquarters, and check all harvested wildlife ~~game taken~~, except when hunting as specified in paragraph 68A-24.002(2)(b), F.A.C., during the last 23 days of small game season}.

6. through 7. No change.

(25) Devil's Hammock Wildlife Management Area.

(a) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 3. No change.

4. During periods when the check station is staffed, hunters ~~Hunters~~ shall check in and out at the check station and check all harvested wildlife game taken during the archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun, and spring turkey seasons.

5. through 8. No change.

(26) through (29) No change.

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

(a) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 5. No change.

6. ~~Horses are allowed throughout the year in Area 1 but only during small game season and non-hunting periods in Areas 2, 3 and 4.~~

7. through 10. No change.

(31) Grove Park Wildlife Management Area.

(a) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 7. No change.

8. In addition to the provisions of Rule 68A-15.004, F.A.C., authorized hunting equipment, as defined in Rule 68A-15.004, F.A.C., tree stands and elevated shooting platforms shall be allowed on the area beginning 14 days prior to hunts allowing the take of deer or wild hog.

9. No change.

(32) through (35) No change.

(36) Belmore Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. through 4. No change.

5. Small game – Opening 27 days after the first day of Zone C antlered deer season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., and closing 51 days thereafter (Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).

6. through 9. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(37) through (40) No change.

(41) Catlett Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open Season:

1. Archery – Opening 43 days prior to the first day of the Zone C antlered deer season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., and closing 3 days thereafter, reopening 4 days later and closing 3 days thereafter, and reopening 4 days later and closing 3 days thereafter.

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

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

4. Archery/Muzzleloading gun – Opening 6 days after the first day of the Zone C antlered deer season established by Rule

68A-13.004, F.A.C., and closing 2 days thereafter, and reopening 5 days later and closing 2 days thereafter.

5. Small game – Opening December 1 and closing March 1.

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

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

8. Fishing and frogging – Throughout the year.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game (except wild turkey shall be legal to take only during spring turkey season), fish, frogs, and furbearers. During the archery season and the family hunt, the bag limit for deer is one antlered and one antlerless deer per quota permit. During the muzzleloading gun and archery/muzzleloading gun seasons, the bag limit for deer is two antlered deer per quota permit, but only one per person. Taking antlered deer not having at least one antler with three or more points or one antler with a main beam of ten inches or more in length is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. During the youth turkey and spring turkey season, one gobbler or bearded turkey may be taken per quota permit.

(c) Camping is prohibited.

(d) General regulations:

1. Public access is allowed year round but only from 1.5 hours before sunrise until 1.5 hours after sunset.

2. During periods open to hunting, motorized vehicles are prohibited, except street legal vehicles may be operated only on named or numbered roads.

3. Taking wildlife with dogs is prohibited, except dogs may be used to take small game during small game season and migratory birds when their respective statewide seasons overlap with area-specific seasons. The take of wild hog with dogs is prohibited.

4. Motorized vehicles shall enter and exit the area at designated entrances.

5. The use of airboats, all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), side-by-sides, unlicensed and unregistered motorcycles, swamp buggies, and tracked vehicles is prohibited.

6. During non-hunting periods, public access, other than by foot or bicycle is prohibited.

7. During the youth turkey hunt, public access is limited to individuals participating in the hunt.

8. Fires are prohibited.

9. Horses are prohibited.

10. A permit issued by the Florida National Guard is required for recreational users on the area, as specified by the Camp Blanding Installation Commander.

(42) Lochloosa Slough Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open Season:

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

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

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

4. General gun – Opening 6 days after the first day of the Zone C antlered deer season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., and closing 2 days thereafter, reopening 5 days later and closing 2 days thereafter, and reopening 5 days later and closing 2 days thereafter.

5. Small game – Opening the second to last Friday in January and closing 23 days thereafter (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).

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

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

8. Fishing and frogging – Throughout the year.

(b) Legal to take: Deer, wild turkey (except wild turkey shall be legal to take only during spring turkey season), gray squirrel, rabbit, wild hog, fish, and frogs. During the archery season and the family hunt, the bag limit for deer is one antlered and one antlerless deer per quota permit. During the muzzleloading gun and general gun seasons, the bag limit for deer is one antlered deer per quota permit. Taking antlered deer not having at least one antler with three or more points or one antler with a main beam of ten inches or more in length is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. During the youth turkey and spring turkey season, the bag limit is one gobbler or bearded turkey per quota permit.

(c) Camping is prohibited.

(d) General regulations:

1. Public access is allowed year-round in Area 2 during posted hours at designated access points.

2. In Area 1, access is allowed from 1.5 hours before sunrise until 1.5 hours after sunset during quota hunts and the small game season but only by individuals participating in the hunts, guest hunters, and their assistants. During non-hunting periods, access is allowed during posted hours at designated access points.

3. Hunting is prohibited in Area 2 as indicated on the current brochure map.

4. Motorized vehicles are prohibited, except street legal vehicles may be operated in Area 1 on named and numbered roads as indicated on the brochure map from 1.5 hours before sunrise until 1.5 hours after sunset and only by individuals participating in the archery, muzzleloading, family hunt, general gun, youth spring turkey, and spring turkey hunts and only on hunt days and the day before each hunt. Motorized vehicle access is prohibited during small game season and during periods closed to hunting.

5. Public access, other than by foot, bicycle, horseback, or vessel, is prohibited in Area 2 and during non-hunting periods.

6. The use of airboats, all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), side-by-sides, unlicensed and unregistered motorcycles, e-bikes, swamp buggies, and tracked vehicles is prohibited.

7. Motorized vehicles must enter and exit the area at designated entrances.

8. Taking wildlife with dogs is prohibited, except rabbit dogs, squirrel dogs or retrievers may be used to take small game during general gun and small game seasons. The take of wild hog with dogs is prohibited.

9. Authorized hunting equipment, as defined in Rule 68A-15.004, F.A.C., may be taken onto the area beginning 8:00 a.m. the day preceding each hunt and shall be removed from the area the last day of each hunt.

10. Fires are prohibited.

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

(1) Apalachee Wildlife Management Area.

(a) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. No change.

2. Vehicles may be operated only on named or numbered roads. During periods closed for hunting, vehicular access is prohibited except on Rock Pond Road and during daylight hours only one week prior to the archery season, ~~and~~ one day prior to the muzzleloading gun season, ~~and one day prior to each of the general gun and spring turkey hunts seasons.~~

3. through 8. No change.

(2) No change.

(3) Apalachicola Wildlife Management Area – Bradwell Unit.

(a) Open season:

1. through 3. No change.

4. Family hunt – December 22-24, reopening two days 4 day prior to the third Monday Saturday in January and closing two 2 days thereafter, and reopening two 12 days prior to the third Monday in February later and closing two 2 days thereafter.

5. Small game – Opening 12 days prior to the first day of Zone D antlered deer season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., and closing 8 days thereafter, and reopening on the first Saturday following the close of the first family hunt and closing 8 days thereafter, reopening five days after the last day of the second family hunt and closing eight days thereafter, and reopening five days after the last day of the third family hunt and closing eight days thereafter.

6. through 11. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(4) Blackwater Wildlife Management Area.

(a) No change.

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

1. through 9. No change.

10. Fox, raccoon, opossum and bobcat – May 1 through the Sunday prior to the youth turkey hunt, in the fox hunt area,

defined as that portion of the dog hunt area east of Belandville Road.

11. through 15. No change.

(c) through (e) No change.

(f) General regulations:

1. through 9. No change.

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

11. No change.

(5) Blackwater Wildlife Management Area – Hutton Unit.

(a) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 8. No change.

9. Dove permits will shall be issued on a first-come, first-served basis at the check station on the day of each dove hunt, when the check station is staffed.

10. through 11. No change.

(6) No change.

(7) Joe Budd Wildlife Management Area.

(a) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 3. No change.

4. During hunting seasons that require a zone tag, no No person shall hunt in any zone other than that for which they have obtained a zone tag permit, except during small game season. All hunters shall maintain possession of check station-issued daily permits while on the area.

5. No change.

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

7. No change.

8. During the archery and archery/muzzleloading gun seasons, entry into the area is prohibited from one-half hour before sunrise until one hour after sunrise and from one hour before sunset to one-half hour after sunset. During spring turkey season, entry is prohibited from one half hour before sunrise until one hour after sunrise.

9. through 11. No change.

12. During the archery and archery/muzzleloading gun seasons, and prior to 1:00 p.m. during the youth turkey hunt and

spring turkey ~~season seasons~~, access to the area shall be restricted to individuals authorized to participate in the hunt.

13. No change.

14. Horses are prohibited, except on named or numbered roads and designated trails.

(8) No change.

(9) Talquin Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. through 7. No change.

8. Wild hog-still – Opening the second and fourth Fridays ~~Friday~~ and closing two 2 days thereafter in May, June, July, August, and September.

(b) through (d) No change.

(10) Ochlockonee River Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. through 6. No change.

7. Wild hog-still – Opening the first and third Fridays ~~Friday~~ and closing two 2 days thereafter in May, June, July, August, and September.

8. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(11) through (12) No change.

(13) Aucilla Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. No change.

2. Small game – Opening the day after the last day of general gun season and ending the first Sunday in March ~~(except in the Pinhook still hunt area). Opening the day after the last day of general gun season and closing 18 days thereafter (Pinhook still hunt area only).~~

3. through 7. No change.

8. ~~Wild hog still – Opening 42 days after the first day of Zone C antlered deer season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., and closing 15 days thereafter in the Pinhook still hunt area only.~~

9. through 14. renumbered 8. through 13. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(14) Pine Log Wildlife Management Area.

(a) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 4. No change.

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

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

(15) Eglin AFB Wildlife Management Area.

(a) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 2. No change.

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

4. Taking wildlife by use of a gun on or from the rights-of-way of any paved Eglin road, Range Roads 200, 213, 234, 204 (south of Range Road 314), and those portions of Range Road 211 west of Silver Creek to Range Road 610, and all other roads posted as such, is prohibited as provided by Rule 68A-4.008, F.A.C. Taking wildlife with a gun along or across a road, the Florida Trail, or a designated biking trail is prohibited. A road, for the purposes of this rule, is defined as any established, maintained, or regularly used route intended for four-wheeled motorized vehicle travel, including but not limited to gravel, dirt, sand, or paved surfaces; and to include access roads, logging roads, and utility rights-of-way. Taking deer, furbearers, and wild hog with dogs is only allowed in areas and during days specified by the Installation Commander. Taking wildlife with centerfire rifles or shotgun slugs when hunting deer or wild hog with the aid of dogs is prohibited.

5. through 17. No change.

(16) No change.

(17) Tyndall AFB Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. No change.

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

3. through 6. No change.

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

8. through 10. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

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

2. through 12. No change.

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

14. through 19. No change.

(18) Choctawhatchee River Wildlife Management Area.

(a) No change.

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

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 8. No change.

9. Taking wildlife with centerfire and rimfire rifles and pistols, muzzleloading guns, and shotgun slugs is prohibited in the portion of the area lying northeast of Boynton Cutoff to its confluence with Holmes Creek, west of Holmes Creek to Shell Landing Road, south of Shell Landing Road to Shell Point Road, and east and then south of Shell Point Road to its terminus, and continuing due west to the Choctawhatchee River.

(19) Chipola River Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open seasons, except in the Altha Tract and Dudley Road Area:

1. through 11. No change.

(b) No change.

(c) Open seasons in the Dudley Road Area:

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

2. Family hunt – Opening one day after the first day of Zone D antlered deer season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., and closing two days thereafter, reopening December 24 and closing two days thereafter, reopening December 31 and closing two days thereafter, and reopening two days prior to the third Monday in February and closing two days thereafter.

3. Youth turkey hunt – Opening the second Saturday in March and closing one day thereafter, reopening 13 days later and closing one day thereafter, and reopening 13 days later and closing one day thereafter.

(d)(e) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers. In that portion of the area south of I-10, taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with two or more points is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. In that portion of the area north of I-10 (excluding the Dudley

Road Area), taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with three or more points or one antler with a main beam of ten inches or more in length is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. In the Dudley Road Area, the taking of antlered deer not having at least 1 antler with 4 or more points or 1 antler with a main beam of 14 inches or more in length is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. During the archery season in the Altha Tract, the bag limit for deer is one antlered deer and one antlerless deer shall be one antlered or one antlerless deer per person, but not more than two per quota permit, but no more than one deer per person. During the family hunt in the Altha Tract, the bag limit is shall be one antlered and one antlerless deer per quota permit. During the muzzleloading gun season in the Altha Tract, the bag limit is two antlered deer shall be one antlered deer per person, but not more than two per quota permit, but no more than one per person. During the family hunt in the Dudley Road Area, the bag limit for deer is two antlered deer and one antlerless deer per quota permit, but no more than one deer per person. During the muzzleloading gun season in the Dudley Road Area, the bag limit for deer is two antlered deer per quota permit, but no more than one per person. One gobbler or bearded turkey may be taken per quota permit during the youth turkey hunt and two gobblers or bearded turkeys may be taken per quota permit, but not more than one per person during spring turkey season in the Altha Tract. During the wild hog-still season, only wild hog may be taken.

(d) renumbered (e) No change.

~~(f)(e)~~ General regulations:

1. Motorized vehicles ~~Vehicles~~ may be operated only on named or numbered roads. In the Dudley Road Area, motorized vehicles are prohibited, except individuals participating in quota hunts or associated scouting activities may operate street-legal vehicles on named or numbered roads from one week prior to the first day until one day after the last day of their permitted hunt.

2. No change.

3. The use of off-highway ~~all-terrain~~ vehicles (including but not limited to all-terrain vehicles, recreational off-highway vehicles, swamp buggies, tracked vehicles, and unlicensed and unregistered motorcycles) is prohibited.

4. No change.

5. Open to public access year round, except access ~~Access~~ to improved recreational areas is allowed from sunset to sunrise only for individuals participating in authorized hunting and/or fishing activities, actively launching/retrieving a vessel, boat ~~boat~~ or authorized to camp within the area. In the Dudley Road Area, public access is prohibited during nighttime hours, except individuals participating in quota hunts may access the area at any time during their permitted hunt.

6. No change.

7. During the youth turkey hunt in the Altha Tract and all quota hunts in the Dudley Road Area, public access is limited to individuals participating in the hunt or using a boat ramp or canoe launch to access the Chipola River.

(20) Yellow River Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open seasons:

1. through 10. No change.

11. Wild hog-still – Opening the second and fourth Fridays ~~Friday~~ and closing two ~~2~~ days thereafter in May, June, July, August and September.

12. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(21) Econfina Creek Wildlife Management Area.

(a) through (e) No change.

(f) General regulations:

1. Motorized ~~Motor~~ vehicles may be operated only on named or numbered roads except during. ~~During~~ periods open to hunting in the mobility-impaired hunt area, where motorized vehicles are not restricted to named or numbered roads, but may be operated only by persons authorized to participate in the hunt.

2. No change.

3. The use of off-highway vehicles (including but not limited to all-terrain vehicles, recreational off-highway vehicles, swamp buggies, tracked vehicles, and unlicensed and unregistered motorcycles) is prohibited, except ATVs and ROVs (side-by-sides) may be operated in the mobility-impaired hunt area by persons participating in the hunt possessing mobility-impaired certificates.

4. No change.

5. On mobility-impaired hunts, only one ~~non-hunting~~ assistant and a guest permit holder are allowed to accompany each mobility-impaired quota permit holder as provided in Rule 68A-15.005, F.A.C.

6. through 18. No change.

19. Taking wildlife with centerfire and rimfire rifles and pistols, muzzleloading guns, and shotgun slugs is prohibited in the portion of the area lying west of U.S. Hwy. 231 to Scott Road, north and/or east of Scott Road to County Line Road, and south of County line Road to U.S. Hwy. 231.

(22) Box-R Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. No change.

2. Small game – Opening the second Saturday in November and closing the Sunday prior to the fourth Thursday in November, reopening the second Saturday in December and closing six days thereafter, and reopening the second Saturday in February and closing the first Sunday in March.

3. through 4. No change.

~~5. Wild hog still – Opening the second Saturday in December and closing 6 days thereafter.~~

6. renumbered 5. No change.

~~6.7.~~ Spring turkey – Opening the first day of spring turkey season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., and closing 3 days thereafter, reopening three days later and closing three days thereafter, reopening three ~~9~~ days later and closing 3 days thereafter, reopening five days later and closing three days thereafter, and reopening three ~~44~~ days later and closing 3 days thereafter.

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

10. Family hunt – Opening 6 days after the last day of the general gun season and closing one day thereafter.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers. The bag limit for deer shall be one deer per person, but not more than two antlered deer per quota permit, but no more than one per person, except during the family hunt, when the bag limit shall be three antlered deer per quota permit, but no more than one per person. Antlerless deer may only be taken during archery season (1 antlerless deer per quota permit) or by antlerless deer permit. Taking antlered deer not having at least one antler with three or more points is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. During the youth turkey hunt, one gobbler or bearded turkey may be taken per quota permit. During spring turkey season, two gobblers or bearded turkeys may be taken per quota permit, but not more than one per person. During the wild hog-dog season, only wild hog may be taken. The take of deer is prohibited during wild hog-still season.

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 4. No change.

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

6. through 12. No change.

(23) Lafayette Creek Wildlife Management Area.

(a) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. From three days prior to the first day of archery season until three days after the last day of spring turkey season ~~During periods open to hunting~~, street-legal motor vehicles may be operated, but only on named or numbered roads. At all other times, motorized ~~During periods when the area is closed to hunting, vehicular access is prohibited except vehicles are prohibited may be used one day immediately prior to and after each season.~~

2. During the archery, muzzleloading gun, family hunt, general gun, archery/muzzleloading gun and spring turkey

seasons, access to the area shall be restricted to individuals authorized to participate in the quota hunt (day and night) and persons hiking through on the Florida Trail (daylight hours only). During non-quota hunts and outside hunting seasons, public access is allowed during daylight hours only, except for individuals participating in hunts or who possess a valid camping permit during the dates listed on their permit.

3. Off-highway All-terrain vehicles (including but not limited to all-terrain vehicles, recreational off-highway vehicles, swamp buggies, tracked vehicles, and unlicensed and unregistered motorcycles) are prohibited.

4. through 5. No change.

6. Horses are prohibited ~~allowed on designated horse trails only.~~

7. No change.

(24) Wakulla Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. through 2. No change.

3. Small game – Opening the day after the last day of archery/muzzleloading gun season and closing the first Sunday in March 27 days thereafter.

4. through 6. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(25) No change.

(26) Juniper Creek Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Family hunt – Opening 1 day after the first day of Zone D antlered deer season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., and closing two 2 days thereafter, reopening December 24 and closing two 2 days thereafter, reopening December 31 and closing two 2 days thereafter, reopening two days 1 day prior to the third Monday Saturday in January and closing two 2 days thereafter, and reopening two 12 days prior to the third Monday in February later and closing two 2 days thereafter

2. No change.

(b) Legal to take: Antlered deer with at least one antler with two or more points, antlerless deer, bear (only during the bear season), wild hog, non-protected birds, armadillo, black and brown rats, house mouse, nutria non-protected mammals, and wild turkey (during the youth turkey hunt only). The bag limit for deer shall be one antlered or one antlerless deer per person. During youth turkey hunts, one gobbler or bearded turkey may be taken per youth.

(c) through (d) No change.

(27) through (28) No change.

(29) Plank Road Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. through 9. No change.

10. Wild hog-still – Opening the first and third Fridays Friday and closing two 2 days thereafter in May, June, July, August and September.

11. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(30) No change.

(31) Garcon Point Wildlife Management Area.

(a) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 8. No change.

9. Taking wildlife with a gun in the Avalon Tract is prohibited, except bows may be used during established area seasons (including muzzleloading gun season) and centerfire and muzzleloading shotguns may be used for taking waterfowl in season. When taking wildlife with a bow during muzzleloading gun season in the Avalon Tract, all other regulations for muzzleloading gun season apply.

(32) Telogia Creek Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Small game – Opening eight 5 days after the last day of archery season before Thanksgiving Day and closing nine 8 days thereafter, reopening the day after the last day of muzzleloading gun season 20 days later and closing the day before the first day of the second general gun hunt 16 days thereafter, and reopening the day after the last day of the fourth general gun hunt 6 days before the first day of the archery/muzzleloading gun season and closing nine 15 days thereafter, and reopening the day after the last day of archery/muzzleloading gun season and closing six days thereafter.

2. No change.

3. General gun – Opening the first day of Zone D antlered deer season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., and closing 3 days thereafter, reopening December 24 26 days later and closing 3 days thereafter, reopening December 31 4 days later and closing three 3 days thereafter, reopening three 3 days before the third Monday in January and closing three 3 days thereafter, and reopening three 3 days before the third Monday in February and closing three 3 days thereafter.

4. through 9. No change.

10. 9. Fishing and frogging – Allowed throughout the year-round.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 3. No change.

4. Airboats and; off-highway vehicles, including but not limited to (which include all-terrain vehicles, side-by-sides, and off-highway motorcycles), swamp buggies, and tracked vehicles, are prohibited.

5. Taking wildlife with dogs, other than using bird dogs, rabbit dogs, squirrel dogs or retrievers to take small game during general gun and small game season seasons, is prohibited, except bird dogs and retrievers may be used to take small game during general gun season and migratory birds

when their respective statewide seasons overlap area-specific seasons. The take of wild hog with dogs is prohibited.

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

7. renumbered 6. No change.

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

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

(a) through (b) No change.

(c) Camping: Camping is allowed during the zonal spring turkey season and from the beginning of the archery season until seven days after the last day ~~through the close~~ of the general gun season ~~and during the zonal spring turkey season~~, but only in designated campsites by permit as provided by Rule 68A-15.004, F.A.C. Camping equipment may be set up and occupied no earlier than 8:00 a.m. the day prior to the opening of archery and spring turkey seasons and all vehicles, camps, tents, other camping equipment and litter must be removed no later than 24 hours after the close of the general gun and spring turkey seasons, respectively. During the remainder of the year when the area is open for public access, camping is allowed at designated campsites on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only, but campsites may not be left unattended for more than 24 hours. Campsites are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Each camper ~~must shall~~ ensure that their campsite is clean at all times. At least camping ~~area areas L and M (and 1/2 of B during archery season only)~~ shall be designated for short-term camping, with camping being limited to no longer than three days. The alteration, defacing, moving or tampering in any way with official markings of campsites is prohibited. Only tents, trailers, or self-propelled camping vehicles may be used for camping. Lumber, sheet metal or other building materials and the erection of any permanent structure are prohibited.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 2. No change.

3. ~~When During periods when~~ check stations are staffed, all persons ~~must shall~~ check in and out at a check station when entering and exiting the area and ~~shall~~ check all harvested wildlife game taken. People through-hiking on the Florida Trail may enter or exit the area through the Florida Trail.

4. During open periods other than those designated for ~~motorized motor~~ vehicle use around the archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun, small game, and spring turkey seasons, only licensed and registered (street legal) motor vehicles may be possessed or operated and only on named roads, except persons participating in dove and waterfowl hunts also may operate street legal vehicles on numbered trails from one day after the close of archery season to one day prior to the opening of muzzleloading gun season, persons participating in snipe hunts also may operate street legal vehicles on numbered trails from November 1 to one day prior to the opening of general gun season, and persons planning to participate in muzzleloading gun or general gun hunts also may possess, but not operate, recreational off-highway vehicles (side-by-sides) and swamp buggies from 6:00 p.m. one day following the close of archery and muzzleloading gun seasons until 8:00 a.m. one day prior to the opening of muzzleloading gun and general gun seasons, respectively. From 8:00 a.m. one day before the respective openings of archery and spring turkey seasons through 6:00 p.m. the day after the close of these seasons, only street legal motor vehicles may be possessed or operated and only on named roads, except persons participating in archery and spring turkey hunts also may possess and operate, street legal motor vehicles, side-by-sides, and swamp buggies on named roads and numbered trails (other than Indian Trails and L-8 Canal roads, which are open to street legal vehicles only); and except as provided above for participants in dove and waterfowl hunts between archery and muzzleloading gun seasons. Only street legal motor vehicles may be possessed or operated and only on named roads at any time after 8:00 a.m. one day prior to the respective openings of muzzleloading gun, general gun, and small game seasons through 6:00 p.m. the day after the close of each of these seasons, except persons participating in muzzleloading gun, general gun, and small game hunts also may possess and operate, street legal vehicles, side-by-sides, and swamp buggies on named roads and numbered trails (other than Indian Trails and L-8 Canal roads, which are open to street legal vehicles only) and throughout the area except where closed to vehicular traffic; and except as provided above for participants in snipe hunts between muzzleloading gun and general gun seasons. Only street legal motor vehicles are allowed on the Indian Trails and L-8 Canal roads. Motorized ~~Motor~~ vehicle access between the L-8 Canal Road and trails 5 and 6 is prohibited, except during designated motorized motor vehicle-use periods around hunting seasons and only for those persons using street legal vehicles to participate in hunts.

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

6. through 7. No change.

8. Deer dogs and bird dogs may be trained only in that portion of the area south and east of Stumper's Grade and only beginning 14 days prior to the opening of the general gun season and ending 5 days prior to the opening of the general gun season. Taking wildlife with guns is prohibited while training dogs. Individuals participating in the dog-training season may operate street-legal vehicles, side-by-sides, and swamp buggies on Stumper's Grade and numbered trails in the portion of the area lying south and east of Stumper's Grade and may operate swamp buggies throughout the portion of the area lying south and east of Stumper's Grade, except in areas closed to hunting.

9. Within the still hunt areas, vehicles may be operated only on named roads and ~~or~~ numbered ~~roads or~~ trails.

10. No change.

11. The possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited, except they may be transported to the extent that Section 316.1936, F.S., allows, but only on the North, South, and Stumper's grades, and may only be consumed at designated campsites other than Camp O.

12. through 15. No change.

16. Taking wildlife, discharging ~~Discharge of~~ a bow, crossbow, or airgun, or possessing harvested ~~taking wildlife on or from the nature trail, boardwalk, entrance road or parking lot~~ in the closed-to-hunting portion of the Bruce Bowman archery still hunt area is prohibited.

17. through 19. No change.

20. Authorized hunting equipment as defined in Rule 68A-15.004, F.A.C., is ~~Free stands, deer stands and elevated shooting platforms are~~ prohibited, except from 6 a.m. the day prior to the opening of archery season until 6 p.m. the day following the end of small game season.

21. No change.

(2) Holey Land Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. No change.

2. General gun – Vehicle (tracked vehicles only), Opening ~~63~~ 35 days after the first day of Zone A antlered deer season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., and closing 15 days thereafter.

3. through 7. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game (except turkey, crow, and mourning and white-winged doves), fish, frogs and furbearers. Take of antlerless deer is prohibited during the archery season. Taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with two or more points and having one or more antlers at least 5 inches in length visible above the hairline is prohibited. The take of wild hog is prohibited during small game season. The bag limit for antlered deer shall be one during archery season, one during muzzleloading gun season, one during general gun-walk season and one per tag during the general gun-vehicle season. ~~During~~

~~the small game season, taking quail prior to the second Saturday in November is prohibited.~~ Notwithstanding the quail season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., quail may be taken throughout the general gun-walk season established for this area.

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. The use of all-terrain vehicles and recreational off-highway vehicles (ROVs) is prohibited, except for the purposes of hunting and scouting from 6:00 a.m. two weeks prior to archery season until 6:00 p.m. one day prior to the opening day of general gun-vehicle season. During the archery, muzzleloading gun, and general gun-walk seasons, motorized ~~motor vehicles, swamp buggies, and tracked~~ vehicles may only be operated on designated levees, except all-terrain vehicles and ROVs (side-by-sides) may be operated off-road. Airboats are prohibited during the archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun-walk, and general gun-vehicle seasons, except airboats used for the purpose of waterfowl hunting on days when waterfowl hunting is allowed under Rule 68A-13.003, F.A.C. While an all-terrain vehicle or ROV is in motion, no person shall occupy any platform or structure attached thereto. No all-terrain vehicle or ROV may be equipped with a steering mechanism that would enable the vehicle to be operated from a platform or structure attached thereto.

2. Motorized ~~Motor vehicles, swamp buggies, and tracked~~ vehicles are prohibited on tree islands, strands, and wildlife islands.

3. through 5. No change.

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

7. through 9. No change.

10. Motorized ~~Motor vehicles, swamp buggies, and tracked~~ vehicles are prohibited on all levees except the L-5 and Miami Canal levees.

11. through 13. No change.

14. No person shall operate any motorized ~~motor vehicle, swamp buggy, or tracked vehicle~~ off-road, unless it is equipped with an orange flag at least 10 inches wide and 12 inches long and displayed at a minimum height of 6 feet above the top of the seat.

15. through 16. No change.

17. Authorized hunting equipment as defined in Rule 68A-15.004, F.A.C., is ~~Free stands, deer stands and elevated shooting platforms are~~ prohibited, except from 6:00 a.m. two weeks prior to the opening of archery season until 6:00 p.m. the Sunday following the end of general gun-vehicle season.

18. ~~Motorized Motor~~ vehicles are prohibited outside of hunting seasons and associated scouting periods, except street legal vehicles are allowed on the L-5 and Miami Canal levees. Swamp buggies and tracked vehicles are allowed year-round, except on designated levees only during the archery, muzzleloading gun, and general gun-walk seasons, by permit only during the general gun-vehicle season, and from the day after the close of small game season through 5:59 a.m. two weeks prior to archery season.

19. During the general gun-vehicle season, the area is closed to all ~~motorized motor vehicles, swamp buggies, tracked vehicles,~~ and airboats, except street-legal vehicles on designated levees, tracked vehicles authorized by permit, and airboats used for the purpose of waterfowl hunting on days when waterfowl hunting is allowed under Rule 68A-13.003, F.A.C.

(e) No change.

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

(a) Open season:

1. No change.

2. General gun – Vehicle (airboats and tracked vehicles only), Opening ~~63~~ 35 days after the first day of Zone A antlered deer season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., and closing 15 days thereafter, in Conservation ~~Area~~ Areas 3A North (~~tracked vehicles~~), and Conservation areas 3A South, 2, and the Francis S. Taylor Wildlife Management Area (~~airboats~~).

3. through 7. No change.

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

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. No change.

2. ~~Motorized Motor~~ vehicles, ~~swamp buggies, tracked vehicles,~~ and airboats are prohibited on tree islands, wildlife islands, and tree strands.

3. The use of all-terrain vehicles and recreational off-highway vehicles (ROVs) is prohibited, except for the purposes of hunting and scouting from 6:00 a.m. two weeks prior to archery season until 6:00 p.m. one day prior to the opening day of general gun-vehicle season. During the archery, muzzleloading gun, and general gun-walk seasons, ~~motorized motor vehicles, swamp buggies, and tracked~~ vehicles may only be operated on designated levees, except all-terrain vehicles and ROVs (side-by-sides) may be operated off-road. While an all-terrain vehicle or ROV is in motion, no person shall occupy any platform or structure attached thereto. No all-terrain vehicle or ROV may be equipped with a steering mechanism that would enable the vehicle to be operated from a platform or structure attached thereto.

4. through 5. No change.

6. A general gun-vehicle permit is required of any person to operate a tracked vehicle during the general gun-vehicle season. General gun-vehicle permits ~~may be issued~~ will be given to both tracked vehicle and airboat hunters. A general gun-vehicle permit and tag shall only be transferred in the field by Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission law enforcement supervisors or their designees when a tracked vehicle or airboat becomes inoperable and unable to be repaired while within the wildlife management area to which the tracked vehicle or airboat is assigned as determined by the general gun-vehicle permit.

7. through 9. No change.

10. ~~Motorized Motor~~ vehicles, ~~swamp buggies, and tracked vehicles~~ are prohibited on all levees except the L-4, L-5, and L-6 levees.

11. No change.

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

13. through 18. No change.

19. No person shall operate any ~~motorized motor vehicle, swamp buggy, or tracked~~ vehicle off-road, unless it is equipped with an orange flag at least 10 inches wide and 12 inches long and displayed at a minimum height of 6 feet above the top of the seat.

20. through 23. No change.

24. ~~Authorized hunting equipment as defined in Rule 68A-15.004, F.A.C., is~~ Tree stands, deer stands and elevated shooting platforms are prohibited, except from 6:00 a.m. two weeks prior to the opening of archery season until 6:00 p.m. the Sunday following the end of general gun-vehicle season.

25. ~~Motorized Motor~~ vehicles are prohibited outside of hunting seasons and associated scouting periods, except street

legal vehicles are allowed on the L-4, L-5, and L-6 levees. Swamp buggies and tracked vehicles are allowed year-round, except on designated levees only during the archery, muzzleloading gun, and general gun-walk seasons and by permit only during legal shooting hours in Conservation Area 3A North during the general gun-vehicle season.

(e) No change.

(4) Rotenberger Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. No change.

2. General gun – Vehicle (tracked vehicles only), Opening ~~33~~ 63 days after the first day of Zone A antlered deer season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., and closing 15 days thereafter.

3. through 7. No change.

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

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. No change.

2. ~~Motorized Motor vehicles, swamp buggies, and tracked vehicles are prohibited on wildlife islands, tree islands, and tree strands.~~

3. through 5. No change.

6. The use of all-terrain vehicles and recreational off-highway vehicles (ROVs) is prohibited, except for the purposes of hunting and scouting from 6:00 a.m. two weeks prior to archery season until 6:00 p.m. one day prior to the opening day of general gun-vehicle season. During the archery, muzzleloading gun, and general gun-walk seasons, ~~motorized motor vehicles, swamp buggies, and tracked~~ vehicles may only be operated on designated levees, except all-terrain vehicles and ROVs (side-by-sides) may be operated off-road. Airboats are prohibited during the archery, muzzleloading gun, and general gun-walk, and general gun-vehicle seasons, except airboats used for the purpose of waterfowl hunting on days when waterfowl hunting is allowed under Rule 68A-13.003, F.A.C. While an all-terrain vehicle or ROV is in motion, no person

shall occupy any platform or structure attached thereto. No all-terrain vehicle or ROV may be equipped with a steering mechanism that would enable the vehicle to be operated from a platform or structure attached thereto.

7. The area is closed to all motorized ~~motor~~ vehicles, ~~swamp buggies, tracked vehicles,~~ and airboats during the general gun-vehicle season, except street-legal vehicles on designated levees, tracked vehicles authorized by permit, and airboats used for the purpose of waterfowl hunting on days when waterfowl hunting is allowed under Rule 68A-13.003, F.A.C.

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

9. through 13. No change.

14. No person shall operate any motorized ~~motor vehicle,~~ ~~swamp buggy, or tracked~~ vehicle off-road, unless it is equipped with an orange flag at least 10 inches wide and 12 inches long and displayed at a minimum height of 6 feet above the top of the seat.

15. through 16. No change.

17. Authorized hunting equipment as defined in Rule 68A-15.004, F.A.C., is ~~Tree stands, deer stands and elevated shooting platforms are prohibited,~~ except from 6:00 a.m. two weeks prior to the opening of archery season until 6:00 p.m. one day after the end of general gun-vehicle season.

18. Motorized ~~Motor~~ vehicles are prohibited outside of hunting seasons and associated scouting periods, except street legal vehicles are allowed on the L-4, Manley Ditch, Miami Canal, and Powerline levees. Swamp buggies and tracked vehicles are allowed year-round, except on designated levees only during the archery, muzzleloading gun, and general gun-walk seasons, by permit only during the general gun-vehicle season, and from the day after the close of small game season through 5:59 a.m. two weeks prior to archery season.

19. ~~Motorized Motor vehicles, swamp buggies, and tracked~~ vehicles are prohibited on all levees, except the L-4, Manley Ditch, Miami Canal, and Powerline levees.

(e) No change.

(5) Big Cypress Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. through 2. No change.

3. Archery – Opening the Saturday prior to Labor Day and closing 29 days thereafter in all units (except Loop and Stairsteps) and reopening ~~21~~ 6 days ~~after the first day of Zone A antlered deer season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C.,~~ ~~later~~ and closing 15 days thereafter and reopening ~~12~~ twelve days prior to Thanksgiving Day and closing January 1 in the

Deep Lake Unit only, unless January 1 falls on a Thursday, Friday or Saturday, in which case the season would close on the following Sunday.

4. through 8. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 4. No change.

5. ~~When During periods when~~ check stations are staffed, hunters ~~must shall~~ check in at a designated check station when entering the area, check out at the same check station when exiting the area, and must check all ~~harvested wildlife game taken~~. Deer, wild hog and turkey may be divided or consumed in the field, but each portion ~~must shall~~ be identified by the number of the license of the person killing it and be readily traceable to the portion of the animal bearing evidence of legal harvest sex identification. Jaw bones of the deer ~~must shall~~ be saved for use by the Commission.

6. through 13. No change.

14. All airboats shall be equipped with an orange flag at least 10 inches wide and 12 inches long and displayed at a ~~minimum minimum~~ height of 10 feet above the bottom of the vessel.

15. through 18. No change.

(6) Okaloacoochee Slough Wildlife Management Area.

(a) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 4. No change.

5. ~~When During periods when~~ the check station is staffed, hunters ~~must shall~~ check in and out at the designated check station when entering and exiting the area and ~~shall~~ check all ~~harvested wildlife game taken~~.

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

7. through 8. No change.

(7) Fisheating Creek Wildlife Management Area.

(a) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 2. No change.

3. ~~When During periods when~~ the check station is staffed, hunters ~~must shall~~ check in and out at the check station located at the Palmdale campground when entering and exiting the area and ~~shall~~ check all ~~harvested wildlife game taken~~. Hunters ~~may shall~~ access the area only from the Palmdale campground, except ~~that~~ special-opportunity turkey hunters may access the special-opportunity hunt area from the right-of-way US Highway 27, provided they check in and out at the check station.

4. through 5. No change.

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

7. No change.

8. West of US Highway 27 only, turkeys harvested during spring turkey season may be divided in the field provided each portion shall be labeled with the date and time of harvest and the name, address, and hunting license number (if required) of the person that harvested the turkey. Each portion of the divided turkey ~~must would~~ be readily traceable to evidence of legal harvest the birds sex identification.

9. No change.

(8) Picayune Strand Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. through 9. No change.

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

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

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 2. No change.

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

and their guests. During the general gun for mobility-impaired season, ATVs and ROVs may also be operated off-road, but only by individuals authorized to participate in the hunt.

4. through 7. No change.

(9) Dinner Island Ranch Wildlife Management Area.

(a) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 4. No change.

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

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

7. through 11. No change.

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

(a) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 4. No change.

5. ~~When During periods when~~ the check station is staffed, hunters ~~must shall~~ check in and out at the designated check station when entering and exiting the area and ~~shall~~ check all ~~harvested wildlife game taken~~.

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

7. No change.

(11) Allapattah Flats Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. through 3. No change.

4. General gun – Opening 49 days after the first day of Zone A antlered deer season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., and closing four 4 days thereafter and reopening the Friday prior to Christmas Day and closing two days thereafter.

5. through 11. No change.

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

when the bag limit for deer shall be two antlered deer per quota permit, but no more than one per person. One gobbler (or bearded turkey) may be taken per spring turkey or youth turkey quota permit. During the small game season, taking quail prior to the second Saturday in November is prohibited. Notwithstanding the quail season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., quail may be taken throughout the family hunt and general gun seasons established for this area.

(c) through (d) No change.

(12) No change.

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

(a) Open season:

1. through 3. No change.

4. General Gun – Opening the day after Thanksgiving Day and closing 2 days thereafter, reopening 33 ~~40~~ days later and closing 2 days thereafter, and reopening 12 days later and closing 2 days thereafter.

5. through 9. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

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

(a) through (c) No change.

(d) General Regulations:

1. through 6. No change.

7. Parking a vehicle outside the designated parking areas as indicated on the hunt map is prohibited, except for individuals participating in the mobility-impaired hunt.

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

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

(a) Open season:

1. through 6. No change.

7. Raccoon – Opening the Monday ~~72 Friday~~ 76 days after the first day of Zone C antlered deer season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., and closing 34 ~~30~~ days thereafter (every other Monday through Friday, Saturday, and Sunday only) (from 1.5 hours before sunset on Monday ~~Friday~~ until 1.5 hours after sunrise on Sunday).

8. No change.

(b) No change.

(c) Camping: Allowed by permit only at designated campgrounds during periods in which hunting is allowed and throughout the year at designated campsites on the Florida National Scenic Trail for persons hiking through on the Florida National Scenic Trail (persons hiking through and camping on the Florida National Scenic Trail are exempt from camping permit requirements). Camping equipment may be taken onto the area no earlier than 8:00 a.m. seven days prior to the opening of archery season and shall be removed from the area before 6:00 p.m. seven days following the end of the spring turkey season. Camping shall be allowed from 8:00 a.m. one day prior to each season through 6:00 p.m. one day following each season. Only tents, trailers or self-propelled camping vehicles may be used for camping. The name, address and telephone number of the person responsible for each campsite shall be visibly affixed to camping shelters.

(d) General regulations:

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

2. During periods when the check station is staffed, hunters shall check in and out at a check station and check all wildlife taken. During periods when the check station is staffed, persons hunting and entering via the designated non-motorized entrances on Crabgrass Road shall have a daily permit issued from the check station in their possession (except during the small game and raccoon seasons).

3. Persons engaging in recreational activities other than hunting shall enter and exit at a designated entrance, except persons hiking through on the Florida National Scenic Trail.

2. through 6. renumbered 4. through 8. No change.

~~9.7. Authorized hunting equipment, as defined in Rule 68A-15.004, F.A.C., Elevated shooting platforms and tree stands~~ may be taken onto the area after 8 a.m. seven days prior to the opening of the hunt and shall be removed from the WMA before 6:00 p.m. seven days following the close of the hunt.

(2) No change.

(3) Richloam Wildlife Management Area.

(a) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. No change.

2. During the spring turkey season and the first nine days of general gun season, during periods when the check station is

staffed, hunters shall check all wildlife ~~game~~ taken at a check station before leaving the area.

3. through 11. No change.

(4) Richloam Wildlife Management Area – Baird Unit.

(a) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 4. No change.

5. When the check station is staffed during ~~During~~ archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun, and spring turkey seasons, hunters shall check in at a designated check station when entering and exiting the area, and check all wildlife ~~game~~ taken.

6. through 10. No change.

(5) Three Lakes Wildlife Management Area.

(a) through (b) No change.

(c) Camping: Allowed by permit only at designated hunter campsites during the periods in which hunting is allowed and at designated campsites on the Florida Trail throughout the year (persons hiking through and camping on the Florida National Scenic Trail are exempt from camping permit requirements). Camping equipment may be taken onto the area no earlier than 8:00 a.m. seven days prior to the opening of archery season and shall be removed from the area before 6:00 p.m. seven days following the end of the spring turkey season. Camping shall be allowed from 8:00 a.m. one day prior to each season through 6:00 p.m. one day following each season. Only tents, trailers and self-propelled camping vehicles may be used for camping.

(d) General regulations:

1. During the archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun, small game, raccoon and spring turkey seasons, except the general gun-dog and general gun for mobility-impaired seasons, and when the check station is staffed, the quota of hunters will be admitted daily as follows: US 441 check station – 375; Canoe Creek check station – 50; State Road 60 check station – 200.

2. through 4. No change.

5. During periods when the check station is staffed, no ~~No~~ deer or wild hog shall be quartered or otherwise dismembered until it has been checked and tagged at a check station.

6. All users shall enter and exit the area through designated entrances except persons hiking through on the Florida Trail. During periods when the check station is staffed, hunters ~~Hunters~~ shall check in and out at a check station when entering and exiting the area and shall check all wildlife ~~game~~ taken.

7. No change.

8. During the general gun for mobility-impaired season, hunting is allowed only in that portion of the area east of Canoe Creek Road. During periods when the check station is staffed, all ~~All~~ persons participating in the general gun for mobility impaired season shall check in and out at the US 441 check station when entering and exiting the hunt area.

9. through 11. No change.

12. Authorized hunting equipment, as defined in Rule 68A-15.004, F.A.C., Elevated shooting platforms and tree stands may be taken onto the area after 8 a.m. seven days prior to the opening of the hunt and shall be removed from the area by 6 p.m. seven days following the close of the hunt.

(e) No change.

(6) Three Lakes Wildlife Management Area – Prairie Lakes Unit.

(a) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 3. No change.

4. All users shall enter and exit the area through designated entrances except persons hiking through on the Florida Trail. During periods when the check station is staffed, hunters ~~Hunters~~ shall check in and out at the check station when entering and exiting the area and shall check all wildlife game taken.

5. No deer, wild hog or turkey shall be dismembered until checked at the check station when the check station is staffed.

(7) through (8) No change.

(9) William Beardall Tosohatchee Wildlife Management Area.

(a) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. No change.

2. During the wild hog-dog hunts, a quota permit allows a hunting group of two persons and a guest as authorized by Rule 68A-15.005, F.A.C. (three individuals total) to participate in the hunt and a daily quota permit, when the check station is staffed, allows three hunters to participate in the hunt.

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

4. Vehicles may be operated only on named or numbered roads. Vehicles must and may be parked only at designated parking areas, except that vehicles are not required to be parked at designated parking areas during hunting seasons.

5. through 7. No change.

8. Authorized hunting equipment, as defined in Rule 68A-15.004, F.A.C., Elevated shooting platforms and tree stands shall not be taken onto the area until 6:00 a.m. on the Monday prior to the opening day of each hunting season and shall be removed from the area before 6:00 p.m. one day following the close of each hunting season.

(10) Seminole Ranch Wildlife Management Area.

(a) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. During periods when ~~When~~ the check station is staffed, hunters shall check in and out at the check station when entering or exiting the area and shall check all wildlife game taken, except when hunting on bodies of water connected to the St.

Johns River during waterfowl and coot seasons. Check station hours on this area are from 5:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. during Daylight Savings Time or from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. during Eastern Standard Time during all hunts except during small game season when hours are from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

2. No change.

3. Airboats, tracked vehicles, all-terrain vehicles and unlicensed and unregistered motorcycles are prohibited. ~~Horses are prohibited during periods open to hunting, except small game season.~~

4. No change.

5. No deer, wild hog or turkey shall be dismembered until checked at the check station when check stations are staffed.

6. No change.

7. Authorized hunting equipment, as defined in Rule 68A-15.004, F.A.C., Elevated shooting platforms and tree stands may be taken on the area after 6:00 a.m. one day before the opening of each hunt and shall be removed from the area before 8:00 p.m. one day following the close of each hunt (except for small game season).

8. No change.

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

(11) No change.

(12) Rock Springs Run Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. through 3. No change.

4. Small game – Opening 35 ~~28~~ days after the first day of Zone C antlered deer season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., and closing 1 day thereafter, ~~reopening 6 days later and closing 1 day thereafter~~, and reopening 27 days later and closing 1 day thereafter.

5. Youth turkey hunt – Opening 1 day after the first day of the youth turkey hunt established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., and closing 1 day thereafter.

5. renumbered 6. No change.

(b) Legal to take: Only deer, wild turkey, wild hog and coyote may be taken during the archery, general gun and muzzleloading gun seasons. Taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with three or more points 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. Only rabbit, gray squirrel, wild hog, coyote and bobwhite quail may be taken during the small game season. The bag limit for deer shall be one antlered and one antlerless deer per quota permit. During the muzzleloading gun and general gun seasons, antlerless deer may be taken only by antlerless deer permit. The bag limit for the youth turkey hunt shall be one gobbler or bearded turkey per quota permit.

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. No change.

2. Vehicles are prohibited on Old 433 except during established check station hours during archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun and small game seasons and from 8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. during all other times. Vehicles are only allowed on all other named or numbered roads two days prior to and during archery, muzzleloading gun and general gun, and also during small game season dates. ~~Vehicles may only be parked at designated parking areas.~~

3. through 4. No change.

5. Individuals hunting on the West BMK portion of the area shall have a daily permit issued from the check station in their possession during periods when the check station is staffed, and shall enter and exit at the designated entrance point on Old McDonald Road.

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

7. During periods when the check station is staffed, no ~~No~~ deer shall be dismembered until checked at a check station.

8. No change.

9. Authorized hunting equipment, as defined in Rule 68A-15.004, F.A.C., ~~Elevated shooting platforms and tree stands~~ may be taken onto the area beginning two days prior to each hunt (except small game season) and must be removed from the area one day after the last day of each hunt. During small game season, authorized hunting equipment, as defined in Rule 68A-15.004, F.A.C., ~~elevated shooting platforms and tree stands~~ may be taken onto the area beginning the first day of each hunt and must be removed from the area the last day of each hunt.

(13) Guana River Wildlife Management Area.

(a) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 5. No change.

6. During periods when the check station is staffed, hunters ~~Hunters~~ (except public water alligator hunt participants) shall check in and out at the check station when entering or exiting the area and shall check all wildlife game taken. During periods when the check station is staffed, hunters ~~Hunters~~ shall check out at the check station by 9:00 p.m. during Daylight Savings Time and 8:00 p.m. during Eastern Standard Time.

7. through 10. No change.

11. During periods when the check station is staffed, all ~~All~~ waterfowl must be checked at the check station prior to 1:00 p.m.

12. through 18. No change.

(e) No change.

(14) Half Moon Wildlife Management Area.

(a) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 4. No change.

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

6. During periods when the check station is staffed, no ~~No~~ deer, wild hog or turkey shall be dismembered until checked at the check station.

7. through 8. No change.

(15) Caravelle Ranch Wildlife Management Area.

(a) No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers (except bobcat and otter). During the archery, ~~family,~~ muzzleloading gun, and general gun seasons, the bag limit for deer shall be one per quota permit. Taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with three or more points or one antler with a main beam of ten inches or more in length is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. During the family hunt, the bag limit for deer shall be one antlered and one antlerless deer per quota permit, but no more than one deer per person per day. During the spring turkey season, one gobbler (or bearded turkey) may be taken per quota permit. The take of dove is prohibited south of Rodeheaver Road and east of State Road 19, except on posted dove fields.

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 3. No change.

4. During periods when the check station is staffed, hunters ~~Hunters~~ shall check in and out at the check station when entering and exiting the portion of the wildlife management area south of C.R. 310 and west of S.R. 19 and the portion of the wildlife management area east of S.R. 19 within the WMA boundary and shall check all wildlife game taken.

5. through 10. No change.

(16) No change.

(17) Lake George Wildlife Management Area – Dexter/Mary Farms Unit.

(a) Open season:

1. Small game – Opens 19 ~~24~~ days after the first day of Zone C antlered deer season established by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., and closes 52 ~~45~~ days thereafter (Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays only) ~~and reopening 13 days later and closing 15 days thereafter.~~

2. through 6. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 4. No change.

5. Hunters shall enter and exit the area at designated entrances, and during periods when the check station is staffed, hunters must register at the hunt headquarters.

6. During periods when the check station is staffed, deer, ~~Deer~~ turkey and wild hog must be checked at the hunt

headquarters prior to being dismembered or taken from the area.

7. through 10. No change.

(e) No change.

(18) Seminole Forest Wildlife Management Area.

(a) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 3. No change.

4. During periods when the check station is staffed, hunters ~~Hunters~~ shall check in and out at the check station when entering and exiting the area and shall check all wildlife game ~~game~~ taken.

5. No change.

6. During periods when the check station is staffed, no ~~No~~ deer, wild hog or turkey shall be dismembered until checked at the check station.

7. through 8. No change.

9. Authorized hunting equipment, as defined in Rule 68A-15.004, F.A.C., ~~Elevated shooting platforms and tree stands~~ shall not be taken onto the WMA until 8:00 a.m. the Monday prior to archery, general gun mobility-impaired, muzzleloading gun, and general gun seasons or the Thursday prior to each spring turkey hunt; and only when hunting is allowed during small game season. All authorized hunting equipment, as defined in Rule 68A-15.004, F.A.C., ~~elevated shooting platforms and tree stands~~ must be removed 1 day after each hunt.

10. through 11. No change.

(19) Triple N Ranch Wildlife Management Area.

(a) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 4. No change.

5. Hunters shall enter and exit the area at the designated entrance and during periods when the check station is staffed, register at the hunt headquarters. During periods when the area is closed to hunting, public access other than on foot (pedestrian), horseback (equestrian) or by bicycle is prohibited, except that vehicular access is allowed to the parking area at the hunt headquarters on Road 1 and the parking area at the south end of Crabgrass Road.

6. Only individuals in possession of a special-opportunity hunting permit and that are camping in the designated area may have vehicle access to the area starting at 8:00 a.m. the day before a scout day but only to and from the designated campground area. Individuals in possession of a valid special-opportunity deer quota permit may have vehicle access on the Saturday and Sunday scout days the weekend prior to the hunt, the Friday immediately preceding the hunt and one day after the hunt and only from sunrise to sunset on those days. Only individuals in possession of a special-opportunity spring turkey quota permit may have vehicle access to the area on the

Thursday and Friday preceding the hunt and only from 5:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Authorized hunting equipment, as defined in Rule 68A-15.004, F.A.C., ~~Elevated shooting platforms and tree stands~~ may be taken onto the area during these times. During special-opportunity deer, small game and wild hog-still seasons, vehicle access is only allowed from 5:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m., except vehicle access is also allowed by hunters camping, but only to directly access campsites. One day prior to each small game and wild hog-still hunt, motor vehicle access is allowed only from sunrise to sunset. During special-opportunity spring turkey season, vehicle access is only allowed from 4:30 a.m. until 9:00 p.m., except vehicle access is also allowed by hunters camping, but only to directly access campsites.

7. During periods when the check station is staffed, wild ~~Wild~~ hog, deer and turkey must be checked at the hunt headquarters prior to being dismembered and taken from the area.

8. through 9. No change.

(20) through (21) No change.

(22) Lake Panasoffkee Wildlife Management Area.

(a) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. Hunters must enter and exit the area at the designated entrance and during periods when the check station is staffed, ~~hunters must~~ register at the hunt headquarters.

2. through 3. No change.

4. During periods when the check station is staffed, no ~~wildlife No game~~ shall be dismembered until checked at the hunt headquarters.

5. through 9. No change.

10. Authorized hunting equipment, as defined in Rule 68A-15.004, F.A.C., ~~Elevated shooting platforms, tree stands~~ and dogs may be taken on the area no earlier than 8:00 a.m. the day preceding each hunt and shall be removed from the area the last day of each hunt. During spring turkey season authorized hunting equipment, as defined in Rule 68A-15.004, F.A.C., ~~is elevated shooting platforms and tree stands are~~ allowed on the area beginning at 1.5 hours before sunrise the day preceding each hunt.

(23) No change.

(24) Buck Lake Wildlife Management Area.

(a) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. No change.

2. Airboats, tracked vehicles, all-terrain vehicles, ~~horses~~ and unlicensed and unregistered motorcycles are prohibited ~~except that horses are allowed on named and numbered roads or designated trails during periods closed to hunting and during small game season.~~

3. through 4. No change.

5. Vehicle access is prohibited except persons participating in a hunt are allowed vehicle access during archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun, ~~small game, wild hog, still~~ and spring turkey seasons and one day prior to and one day after each of these seasons. At all other times, public access other than by foot, horseback or bicycle is prohibited.

6. through 7. No change.

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

(25) Fort Drum Wildlife Management Area.

(a) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. No change.

2. Hunters shall enter and exit at Gate 1 ~~and check in and out at the designated check station when entering or exiting the area.~~

3. During periods when the check station is staffed, hunters shall check in and out at the designated check station when entering or exiting the area.

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

~~6.5.~~ Airboats, tracked vehicles, all-terrain vehicles and unlicensed and unregistered motorcycles are prohibited. Horses are allowed only on named and numbered roads and designated trails and only during periods when a Special-Opportunity hunt is not occurring ~~closed to hunting and small game season.~~

~~7.6.~~ During periods when the check station is staffed, no ~~No~~ deer, wild hog or turkey may be dismembered until checked at the check station.

7. renumbered 8. No change.

(26) No change.

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

(a) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 5. No change.

6. Persons participating in hunts may take authorized hunting equipment, as defined in Rule 68A-15.004, F.A.C., ~~elevated shooting platforms and tree stands~~ onto the area when vehicle access is allowed for their respective hunts and must remove all authorized hunting equipment, as defined in Rule 68A-15.004, F.A.C., ~~elevated shooting platforms and tree stands~~ one day after the last day of each respective hunt.

7. No change.

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

(a) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 10. No change.

11. Authorized hunting equipment, as defined in Rule 68A-15.004, F.A.C., ~~Elevated shooting platforms and tree stands~~ may be taken on the area after 8:00 a.m. one day before the

opening of the season and shall be removed from the area no later than seven days following the close of the season.

12. No change.

(29) Dunns Creek Wildlife Management Area.

(a) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 4. No change.

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

6. through 9. No change.

(30) Salt Lake Wildlife Management Area.

(a) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 4. No change.

5. During periods when the check station is staffed, hunters ~~Hunters~~ shall check in and out at the check station when entering and exiting the area and shall check all wildlife ~~game~~ taken.

6. through 7. No change.

8. During periods when the check station is staffed, no ~~No~~ deer, wild hog or turkey shall be dismembered until checked at a check station.

9. through 10. No change.

(31) through (34) No change.

(35) Silver Springs Forest Wildlife Management Area.

(a) No change.

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

(c) through (d) No change.

(36) Deep Creek Wildlife Management Area.

(a) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 4. No change.

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

6. through 7. No change.

(37) Rice Creek Wildlife Management Area.

(a) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 4. No change.
5. ~~Horses~~ During periods closed to hunting, horses may be used only on designated trails.
6. through 7. No change.
8. Hunters shall enter and exit the area at designated entrances only.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2026

Rulemaking Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const., 379.2223, 375.313 FS. Law Implemented Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const., 379.2223, 375.313 FS. History—New 6-21-82, Amended 7-1-83, 11-17-83, 7-5-84, 10-1-84, 7-1-85, 9-19-85, 5-7-86, 5-10-87, 6-8-87, 10-8-87, 5-1-88, 7-1-89, 7-1-90, 7-1-91, 7-2-91, 7-1-92, 8-23-92, 7-1-93, 7-1-94, 7-1-95, 7-1-96, 9-15-96, 6-1-97, 8-7-97, 7-1-98, 10-20-98, 12-28-98, 7-1-99, Formerly 39-15.061, Amended 12-9-99, 3-30-00, 7-1-00, 7-1-01, 5-13-02, 5-25-03, 7-1-04, 7-1-05, 7-1-06, 7-1-07, 7-1-08, 7-1-09, 7-1-10, 7-1-11, 7-1-12, 7-1-13, 7-1-14, 7-1-15, 7-1-16, 7-1-17, 9-14-17, 7-1-18, 8-9-18, 7-1-19, 7-1-20, 7-1-21, 7-1-22, 7-1-23, 10-11-2023, 7-1-24, 7-1-25, 9-17-25, 10-29-25, 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

Section III

Notice of Changes, Corrections and Withdrawals

NONE

Section IV

Emergency Rules

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

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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

The Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy and Mental Health Counseling hereby gives notice: that on December 23, 2025, an Order was filed on the Petition for Variance or Waiver. The Petition was filed by Stacey Lynn Peacock, Petitioner. Petitioner sought a petition for variance or waiver from paragraphs 64B4-3.0085(3)(a-b), F.A.C., which states that prior to changing or adding another qualified supervisor, the registered intern must: request that the new supervisor submit a letter to the Board with the registered intern's name, the intern's license number, the supervisor's name, the supervisor's license number, and a statement that he or she has agreed to provide supervision to the registered intern; and, receive a communication from the Board indicating its approval of the new supervisor. Petitioner requested that the Board grant a permanent variance or waiver from paragraphs 64B4-3.0085(3)(a-b), F.A.C. and grant licensure as a LMHC.

The Notice of Petition for Variance or Waiver was published in Vol. 51, No. 48, on March 11, 2025, in the Florida Administrative Register. The Board, at its meeting held on March 21, 2025, denied the Petition for variance or waiver finding that the Petitioner has failed to establish that the Board's application for subsection 64B4-3.0085(2), F.A.C., to the Petitioner's circumstances would violate the principles of fairness or impose a substantial hardship.

A copy of the Order or additional information may be obtained by contacting: Ashleigh Irving, Executive Director, Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy and Mental Health Counseling, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin # C08, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3258, telephone: (850)488-0595, or by electronic mail – Ashleigh.Irving@flhealth.gov

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Family Safety and Preservation Program

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

65C-46.011 Personnel and Staffing Requirements

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on January 14, 2026, the Department of Children and Families, received a petition for waiver of subparagraph 65C-46.011(8)(a)1., Florida Administrative Code, from Liza Arnold. This rule requires executive directors of child-caring facilities to have a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university and at least three years of experience in management or supervision. Petitioner seeks a waiver so that she may serve as executive director of Sister's Way without a bachelor's degree.

A copy of the Petition for Variance or Waiver may be obtained by contacting: Agency Clerk, Department of Children and Families, 2415 North Monroe Street, Suite 400, Tallahassee, FL 32303 or Agency.Clerk@myflfamilies.com.

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Substance Abuse Program

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

65D-30.0142 Clinical and Operational Standards for Medication-Assisted Treatment for Opioid Use Disorders
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on January 09, 2026, the Department of Children and Families, received a petition for variance of subparagraph 65D-30.0142(1)(h)2., Florida Administrative Code, from the Leon County Treatment Center. This rule requires medication-assisted treatment providers to be open Monday through Saturday. Petitioner seeks a variance so that its treatment facility can close on Saturdays.

A copy of the Petition for Variance or Waiver may be obtained by contacting: Agency Clerk, Department of Children and Families, 2415 North Monroe Street, Suite 400, Tallahassee, FL 32303 or Agency.Clerk@myflfamilies.com.

FLORIDA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

67-48.0072 Credit Underwriting and Loan Procedures

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on January 13, 2026, the Florida Housing Finance Corporation, received a petition for waiver of paragraph 67-48.0072(21)(b), Florida Administrative Code for Big Cypress Housing Corporation to extend the January 8, 2026 deadline to secure a firm loan commitment for an additional six months and waiver of the extension fee.

A copy of the Petition for Variance or Waiver may be obtained by contacting: Ana McGlamory, Corporation Clerk, Florida Housing Finance Corporation, 227 North Bronough Street, Suite 5000, Tallahassee, FL 32301-1329. The Petition has also been posted on Florida Housing's website at floridahousing.org. Florida Housing will accept comments concerning the Petition for 14 days from the date of publication of this notice. To be considered, comments must be received on or before 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time, on the 14th day after publication of this notice at CorporationClerk@floridahousing.org or Florida Housing Finance Corporation, Attn: Corporation Clerk, 227 North Bronough Street, Suite 5000, Tallahassee, Florida 32301-1329.

FLORIDA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

67-48.0072 Credit Underwriting and Loan Procedures

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on January 13, 2026, the Florida Housing Finance Corporation, received a petition for waiver of paragraph 67-48.0072(21)(b), Florida Administrative Code for Little Manatee Housing Corporation to extend the January 8, 2026 deadline to secure a firm loan commitment for an additional six months and waiver of the extension fee.

A copy of the Petition for Variance or Waiver may be obtained by contacting: Ana McGlamory, Corporation Clerk, Florida Housing Finance Corporation, 227 North Bronough Street, Suite 5000, Tallahassee, FL 32301-1329. The Petition has also been posted on Florida Housing's website at floridahousing.org. Florida Housing will accept comments

concerning the Petition for 14 days from the date of publication of this notice. To be considered, comments must be received on or before 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time, on the 14th day after publication of this notice at CorporationClerk@floridahousing.org or Florida Housing Finance Corporation, Attn: Corporation Clerk, 227 North Bronough Street, Suite 5000, Tallahassee, Florida 32301-1329.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Division of Community Development

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

73C-23.0041 Application Process

The Florida Department of Commerce ("Department") hereby gives notice: On January 13, 2026, the Florida Department of Commerce issued a Final Order in Commerce Case No. 25-028, denying the City of Center Hill's ("Petitioner") request for a waiver from the requirements of Florida Administrative Code ("F.A.C.") paragraph 73C-23.0041(2)(b), establishing the maximum amount that may be requested for the Small Cities Community Block Grant Program. The Department determined that the Petitioner had not presented competent substantial evidence to support an administrative waiver from the requirements of paragraph 73C-23.0041(2)(b), F.A.C. The Petition was received on October 16, 2025, and notice of the receipt of petition was published on October 30, 2025, in Vol. 51, No. 212 of the Florida Administrative Register. No comments were received on the Petition.

A copy of the Order or additional information may be obtained by contacting: Agency Clerk, Florida Department of Commerce, Office of the General Counsel, 107 East Madison Street, MSC-110, Tallahassee, Florida 32399; Agency.Clerk@commerce.fl.gov; or by facsimile at (850)921-3230.

Section VI

Notice of Meetings, Workshops and Public Hearings

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Division of Elections

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

DATE AND TIME: January 27, 2026, 8:00 a.m.

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

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Elections Canvassing Commission will meet to certify the results of the Special Primary Elections for House Districts 51, 52, and 87.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Erica "Ikay" Reeve at erica.reeve@dos.fl.gov

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

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**Commission for Independent Education**

The Commission for Independent Education announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATES AND TIMES: January 29, 2026, 9:00 a.m., Commission meeting – Degree granting institutions; January 30, 2026, 9:00 a.m. Commission meeting – Non-Degree granting institutions.

PLACE: The Florida Hotel, 1500 Sand Lake Road, Orlando, Florida 32809

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Commission for Independent Education will consider all Degree Granting Institutions on January 29, 2026 beginning at 9:00 a.m. and on January 30, 2026 beginning at 9:00 a.m. all Non-Degree granting Institutions for the following: Disciplinary Matters, Informal Hearings, Institutions Ordered to Appear Back Before the Commission, New Applications for Licensure, Institutional Applications for Program Modifications and Additional Programs, Applications for Annual License, Motions for Extension of License, Motions for Request for Extension of Time to Comply with Contingencies, Reports, Approved Applicant Letters Sent, Licenses Sent, Closed Schools, Agent Training Programs, Annual Renewals, Extension of Annual Licenses, Licenses by Means of Accreditation, Annual Reviews of License By Means of Accreditation, Substantive Change Applications, Name Change Applications, Attorney and Executive Director Reports, Requests for Variance, Applications for Exemption for Religious Colleges, Improper School Closure Reports, review and vote on applications for recognition for Licensure by Means of Accreditation, and the General Business of the Commission. Public Comment: The Commission is committed to promoting transparency and public input during its public meetings. Speakers are requested to submit a written comment by emailing Executive Director, Tiffany Hurst, at Susan.Hood@fldoe.org one (1) business day before the meeting and to indicate whether they represent a group or faction. The Commission will hear public comment only regarding issues on the agenda. Individuals and representatives of groups will generally be allotted three minutes, but the time may be extended or shortened at the discretion of the Chair. The Chair

may impose a cumulative time limit for all public comment on any agenda item.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: The Commission Office at Commission for Independent Education, 325 West Gaines Street, Suite 1414, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0400 or by calling (850)245-3200.

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 Commission Office at Commission for Independent Education, 325 West Gaines Street, Suite 1414, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0400 or by calling (850)245-3200. 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: The Commission Office at Commission for Independent Education, 325 West Gaines Street, Suite 1414, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0400 or by calling (850)245-3200.

DEPARTMENT OF ELDER AFFAIRS**Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program**

The Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Thursday, January 22, 2026, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon, EST

PLACE: Telephone Call Conference +1(850)792-8943; Phone conference ID: 204 726 370#

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: State Council business

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Dept. of Elder Affairs / LTCOP, 4040 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee, FL 32399, or call: (850)414-2323, or email: ltcopinformer@elderaffairs.org

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 72 hours before the workshop/meeting by contacting: (850)414-2323, or email: ltcopinformer@elderaffairs.org. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

Board of Pilot Commissioners

The Board of Pilot Commissioners announces a telephone conference call to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: January 28, 2026, 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: <https://meet.goto.com/337217893>

You can also dial in using your phone.

(For supported devices, tap a one-touch number below to join instantly.)

United States: +1(571)317-3116

Access Code: 337-217-893

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:

General Board business.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Board of Pilot Commissioners, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, FL 32399, (850)717-1982.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 5 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Board of Pilot Commissioners, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, FL 32399, (850)717-1982. 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: Board of Pilot Commissioners, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, FL 32399, (850)717-1982.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Board of Nursing Home Administrators

The Board of Nursing Home Administrators announces a hearing to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Thursday, January 22, 2026, 9:00 a.m., EST

PLACE: <https://meet.goto.com/382444549>

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Rules Hearing for Rules 64B10-14.004 and 64B10-14.006.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Dayle DeCastro Mooney, Executive Director, Board of Nursing Home Administrators, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin # C07, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3257, or by telephone: (850)488-0595 or by electronic mail – Dayle.Mooney@myfloridalicense.com

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: Dayle DeCastro Mooney, Executive Director, Board of Nursing Home Administrators, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin # C07, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3257, or by telephone: (850)488-0595 or by electronic mail – Dayle.Mooney@myfloridalicense.com

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Board of Pharmacy

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

DATE AND TIME: February 18, 2026, 9:00 a.m., E.T.

PLACE: Fort Lauderdale Marriott Coral Springs Hotel, 11775 Heron Bay Boulevard, Coral Springs, FL 33076

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:

General matters related to Compounding practices.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: floridaspharmacy.gov

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 7 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: (850)245-4474. 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.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Board of Pharmacy

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

DATE AND TIME: February 18, 2026, 1:00 p.m., E.T.

PLACE: Fort Lauderdale Marriott Coral Springs Hotel, 11775 Heron Bay Boulevard, Coral Springs, FL 33076

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:

General business meeting regarding discussion and actions for current and proposed rules.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: floridaspharmacy.gov

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contacting: (850)245-4474. 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.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Board of Pharmacy

The Board of Pharmacy Probable Cause Panel announces a telephone conference call to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: February 12, 2026, 9:00 a.m., E.T.

PLACE: 1(888)585-9008, Participant Code: 599196982(#)

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The panel will conduct a meeting related to public disciplinary cases with reconsiderations

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: floridaspharmacy.gov

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FLORIDA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION

The Florida Housing Finance Corporation Chair and Vice Chair Leadership Briefing announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: January 29, 2026, 3:00 p.m. until adjourned

PLACE: Florida Housing Finance Corporation, 227 N Bronough Street, Suite 5000, Tallahassee, FL 32301

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: 1 The Committee will meet regarding the general business of the Committee.

2 The Committee will discuss general matters and Board Retreat follow-up.

3 No official action will be taken, no Board agenda items will be discussed, and the briefing is informational only.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Lauren Cronin, Florida Housing Finance Corporation, 227 North Bronough Street, Suite 5000, Tallahassee, Florida 32301-1329, phone number (850)488-4197

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: Lauren Cronin, Florida Housing Finance

Corporation, phone number (850)488-4197. 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: Lauren Cronin, Florida Housing Finance Corporation, phone number (850)488-4197

FLORIDA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION

The Florida Housing Finance Corporation announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: January 29, 2026, 4:00 p.m. until adjourned

PLACE: Florida Housing Finance Corporation, 227 N Bronough Street, Suite 5000, Tallahassee, FL 32301

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: 1. The Committee will meet regarding the general business of the Committee.

2. Such other matters as may be included on the Agenda for the January 29, 2026, Audit Committee Meeting.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Lauren Cronin, Florida Housing Finance Corporation, 227 North Bronough Street, Suite 5000, Tallahassee, Florida 32301-1329, phone number (850)488-4197.

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: Lauren Cronin at the Florida Housing Finance Corporation at (850)488-4197. 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: Lauren Cronin at the Florida Housing Finance Corporation at (850)488-4197.

FLORIDA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION

The Florida Housing Finance Corporation announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: January 30, 2026, 8:00 a.m. until adjourned.

PLACE: AC Hotel Tallahassee Universities at the Capitol, 801 South Gadsden Street, Tallahassee, FL 32301

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: 1. Consider financing and acknowledgement resolutions for various multifamily developments, under any multifamily program, including the ranking of developments.

2. Consider appointment of professionals including but not limited to trustee and/or originator/servicer for upcoming and/or past multifamily programs and single-family programs.

3. Consider approval of all bond documents for and terms of all upcoming single-family and multifamily bond sales, including those secured by third-party guarantors, letters-of-credit, insurance or other mechanisms.

4. Consider adopting resolutions authorizing negotiated or competitive sale of bonds on various single-family and multifamily issues.

5. Consider directing Staff to submit summaries of various TEFRA/Public Hearings to the Governor.

6. Consideration of policy issues concerning ongoing and upcoming single-family bond issues including initiation of request for proposals on an emergency basis and structuring new issues.

7. Consideration of all necessary actions with regard to the Multifamily Bond Program.

8. Consideration of approval of underwriters for inclusion on approved master list and teams.

9. Consideration of all necessary actions with regard to the HOME Rental Program.

10. Consideration of all necessary actions with regard to the HC (Housing Credits) Program.

11. Consideration of all necessary actions with regard to the SAIL (State Apartment Incentive Loan) Program.

12. Consideration of all necessary actions with regard to the SHIP (State Housing Initiatives Partnership) Program.

13. Consideration of all necessary actions with regard to the PLP (Predevelopment Loan) Program.

14. Consideration of all necessary actions with regard to the Homeownership Programs.

15. Consideration of all necessary actions for initiating new rules or rule amendments on an emergency or non-emergency basis.

16. Consideration of Appeals from Requests for Applications funding selection with entry of final orders.

17. Consideration of workouts or modifications for existing projects funded by the Corporation.

18. Consideration of matters relating to the stated purpose of the Corporation to provide safe and sanitary housing that is affordable for the residents of Florida.

19. Consideration of funding additional reserves for the Guarantee Fund.

20. Consideration of audit issues.

21. Evaluation of professional and consultant performance.

22. Such other matters as may be included on the Agenda for the January 30, 2026, Board Meeting.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Lauren Cronin, Florida Housing Finance Corporation, 227 North Bronough Street, Suite 5000, Tallahassee, Florida 32301-1329, phone number (850)488-4197, or by visiting the Corporation's website at www.floridahousing.org.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 5 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Lauren Cronin at the Florida Housing Finance Corporation at (850)488-4197. 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: Lauren Cronin at the Florida Housing Finance Corporation at (850)488-4197.

FLORIDA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION

The FHFC II, Inc. announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: January 30, 2026, 11:00 a.m., or upon adjournment of the Florida Housing Finance Corporation Board of Directors meeting, until adjourned.

PLACE: AC Hotel Tallahassee Universities at the Capitol, 801 South Gadsden Street, Tallahassee, FL 32301.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: 1. Conduct business necessary for the organization of FHFC II, Inc.

2. Consider adopting resolutions delegating operational authority to the Executive Director.

3. Consideration of all necessary actions with regard to any property owned or held by FHFC II, Inc.

4. Consideration of approval of underwriters for inclusion on approved master list and teams.

5. Consideration of all necessary actions for initiating new rules or rule amendments on an emergency or non-emergency basis.

6. Consideration of status, workouts, or modifications for existing projects.

7. Consideration of matters relating to the statutory purpose of FHFC II, Inc., to provide safe and sanitary housing that is affordable for the residents of Florida.

8. Such other matters as may be included on the Agenda for the January 30, 2026, Board Meeting.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Lauren Cronin, Florida Housing Finance Corporation, 227 North

Bronough Street, Suite 5000, Tallahassee, Florida 32301-1329, phone number (850)488-4197, or by visiting the Corporation's website at www.floridahousing.org.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 5 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Lauren Cronin at the Florida Housing Finance Corporation at (850)488-4197. 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: Lauren Cronin at the Florida Housing Finance Corporation at (850)488-4197.

FLORIDA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION

The FHFC III, Inc. announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: January 30, 2026, 11:15 a.m., or upon adjournment of the FHFC II, Inc. Board of Directors meeting, until adjourned.

PLACE: AC Hotel Tallahassee Universities at the Capitol, 801 South Gadsden Street, Tallahassee, FL 32301.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: 1. Conduct business necessary for the organization of FHFC III, Inc.

2. Consider adopting resolutions delegating operational authority to the Executive Director.

3. Consideration of all necessary actions with regard to any property owned or held by FHFC III, Inc.

4. Consideration of approval of underwriters for inclusion on approved master list and teams.

5. Consideration of all necessary actions for initiating new rules or rule amendments on an emergency or non-emergency basis.

6. Consideration of status, workouts, or modifications for existing projects.

7. Consideration of matters relating to the statutory purpose of FHFC III, Inc., to provide safe and sanitary housing that is affordable for the residents of Florida.

8. Such other matters as may be included on the Agenda for the January 30, 2026, Board Meeting.

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For more information, you may contact: Lauren Cronin at the Florida Housing Finance Corporation at (850)488-4197.

CITIZENS PROPERTY INSURANCE CORPORATION

The Citizens Property Insurance Consumer Services Committee announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: February meeting has been CANCELLED and will convene in June 2026.

PLACE: Zoom Webinar

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Topics include committee reports.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: www.citizensfla.com

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 5 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Barbara Walker at (850)445-9645. 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: Barbara.Walker@citizensfla.com; 2101 Maryland Circle, Tallahassee, FL 32303; (850)445-9645

BRYANT MILLER OLIVE

The Capital Trust Authority announces a hearing to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Thursday, January 22, 2026, 8:30 a.m., CST/9:30 a.m., EST

PLACE: A telephonic public hearing, using the instructions provided herein.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: NOTICE OF TELEPHONIC PUBLIC HEARING

The Capital Trust Authority (the "CTA") has been requested by The Waters at North Port LLC, a Florida limited liability company, and/or one or more related and/or affiliated entities (collectively, the "Borrower"), whose sole member is Atlantic

Housing Foundation, Inc., a South Carolina nonprofit corporation, and an organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), to issue its Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds, pursuant to a plan of finance, in one or more series of tax-exempt qualified 501(c)(3) bonds or taxable bonds, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$75,000,000 (the "Bonds").

For the purposes of Section 147(f) of the Code, notice is hereby given that, in accordance with the Internal Revenue Service Revenue Procedure 2022-20, a telephonic public hearing will be held by a hearing officer on behalf of the CTA on Thursday, January 22, 2026 at 8:30 a.m., CST/9:30 a.m., EST, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, using the telephone conference instructions provided herein. The purpose of the hearing is to take public comments regarding the issuance of the Bonds by the CTA, the nature and location of the Project (hereinafter defined) and the plan of finance. The proceeds of the Bonds will be loaned to the Borrower by the CTA for the purpose of financing or refinancing, including through reimbursement, (i) the acquisition, construction, installation and equipping of multi-family rental housing facilities, to be referred to as "The Waters at North Port," located at 5300 Pan American Boulevard, North Port, Florida 34287, including approximately 288 units, including additional amenities and ancillary facilities, including a clubhouse and onsite laundry facilities, totaling approximately 280,997 square feet, located on approximately 19.8 acres of land, including related facilities, fixtures, furnishings and equipment (collectively, the "Facilities"); (ii) the funding of a debt service reserve fund for the Bonds, if deemed necessary or desirable; (iii) the funding of capitalized interest for the Bonds, if deemed necessary or desirable; (iv) the funding of an operating reserve, if deemed necessary or desirable; and (v) the payment of certain costs of issuing the Bonds (collectively, the "Project").

The plan of finance contemplates that the CTA will issue, in respect to the Project, not exceeding \$75,000,000 in aggregate principal amount of its Bonds, in one or more series of tax-exempt qualified 501(c)(3) bonds or taxable bonds, and loan the proceeds of the Bonds to the Borrower to provide funds for the Project. The Facilities will be owned by the Borrower, or an affiliate thereof or another entity chosen by the Borrower.

The Bonds, when issued, will be special, limited obligations payable solely out of the revenues, income and receipts pledged to the payment thereof and derived from financing agreements with the Borrower, and none of the CTA, Sarasota County, Florida (the "County"), or the State of Florida (the "State") will be obligated to pay the principal of, premium, if any, or interest on the Bonds except from the payments of the Borrower. The

Bonds and the interest thereon shall never (i) pledge the taxing power of the County, the State or any other political subdivision, public agency or municipality thereof within the meaning of any constitutional or statutory provision, (ii) constitute the debt or indebtedness of the CTA, the County, the State or any other political subdivision, public agency or municipality thereof within the meaning of any constitutional or statutory provision, or (iii) pledge the full faith and credit of the CTA, the County, the State or any political subdivision, public agency or municipality thereof., CTA has no taxing power. Issuance of the Bonds is subject to several conditions including satisfactory documentation and receipt of necessary approvals for the financing.

INTERESTED PERSONS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND BY TELEPHONE CONFERENCE USING THE INSTRUCTIONS BELOW. PRIOR TO SAID TELEPHONIC PUBLIC HEARING, WRITTEN COMMENTS MAY BE DELIVERED TO THE CTA AT 315 FAIRPOINT DRIVE, GULF BREEZE, FLORIDA 32561, ATTENTION EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.

TELEPHONE CONFERENCE INSTRUCTIONS:

TOLL FREE DIAL IN NUMBER: 1(888)667-1808

At the date and time fixed for said telephonic public hearing all who appear by telephone conference will be given an opportunity to express their views for or against the Project, the plan of finance and the proposed approval of the issuance of the Bonds. Comments made at the public hearing are for the consideration of the parties providing an approval of the issuance of the Bonds and the plan of finance but will not bind the CTA or such parties as to any action the CTA or such parties may take. All persons are advised that, if they decide to appeal any decision made with respect to the proposed approval of the issuance of the Bonds, they will need a record of the proceedings, and for such purpose, they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. All interested persons are invited to present their comments on the date and time set forth above.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990, AS AMENDED, ALL PERSONS WHO ARE DISABLED AND WHO NEED SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS TELEPHONIC PUBLIC HEARING BECAUSE OF THAT DISABILITY SHOULD CONTACT THE HEARING OFFICER AT (850)934-4046 AT LEAST 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING, EXCLUDING SATURDAY AND SUNDAY.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: CONTACT THE HEARING OFFICER AT (850)934-4046

SOUTH FLORIDA COMMUNITY CARE NETWORK

The South Florida Community Care Network, LLC d/b/a Community Care Plan announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: January 26, 2026, 11:00 a.m.

PLACE: Memorial Healthcare System, 3111 Stirling Road, Hollywood, Florida 33312 in the Executive Conference Room – 2nd floor.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Members will meet to discuss general matters.

Interested persons may submit written comments or other documentation regarding the Member Meeting to: Attn: Legal Department, South Florida Community Care Network, LLC d/b/a Community Care Plan, 1643 Harrison Parkway, Suite H-200, Sunrise, Florida 33323, Email: public.comments@ccpcare.org.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Migdalia Soto-Roba at mroba@ccpcare.org or (954)622-3227.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 3 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Victoria Tuffy at vtuffy@ccpcare.org or (954)622-3232. 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: Justin Marshall, Esq., Senior Vice President and Chief Legal Officer, South Florida Community Care Network, LLC d/b/a Community Care Plan, at jmarshall@ccpcare.org or (954)622-3402.

FLORIDA WORKERS' COMPENSATION JOINT UNDERWRITING ASSOCIATION, INC

The FWCJUA announces a Rates & Forms Committee announces a telephone conference call to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: February 3, 2026, 2:00 p.m. (ET)

PLACE: Contact Dawn Padova at (941)378-7408 to participate.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Agenda topics may include 2025 reserves; 2026 loss ratio selection; Operations Manual revisions; and review of rates, rating plans & policy forms and associated matters to include application forms

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Dawn Padova or www.fwcjua.com.

FLORIDA WORKERS' COMPENSATION JOINT UNDERWRITING ASSOCIATION, INC

The FWCJUA announces an Operations Committee announces a telephone conference call to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: February 5, 2026, 10:00 a.m. (ET)

PLACE: Contact Dawn Padova at (941)378-7408 to participate.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Agenda topics shall include the 2026 Business Plan & Forecast; and disaster recovery matters.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Dawn Padova or at www.fwcjua.com

FLORIDA WORKERS' COMPENSATION JOINT UNDERWRITING ASSOCIATION, INC

The FWCJUA Board of Governors announces a telephone conference call to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: February 13, 2026, 10:00 a.m. (ET)

PLACE: Contact Dawn Padova at (941)378-7408 to participate.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Agenda topics may include minutes approval; board appointment process; legal, legislative & regulatory matters; operations & financial reports; and Committee reports on the 2026 Business Plan & Forecast; disaster recovery matters; 2025 reserves; 2026 loss ratio selection; Operations Manual revisions; review of rates, rating plans & policy forms and associated matters to include application forms; investment marketplace update; portfolio compliance review; and investment policy & guidelines review.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Dawn Padova or at www.fwcjua.com

FLORIDA WORKERS' COMPENSATION JOINT UNDERWRITING ASSOCIATION, INC

The FWCJUA Investment Committee announces a telephone conference call to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: February 13, 2026, 9:00 a.m. (ET)

PLACE: Contact Dawn Padova at (941)378-7408 to participate

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Agenda topics shall include investment marketplace update; portfolio compliance review; and investment policy & guidelines review

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Dawn Padova or at www.fwcjua.com

Section VII Notice of Petitions and Dispositions Regarding Declaratory Statements

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

Construction Industry Licensing Board

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Construction Industry Licensing Board has received the petition for declaratory statement from Mike Lugo, on behalf of Temperature Data Collection Service, filed on January 6, 2026. The petition seeks the agency's opinion as to the applicability of Section 489.105, Florida Statutes, as it applies to the petitioner.

Petitioner asks the Board, "Do the business activities outlined specifically, placing wireless temperature sensors in residences, collecting temperature data over a 7-day period, and providing data analysis reports to licensed HVAC contractors, require licensure as an HVAC contractor under Chapter 489, Florida Statutes?" Except for good cause shown, motions for leave to intervene must be filed within 21 days after publication of this notice.

A copy of the Petition for Declaratory Statement may be obtained by contacting: Amanda Ackermann, Executive Director, Construction Industry Licensing Board, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1039 or telephone: (850)487-1395, or by electronic mail to Amanda.Ackermann@myfloridalicense.com.

Section VIII

Notice of Petitions and Dispositions Regarding the Validity of Rules

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

NONE

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

NONE

Section IX

Notice of Petitions and Dispositions Regarding Non-rule Policy Challenges

NONE

Section X

Announcements and Objection Reports of the Joint Administrative Procedures Committee

NONE

Section XI

Notices Regarding Bids, Proposals and Purchasing

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

University of Florida

UF-702 Utility Infrastructure Upgrades Professional Consultant

NOTICE TO PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANTS:

The University of Florida Board of Trustees announces that Professional Services in the discipline of Engineering will be required for the project listed below:

Project: UF-702, Utility Infrastructure Upgrades (University of Florida, main campus – Gainesville)

This project is proposed to address safety, deferred maintenance, capacity, and reliability issues for utility infrastructure serving the core of campus adjacent to current projects at the Ben Hill Griffin Stadium and the Hamilton Center.

A study has been conducted to analyze and inform the selected design team concerning recommendations for improvements to the steam, chilled water, electrical, sanitary sewer, storm sewer, potable water, and reclaimed water distribution, and to the telecommunications infrastructure. These aging systems must be upgraded to support the new projects coming online in the near future, ensuring long-term performance and sustainability for the campus community. Construction must be coordinated with adjacent projects. The results of the study will be shared with the shortlisted design teams.

The estimated construction budget will be determined based on available funding, and will include, but not be limited to, all work described above, all excavation, demolition & prep, roadway connection for circulation to adjacent roads, sidewalks, and connections to distributed utilities. For a better understanding of the magnitude of this project scope, including approximate quantities of materials developed to established what may be required to upgrade the various utilities associated with this project, please refer to the additional project information posted on the Planning, Design & Construction website, linked below. The project will be delivered using the Construction Manager At-Risk method.

The selected firm will provide design, construction documents and construction administration services for the referenced project. Plans and specifications for University of Florida projects are subject to reuse.

Blanket design professional liability insurance will be required from the mechanical, electrical, plumbing, fire protection, structural, and civil engineering consultants for this project and will be provided as a part of Basic Services. The selected applicant will also be required to provide insurance coverage

for General Liability, Automotive Liability, and Workers' Compensation.

Applicants will be evaluated on the basis of their past performance, experience, personnel, design ability, references, workload, and responses to questions posed both in the shortlist and interview phases. The Selection Committee may reject all proposals and stop the selection process at any time.

At the time of application, the applicant and its landscape architectural and engineering consultants must possess current design licenses from the appropriate governing board and be properly registered to practice its profession in the State of Florida. If the applicant is a corporation, it must be chartered by the Florida Department of State to operate in Florida.

Applicants desiring to apply for consideration shall submit a qualifications package only after thoroughly reviewing the project-specific PQS forms, PQS Instructions, Project Fact Sheet, UF Design and Commissioning Services Guide, UF Design and Construction Standards, standard University of Florida Owner-Professional agreement, and other project and process information. For more information on this project and the Professional submittal and selection process, see the project-specific page of the Planning Design & Construction website: <https://pdc.ufl.edu/current-projects/selection-notice/>

As required by Section 287.133, Florida Statutes, an applicant may not submit a proposal for this project if it is on the convicted vendor list for a public entity crime committed within the past 36 months. The selected professional must warrant that it will neither utilize the services of, nor contract with, any supplier, subcontractor, or consultant in excess of \$15,000.00 in connection with this project for a period of 36 months from the date of their being placed on the convicted vendor list.

Incomplete proposals will be disqualified. Submittal materials will not be returned.

Additional information to assist the applicant in preparing a complete proposal – including the project-specific PQS forms, instructions, Project Fact Sheet, facilities program, UF Design and Commissioning Services Guide, UF Design and Construction Standards, standard University of Florida Owner-Professional agreement, and other project and process information – can be found on the Planning Design & Construction website.

Finalists may be provided with supplemental interview requirements and criteria as needed.

Provide the number of copies prescribed in the Project Fact Sheet. Submittals must be received in the Planning Design & Construction office by 3:00 p.m. local time, on Thursday, February 12, 2026. Facsimile (FAX) submittals are not acceptable and will not be considered.

UF Planning, Design & Construction

245 Gale Lemerand Drive / P.O. Box 115050

Gainesville, FL 32611-5050

(352)273-4000

www.pdc.ufl.edu

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT FOR ITB-26-071-Exterior Stair Treads Project

Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind (FSDB) requests proposals for the subject project and has issued a Competitive Solicitation to obtain competitive responses from qualified firms consistent with the requirements outlined in the Solicitation Document.

Selection will be made in accordance with the published Solicitation Document. Firm(s) must be properly licensed in the State of Florida at the time of submittal.

Be sure to read the entire solicitation document before contacting the Agency with questions, which must be submitted via e-mail. Only procedural questions will be answered on receipt – all other questions will only be answered according to the published timeline.

RESPONSE DUE DATE: March 17, 2026, no later than 1:45 p.m.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTAL: Firms interested in being considered for this project should access the Solicitation Document from: Purchasing | Florida School for the Deaf & the Blind Click “View Active Competitive Solicitations” and navigate to the project folder. RESPONDENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE for checking the FSDB website for amendments and addendum. Failure to comply with any changes published to the FSDB website may be grounds for rejecting a proposal.

Primary Contact: Christine Skaggs, Purchasing Analyst - skaggsc@fsdbk12.org; Kim Whitwam, Director of Purchasing – whitwamk@fsdbk12.org.

AULD & WHITE CONSTRUCTORS, LLC.

DCPS Team A - Schultz Ctr. Restroom Reno Extended Bid Date & Site Visit

Auld & White Constructors, LLC, in conjunction with the Duval County Public Schools, will be accepting SEALED proposals, which will be received until 2:00 p.m., January 23, 2026, at Auld & White Constructors, LLC, 4168 Southpoint Parkway, Suite 101, Jacksonville, Florida 32216.

Project includes demolition, trenching, concrete, millwork, roof patching, doors & hardware, gypsum assemblies, flooring, painting, specialties, fire protection, MEP systems.

A voluntary site walk is scheduled for Wednesday, January 21, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. You will meet at the main entrance.

Project includes a participation GOAL of 10% SBE & 10% MBE (African American or Hispanic American). Subcontractors who intend to perform work as a registered SBE or MBE must include the attached OEO Form 2 with their proposals.

Interested Bidders are required to notify Auld & White Constructors, LLC, of their Intent to Bid, in writing, no later than 2:00 p.m., January 16, 2026. Interested Bidders who fail to notify Auld & White Constructors, LLC, of their intent to bid by the date referenced above MAY NOT be permitted to bid. Bid drawings and specifications will be available on Auld & White Constructors, LLC's website (www.auld-white.com), on December 15, 2025. All interested bidders shall submit their Notice of Intent to awcestimating@auld-white.com.

Duval County Public Schools and Auld & White Constructors, LLC are committed to provide equal opportunity and strongly encourage all interested M/WBE and small business firms and suppliers to submit bids.

Auld & White Constructors, LLC reserves the right to reject any and all bids, waive formalities and irregularities in bidding and to accept bids which are considered by Auld & White Constructors, LLC to be in the best interest of the project.

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., Thursday, January 8, 2026, and 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 14, 2026.

Rule No.	File Date	Effective Date
53ER26-1	1/8/2026	1/12/2026
53ER26-2	1/8/2026	1/12/2026
53ER26-3	1/8/2026	1/12/2026
53ER26-4	1/8/2026	1/12/2026
53ER26-5	1/8/2026	1/12/2026
53ER26-6	1/8/2026	1/12/2026
68D-15.002	1/8/2026	1/28/2026
68D-24.008	1/14/2026	2/3/2026
68D-24.109	1/13/2026	2/2/2026
75-14.022	1/14/2026	2/3/2026
75-14.048	1/14/2026	2/3/2026

75-14.074	1/14/2026	2/3/2026
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	**/**/****
62-42.300	12/31/2025	**/**/****
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	**/**/****

AGENCY FOR HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION

Certificate of Need

Notice of Litigation

The Agency for Health Care Administration has received the following petitions for administrative hearings as of the close of business on January 12, 2026, concerning certificate of need decisions. No decision has been made as to the sufficiency of these petitions. A brief description of these projects is listed below. Resolution of these requests for hearings by way of a grant or denial of their certificate of need at issue will determine the substantial interest of persons. Those persons whose substantial interest may be determined by these proceedings including settlements, grants, and denials are advised to govern themselves accordingly and may wish to exercise rights including intervention. See Chapter 120, F. S., as well as Section 408.039, F.S. and Section 59C-1.012, F. A. C. In deference to rights of substantially affected persons, AHCA will not settle or otherwise reach a final resolution of these matters for a period of 30 days from the date of the publication. CON# INITIAL DECISION, PROJECT, CTY, APPLICANT, PARTY REQUEST

HEARING (PRH)

10889 Denial, to establish a hospice program, Polk County, Seasons Hospice & Palliative Care of Central Florida, LLC, (PRH) same as applicant

10890 Denial, to establish a hospice program, Manatee County, Abode Hospice of Florida, LLC d/b/a Haven Hospice, (PRH) Legacy Care Hospice Manatee, LLC

10890 Denial, to establish a hospice program, Manatee County, Abode Hospice of Florida, LLC d/b/a Haven Hospice, (PRH) CHS Services 1, LLC

10891 Denial, to establish a hospice program, Manatee County, Arc Hospice of Sarasota, LLC, (PRH) Legacy Care Hospice Manatee, LLC

10891 Denial, to establish a hospice program, Manatee County, Arc Hospice of Sarasota, LLC, (PRH) CHS Services 1, LLC

10891 Denial, to establish a hospice program, Manatee County, Arc Hospice of Sarasota, LLC, (PRH) same as applicant

10892 Denial, to establish a hospice program, Manatee County, CHS Services 1, LLC, (PRH) Legacy Care Hospice Manatee, LLC

10892 Denial, to establish a hospice program, Manatee County, CHS Services 1, LLC, (PRH) same as applicant

10893 Denial, to establish a hospice program, Manatee County, Legacy Care Hospice Manatee, LLC, (PRH) same as applicant

10893 Denial, to establish a hospice program, Manatee County, Legacy Care Hospice Manatee, LLC, (PRH) CHS Services 1, LLC

10894 Denial, to establish a hospice program, Manatee County, PruittHealth Hospice – Manatee, LLC, (PRH) CHS Services 1, LLC

10894 Denial, to establish a hospice program, Manatee County, PruittHealth Hospice – Manatee, LLC, (PRH) Legacy Care Hospice Manatee, LLC

10895 Denial, to establish a hospice program, Manatee County, Seasons Hospice & Palliative Care of Pinellas County, LLC d/b/a AccentCare Hospice & Palliative Care of Pinellas County, (PRH) Legacy Care Hospice Manatee, LLC

10895 Denial, to establish a hospice program, Manatee County, Seasons Hospice & Palliative Care of Pinellas County, LLC d/b/a AccentCare Hospice & Palliative Care of Pinellas County, (PRH) CHS Services 1, LLC

10896 Approval, to establish a hospice program, Manatee County, VITAS Healthcare Corporation of Florida, (PRH) Legacy Care Hospice Manatee, LLC

10896 Approval, to establish a hospice program, Manatee County, VITAS Healthcare Corporation of Florida, (PRH) Arc Hospice of Sarasota, LLC

10896 Approval, to establish a hospice program, Manatee County, VITAS Healthcare Corporation of Florida, (PRH) CHS Services 1, LLC

10898 Approval, to establish a hospice program, Brevard County, AccentCare Hospice & Palliative Care of the Treasure Coast, LLC, (PRH) Hospice of St. Francis, Inc. d/b/a St. Francis Reflections Hospice

10899 Approval, to establish a hospice program, Brevard County, Arc Hospice of Brevard, LLC, (PRH) Hospice of St. Francis, Inc. d/b/a St. Francis Reflections Hospice

10900 Approval, to establish a hospice program, Brevard County, CHS Services 2, LLC, (PRH) Hospice of St. Francis, Inc. d/b/a St. Francis Reflections Hospice

10905 Approval, to establish a hospice program, Collier County, Preferred Care Hospice, LLC, (PRH) Avow Hospice, Inc

10908 Approval, to establish a hospice program, Sarasota County, Arc Hospice of Sarasota, LLC, (PRH) CHS Services 1, LLC

10909 Denial, to establish a hospice program, Sarasota County, CHS Services 1, LLC, (PRH) same as applicant

10910 Denial, to establish a hospice program, Sarasota County, Hospice of Florida, LLC, (PRH) CHS Services 1, LLC

10910 Denial, to establish a hospice program, Sarasota County, Hospice of Florida, LLC, (PRH) same as applicant

10911 Denial, to establish a hospice program, Sarasota County, Legacy Care Hospice Sarasota, LLC, (PRH) CHS Services 1, LLC

10912 Denial, to establish a hospice program, Sarasota County, PruittHealth Hospice – Sarasota, LLC, (PRH) CHS Services 1, LLC

10913 Denial, to establish a hospice program, Sarasota County, Seasons Hospice & Palliative Care of Pinellas County, LLC d/b/a AccentCare Hospice & Palliative Care of Pinellas County, (PRH) CHS Services 1, LLC

10914 Denial, to establish a hospice program, Sarasota County, VITAS Healthcare Corporation of Florida, (PRH) CHS Services 1, LLC

10915 Approval, to establish a hospice program, Indian River County, Brevard HMA Hospice, LLC d/b/a Wuesthoff Health System Brevard Hospice and Palliative Care, (PRH) CHS Services 2, LLC

10915 Approval, to establish a hospice program, Indian River County, Brevard HMA Hospice, LLC d/b/a Wuesthoff Health System Brevard Hospice and Palliative Care, (PRH) Hospice of the Treasure Coast, Incorporated

10916 Denial, to establish a hospice program, Indian River County, CHS Services 2, LLC, (PRH) same as applicant

10917 Denial, to establish a hospice program, Indian River County, Hospice of the Treasure Coast, Incorporated, (PRH) CHS Services 2, LLC

10917 Denial, to establish a hospice program, Indian River County, Hospice of the Treasure Coast, Incorporated, (PRH) same as applicant

10918 Denial, to establish a hospice program, Indian River County, PruittHealth Hospice – Indian River, LLC, Incorporated, (PRH) CHS Services 2, LLC

10919 Denial, to establish a hospice program, Indian River County, VITAS Healthcare Corporation of Florida, Incorporated, (PRH) CHS Services 2, LLC

10920 Denial, to establish a hospice program, Palm Beach County, Affinity Care of Palm Beach County, LLC, (PRH) same as applicant

10921 Denial, to establish a hospice program, Palm Beach County, Medcare Hospice Services, LLC, (PRH) same as applicant

10921 Denial, to establish a hospice program, Palm Beach County, Medcare Hospice Services, LLC, (PRH) Affinity Care of Palm Beach County, LLC

10922 Denial, to establish a hospice program, Miami-Dade County, Amor Hospice Care, LLC, (PRH) same as applicant

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.

Section XIII

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