

Agenda Item 4. B. (1) Review and discussion of major proposed changes to wildlife and freshwater fisheries regulations for 2006-07.

- (1) 68A-1.004 Definitions -- Proposed changes would redefine an all-terrain vehicle from having a wheelbase of less than 60 inches to having a wheelbase of 70 inches or less; establish a definition for a crossbow season as the calendar period during which certain game may be taken only by the use of a bow or crossbow; revise the definition of muzzleloading gun season to allow use of a crossbow during this season except on lands established as a wildlife management area, wildlife and environmental area, or public use area, unless provided by specific area regulation; and, establish a definition for total length pertaining to freshwater fish as the straight line distance from the most forward point of the head with the mouth closed to the farthest tip of the tail with the tail squeezed or compressed.
- (2) 68A-5.005 Quota Hunt Permits and Special-Opportunity Permits -- Application; Selection; Issuance -- The proposed rule changes would modify the quota hunt permit process to more effectively utilize the total licensing system for issuance of permits; remove references to application forms and dates; and, extend a preference drawing opportunity to additional quota hunt programs.
- (3) 68A-9.007 Special-use Permits; Short-term Use Permits; Fees; Special-Opportunity Hunting and Fishing -- The proposed rule change would exempt the spouse and dependent children of a WMA permit holder from daily-use fees on FWC managed WMAs where such fees apply.
- (4) 68A-11.005 Use of Tracked Vehicles in the South Region -- The proposed rule changes will establish guidelines for inspecting and registering tracked vehicles utilizing the Holey Land, Rotenberger, and Everglades and Francis S. Taylor WMA's; require periodic re-inspection of tracked vehicles to insure accurate and up-to-date records; require registration of tracked vehicles when transferring ownership; and, establish a tracked vehicle registration decal system.
- (5) 68A-12.009 Taking Destructive Birds and Mammals -- The proposed rule change would replace the current permit requirement for nuisance wildlife trappers with a registration requirement and allow airport personnel to take wild turkey from airport property when aircraft safety is threatened.
- (6) 68A- 12.011 Game Farms -- This would be a new rule establishing the standards for maintaining, selling, shipping, and reporting requirements for certain captive wildlife species because of the anticipated repeal of most of Chapter 372, Florida Statutes, as part of a legislative review of statutes which should not be addressed by the Legislature.
- (7) 68A-13.003 Hunting regulations for Ducks, Geese, and Coots -- The proposed rule changes would allow snow geese to be taken statewide and move the 30-day canvasback and pintail season from the first 30 days to the last 30 days of the waterfowl hunting season.

(8) 68A-13.004 Open Season for Taking and Bag Limits for Non-migratory Game and Issuance of Antlerless Deer Permits to Private Landowners -- The proposed rule changes would simplify and update the process by which antlerless deer permits are obtained and delete record-keeping requirements; establish new crossbow seasons where use of bows and crossbows would be allowed with deer harvest restricted to antlered deer only; establish a 10-day crossbow season in the South and Central zones opening the day following the close of archery season; establish a seven-day crossbow season in the Northwest Zone opening the Monday following Thanksgiving day; shift the nine-day muzzleloading gun season in the South and Central zone five days later (current nine-day season contains two weekends, proposed nine-day season contains one weekend); establish the bag limit for deer taken during the proposed crossbow season at two antlered deer; and, clarify that take of antlerless deer during crossbow season is allowed only by an antlerless deer permit and that the aggregate daily bag of antlerless and antlered deer shall not exceed two.

(9) 68A-14.001 Establishment Orders -- The proposed rule changes would remove the game status of wild hogs on Arbuckle, Croom, Kicco, Citrus, Cypress Creek, Devils Hammock, Mallory Swamp, Aucilla, Moore's Pasture, Jumper Creek, and Richloam Baird Unit WMAs; add the game status of wild hogs to Spirit of the Wild and Dinner Island Ranch WMAs and Dupuis WEA; and, clarify that public small game hunting areas may be established for special hog hunts.

(10) 68A-15.004 General Regulations Relating to Wildlife Management Areas -- The proposed rule change would allow persons with a valid Concealed Weapon or Firearm License to possess a concealed handgun outside of periods open to hunting, pursuant to the provisions of Section 790.06, Florida Statutes.

(11) 68A-15.005 Quota Permits; Antlerless Deer Permits; Special-Opportunity Permits -- The proposed rule changes would allow one person younger than 16 years of age to accompany an adult quota permit holder and participate in the hunt on WMAs or WEAs where no exemptions are allowed, provided the bag limit of game is shared and specify that permits issued to individuals in a specific category (exempt, underage, disabled, senior citizen) may be transferred only to individuals in the same category.

(12) 68A-15.006(2) Regulations Relating to Miscellaneous Areas -- The proposed rule changes would revise specific area regulations on Kissimmee River Public Use Area by allowing the take of wild hogs with no size or bag limit during small game season and prohibiting modern firearms in the posted archery/muzzleloading gun area during all established seasons.

(13) 68A-15.061 Specific Regulations for Wildlife Management Areas-Southwest Region -- The proposed rule changes would revise or establish specific area regulations on WMAs as follows:

(a) Green Swamp WMA -- allow vehicle access during periods open for camping, scouting, and fishing and frogging; require hunters to remove hunting equipment

on the last day of each hunting season; and, clarify that spring turkey quota permits are issued through the Total Licensing System for the first weekend and at the check station after the first weekend.

(b) Green Swamp West WMA -- list hog as legal to take with no size or bag limit; and list furbearers, other than bobcat and otter, as legal to take; and, clarify that quota permits are issued each day at the check station during small-game season.

(c) Babcock/Webb WMA -- allow hunting equipment to be taken on the area one week prior to archery season.

(d) Upper Hillsborough WMA -- correct the listing of hogs as legal to take with no size or bag limit and clarify that quota permits are issued each day at the check station during small-game and spring turkey seasons.

(e) Arbuckle WMA -- clarify that quota permits will be issued each day at the check station during the weekday archery and muzzleloading gun hunts and the spring turkey season.

(f) KICCO WMA -- correct the listing of hogs as legal to take with no size or bag limit and allow vehicles to be parked with 25 feet of a named or numbered road in addition to designated parking areas.

(g) Hickory Hammock WMA -- allow the take of hogs with no size or bag limit during all quota hunts; convert an existing muzzleloading gun hunt to a new archery hunt (quota of five); establish the bag limit for the new archery hunt as one antlered and one antlerless deer per quota permit; add one additional day to each of five quota hunts; and, establish as legal to take all legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers.

(h) Walk-in-the-Water WMA -- allow the take of hogs with no size or bag limit during small game season.

(i) Hilochee WMA -- increase the quota permits (from 20 to 30) for the general gun hog season for each of two hunts and clarify that quota permits are issued each day at the check station during small-game season.

(j) Lake Marion Creek WMA -- add a general gun hog season with hogs only as legal to take, no size or bag limit, and clarify that quota permits are issued each day at the check station during small-game season.

(k) Croom WMA -- expand duck and coot season to statewide season and allow the take of hogs with no size or bag limit during small game season.

(l) Chassahowitzka WMA -- expand duck and coot season to statewide season.

(14) 68A-15.062 Specific Regulations for Wildlife Management Areas-North Central Region -- The proposed rule changes would revise or establish specific area regulations on WMAs as follows:

(a) Camp Blanding WMA -- eliminate the requirement for a special quota permit during the first archery hunt.

(b) Cypress Creek WMA -- allow camping at any time with a permit from the landowner.

(c) Gulf Hammock WMA -- increase general gun season from 58 to 72 days; increase muzzleloading gun season from 3 to 9 days; allow hogs to be taken during the entire general gun season (currently first 23 days only); and, establish a still hunt only area where the possession or use of dogs, other than waterfowl retrievers or bird dogs is prohibited, except as provided by 68A-15.004 F.A.C.

(d) Lochloosa WMA -- add a third quota hunt (50 permits) to the general gun season and prohibit tracked vehicles, ATVs and unlicensed vehicles on the area.

(e) Osceola WMA -- require that in the area south of I-10, vehicles be restricted to numbered roads throughout the year and increase the number of roads open for public use to conform with a change in U.S. Forest Service access regulations.

(f) Tide Swamp Unit of the Big Bend WMA -- open additional roads for a new driving tour.

(g) Hickory Mound Unit of the Big Bend WMA -- allow only the taking of migratory game birds within the Hickory Mound Impoundment on days that waterfowl and coot hunting is allowed.

(h) Raiford WMA -- allow the take of hogs with no size or bag limit.

(i) Andrews WMA -- increase the small game season from two three-day hunts to three three-day hunts; establish two two-day Family Hunts for hogs only (quota of 20 per hunt); and, allow only the take of deer and hogs during the youth hunt.

(j) Twin Rivers WMA -- eliminate the requirement for a quota hunt permit and zone tag during the small game season.

(k) Holton Creek WMA -- allow camping at any time with a permit from the landowner.

(l) Goethe WMA -- increase the length of the archery season from 16 to 23 days; increase the length of the general gun still season from four to six days and split the quota hunt into two three-day hunts (increase quota permits from 250 to 300 per hunt); increase the length of the general gun dog season from five to seven days and split the quota hunt into a three-day and a four-day hunt (increase quota permits from 105 to 125 per hunt); increase the length of the small game

season from 16 to 23 days and move the season from late November to mid January; increase the length of the spring turkey season from nine to 16 days and add a second quota hunt (increase quota permits from 100 to 130 per hunt); allow camping with a permit from the landowner; create a dove only hunting area in which only shotguns would be allowed; and, prohibit public access from 1.5 hours after sunset until 1.5 hours before sunrise.

(m) San Pedro Bay WMA -- increase the length of the muzzleloading gun season from three to nine days and allow hogs to be taken during the entire general gun season (currently first 30 days only).

(n) Citrus WMA -- establish three new three-day spring turkey hunts (quota of 25 per hunt) and allow the take of hogs with no size or bag limit during small game season.

(o) Flying Eagle WMA -- allow the take of hogs with no size or bag limit during small game season.

(p) Potts WMA -- add all furbearers, except bobcat and otter, as legal to take.

(q) Devil's Hammock WMA -- establish two two-day Family Hunts for hogs only (quota of 20 per hunt) and increase the length of the small game season from 16 to 30 days.

(r) Mallory Swamp WMA -- allow the take of hogs with no size or bag limit during small game season and increase the still hunt area by adding approximately 3,000 acres which are currently closed to hunting.

(s) Little River WMA -- allow camping at any time with a permit from the landowner.

(t) Troy Springs WMA -- allow camping at any time with a permit from the landowner.

(u) Grove Park WMA -- increase the length of the muzzleloading gun season from three to nine days.

(v) Nassau WMA -- increase the length of the muzzleloading gun season from three to nine days.

(w) Ralph E. Simmons WMA -- establish a bag limit for deer of one antlered and one antlerless deer per person, per season, during the archery and mobility-impaired seasons; and a bag limit of one antlered deer per person, per season, during the muzzleloading gun and general gun seasons.

(15) 68A-15.063 Specific Regulations for Wildlife Management Areas-Northwest Region -- The proposed rule changes would revise or establish specific area regulations on WMAs as follows:

- (a) Blackwater WMA -- allow the use of dogs with a shoulder height of 15 inches or less during the small game season except in the field trial area.
- (b) Blackwater WMA – Carr Unit -- extend the special-opportunity released quail hunts from four to seven days and no longer allow quail to be released the day before the first day of the hunt.
- (c) Joe Budd WMA -- define antlerless deer as any deer (except spotted fawns) without antlers or any deer with antlers less than one inch in length visible above the hairline and revise legal to take as deer with at least one antler having three or more points of at least one inch in length.
- (d) Talquin WMA -- eliminate the one-day antlerless deer quota hunt and establish a 24-day small game season (January 5 through March 4 on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).
- (e) Aucilla WMA -- allow archery hunting for deer in the small game area, located south of Highway 98, during the archery and general gun season; allow fishing year-round throughout the area; allow the use of dogs to take hogs with no size or bag limit during the general gun season; remove requirement for hunters to possess a daily hunt permit for the Western Sloughs portion of the area; and, allow vehicles to be operated only on named or numbered roads.
- (f) Flint Rock WMA -- extend the muzzleloading gun season from three to nine days; extend the general gun season from 58 to 72 days; and, require all persons to enter and exit the area through a designated entrance only.
- (g) Escambia River WMA -- prohibit the taking of fish and wildlife from Keyser Landing Road and Webb Landing Road.
- (h) Yellow River WMA -- prohibit alcohol in the Grassy Point area.
- (i) Econfinia Creek WMA -- allow fishing on the Fitzhugh/Carter area with daily quotas (one angler per 10 acres of open water); prohibit the taking of wildlife from Cat Creek Road and Enfinger Road; and, require all persons to enter and exit the Fitzhugh/Carter area through a designated entrance only.
- (j) Lafayette Creek WMA -- This proposed rule creates regulations for a new WMA with the following open seasons: (a) archery – October 14 – 20 and 21 – 29; (b) muzzleloading gun – November 17 – 19; (c) general gun – November 23 – 26, January 20 – 23 and 24 – 28; (d) small game – December 1 through January 14 (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only); (e) spring turkey – March 17 through April 22 (Saturdays and Sundays only); and (f) fishing and other recreational uses – during daylight hours only during periods closed to hunting. It would establish as legal to take all legal game, hog, fish, frogs and furbearers with no size or bag limit on hogs, and establish the following hunter quotas: (a) archery – 10 by special quota application for each hunt, no exemptions (b) muzzleloading gun – 10 by

quota application, no exemptions; (c) general gun – 10 by quota application for each hunt, no exemptions; (d) spring turkey – 10 by spring turkey application for each hunt, no exemptions. Finally the new area would (a) allow camping at designated sites or by permit from the Northwest Florida Water Management District; (b) allow vehicles to be operated only on named or numbered roads; (c) prohibit ATVs; (d) allow hunting with bird dogs and retrievers; (e) require all persons to enter and exit the area at a designated entrance; and, (f) allow horses on designated horse trails only.

(k) Wakulla WMA -- This proposed rule creates regulations for a new WMA with the following open seasons: (a) archery – October 14 through November 12 (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only); (b) archery and muzzleloading gun – November 24 – 26 and December 9 – 31 (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only); (c) small game – January 5 through March 4 (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only); (d) spring turkey – March 17 through April 22 (Saturdays and Sundays only); (f) fishing and frogging – throughout the year. It would establish as legal to take, all legal game, hog, fish, frogs and furbearers with no size or bag limit on hogs, and establish the following hunter quotas: (a) archery – 25 by special quota application for each hunt, no exemptions and (b) archery and muzzleloading gun – 25 by special quota application for each hunt, no exemptions. Finally the new area would (a) allow camping at designated sites by permit from the Division of Forestry; (b) allow vehicles to be operated only on named or numbered roads; (c) Prohibit ATVs; (d) allow hunting with bird dogs and retrievers; (e) allow the use of modern shotguns, muzzleloading guns and bows during the spring turkey season; and (f) require all hunters entering or exiting the area to do so only at a designated entrance.

(16) 68A – 15.064 Specific Regulations for Wildlife Management Areas – South Region – The proposed rule changes would revise or establish specific area regulations on WMAs as follows:

(a) J. W. Corbett WMA -- establish the ending date of the general gun season as either New Year's Day or the Sunday after for those years where New Year's Day falls on a Thursday, Friday, or Saturday; add an additional five weekdays (Wednesdays only) to spring turkey season (currently Saturday and Sunday only); restrict vehicle access during small game season to named or numbered roads or trails; allow vehicle access during spring turkey season along all named or numbered roads or trails; allow vehicle access one day prior to the opening of archery season; allow vehicle access during open periods (other than designated hunting seasons and dog training season) to all main grades, trail 6, the Tomato Field grade east of the Big Gopher canal, trail 3 between its junction with Tomato Field Grade and its junction with Trail 5, and Trail 5 between its junction with Trail 3 and the L-8 levee; and, allow vehicle access to the area one day prior to the openings of muzzleloading gun and general gun seasons.

(b) Holey Land WMA -- allow waterfowl hunters to access the WMA with airboats (for the purpose of duck and coot hunting) during the archery, muzzleloading, general gun-walk, and general gun-vehicle seasons; allow vehicle access from the end of the duck and coot season through April 30; prohibit all-terrain vehicles with steering mechanisms that would allow the all-terrain vehicle to be operated from elevated platforms; and, require all ATVs to display an orange flag at least six feet above the top of the seat.

(c) Everglades and Francis S. Taylor WMA -- clarify that rifles or pistols are prohibited after the end of general gun-walk season between the Old Miami Canal and the New Miami Canal in Conservation Area 3A ; clarify that rifles or pistols are prohibited after the general gun-vehicle season in Conservation Area 2, Area 3B, and the remainder of Area 3A; prohibit all-terrain vehicles with steering mechanisms that would allow the all-terrain vehicle to be operated from elevated platforms; require all ATVs to display an orange flag at least six feet above the top of the seat; and, allow waterfowl hunters to access Conservation Area 2, 3A South, and 3B with airboats when the duck and coot season overlaps the general gun-vehicle season.

(d) Rotenberger WMA -- require a general gun permit during the general gun-vehicle season for any person to operate a vehicle; allow vehicle access from the end of the duck and coot season through April 30; prohibit all-terrain vehicles with steering mechanisms that would allow the all-terrain vehicle to be operated from elevated platforms; and require all ATVs to display an orange flag at least six feet above the top of the seat.

(e) Okaloacoochee Slough WMA -- allow the take of hogs with no size or bag limit.

(f) Fisheating Creek WMA -- establish bag limit for deer at one per quota permit.

(g) Dinner Island WMA -- establish two new family hunts for wild hog only (quota of 30 each hunt) with a bag limit of one per person per quota permit.

(17) 68A-15.065 Specific Regulations for Wildlife Management Areas-Northeast Region -- The proposed rule changes would revise or establish specific area regulations on WMAs as follows:

(a) Bull Creek WMA -- restrict all vehicles to named and numbered roads or trails throughout the year .

(b) Fort McCoy WMA -- extend the muzzleloading gun season from three to nine days and allow Recreational Use Permit holders to access the area from two weeks prior to archery season through the end of spring turkey season.

(c) Richloam WMA – Baird Unit -- allow the take of hogs with no size or bag limit during small game season and allow bicycles only on named or numbered roads and designated trails .

- (d) Three Lakes WMA -- restrict vehicles to named and numbered roads or trails throughout the year.
- (e) Tiger Bay WMA – Rima Ridge Unit -- allow the use of dogs with a shoulder height of 15 inches or less for taking small game.
- (f) Relay WMA -- extend the muzzleloading gun season from three to nine days; allow camping at the designated campsite during periods open to hunting; and allow Recreational Use Permit holders to access the area from two weeks prior to archery season through the end of spring turkey season.
- (g) Tosohatchee WMA -- add coyote as legal to take and allow take of one antlered and one antlerless deer per permit, per person, per hunt.
- (h) Seminole Ranch WMA -- extend the small game season by one weekend.
- (i) Jumper Creek WMA -- expand duck and coot season to match the statewide season and allow the take of hogs with no size or bag limit during small game season.
- (j) Rock Springs Run WMA -- establish as legal to take antlered deer with at least one antler with three or more points on a side and establish a bag limit of one antlered and one antlerless deer per permit, per person, per hunt.
- (k) Caravelle Ranch WMA -- eliminate the requirement that special-opportunity dove hunters must hunt from assigned stations at the dove field and allow vehicular access from 1.5 hours before sunrise until 1.5 hours after sunset one day prior to each season (except small game) and during periods open to hunting.
- (l) Lake George WMA -- eliminate the reference to special use vehicle permits on specified portions of the area and defer to 68A-15.004 (2)(e) for permitting activities during periods closed to hunting.
- (m) Lake George WMA – Dexter Mary Farms Unit -- specify that take of one deer per permit, per person, per hunt is allowed; allow vehicular access from 1.5 hours before sunrise until 1.5 hours after sunset one day prior to each season (except small game and special-opportunity dove) and during periods open to hunting; eliminate the requirement that special-opportunity dove hunters must hunt from assigned stations at the dove field; and, allow bicycles to be operated throughout the area.
- (n) Seminole Forest WMA -- establish as legal to take antlered deer with at least one antler with three or more points; establish a take restriction of one antlered and one antlerless deer per permit, per person, per hunt; allow camping during periods closed to hunting; and, increase the number of small-game daily quota permits from 50 to 75.

- (o) Triple N Ranch WMA -- allow public access from 1.5 hours before sunrise until 1.5 hours after sunset during periods open to hunting.
 - (p) Etoniah Creek WMA -- allow vehicular access from 1.5 hours before sunrise until 1.5 hours after sunset one day prior to each season (except small game) and during periods open to hunting.
 - (q) Lake Panasoffkee WMA -- add fish, frog, and furbearers (except bobcat and otter) as legal to take on the area.
 - (r) Ocklawaha River WMA – Gores Landing Unit -- allow vehicular access from 1.5 hours before sunrise until 1.5 hours after sunset one day prior to each season and during periods open to hunting.
 - (s) Twelve Mile Swamp WMA -- extend the muzzleloading gun season from three to nine days.
 - (t) Dunns Creek WMA -- allow tent camping only.
 - (u) Salt Lake WMA -- increase the number of quota permits for archery, muzzleloading gun, and general gun seasons from 30 to 40 (each hunt); and increase the number of quota permits for the general gun hog season from 15 to 20 (each hunt).
 - (v) Matanzas WMA -- allow vehicular access throughout the year.
- (18) 68A-17.004 General Regulations Relating to Wildlife and Environmental Areas -- The proposed rule changes would allow persons with a valid Concealed Weapon or Firearm License to possess a concealed handgun on WEAs outside of periods open to hunting, pursuant to the provisions of Section 790.06, Florida Statutes; and, prohibit the removal of plants, rocks, minerals, animal life, other natural resources or parts thereof without authorization.
- (19) 68A-17.005 Specific Regulations for Wildlife and Environmental Areas -- The proposed rule changes would revise or establish specific area regulations on WEAs as follows:
- (a) Southern Glades WEA -- establish the start of frogging season one day following the close of the general gun season and allow airboats into the area the day following the close of the general gun season through March 1.
 - (b) CREW WEA -- allow quota permit holders to access the area one day prior to the start of each hunting season for scouting.
 - (c) John C. and Mariana Jones / Hungryland WEA -- reconfigure the existing hunts to provide a total of four four-day archery hunts and three three-day general gun hunts (all beginning on Saturdays) and shift the start of small game season one week later.

(20) 68A-20.005(1)(e)(1) Specific Fish Management Area Regulations -- The proposed rule would change the largemouth bass regulation on Karick Lake in Okaloosa County from catch and release to a 12-inch minimum length limit (general state regulation).

(21) 68A-23.002 General Methods for Taking Freshwater Fish -- The proposed rule would authorize use of cast nets of any mesh size to take non-game fish in Indian River County and would clarify when cast nets with a minimum stretched mesh of one-inch or less may be used to take minnows of non game fish except catfish.

(22) 68A-23.005 Bag Limits, Open Season: Freshwater Fish -- The proposed rule would change the 14-inch minimum length limit, 5-fish bag limit (general state regulation) on largemouth bass in Lake Kerr in Marion County to a 15- to 24-inch slot-length limit and three fish bag limit of which only one may be 24 inches or greater in total length.

(23) 68A-23.0131(3)(b) Special Regulations for Lake Seminole and the St. Mary's River -- The proposed rule would extend bag limits applicable to the St. Mary's River to include St. Mary's River tributaries and change the bag limit for white bass and striped bass-white bass hybrids from 15 to two and impose a minimum length limit on white bass and striped bass-white bass hybrids of 22 inches or greater in total length.

(24) 68A-23.23.015 Regulations Governing the Taking and Possession of Alligator Gar, Eels and Freshwater Mussels -- The proposed rule would establish a permit requirement for taking eels commercially and prohibit the take of alligator gar for any purpose without a permit.

(25) 68A-24.003 -- License and Tagging and .004 Fur and Hide Dealers -- The proposed rule changes would correct inaccurate statutory references regarding licensing requirements for trapping and purchasing hides.

(26) 68A-25.001 Feeding or Enticement of Alligators or Crocodiles Unlawful -- The proposed rule changes would broaden the prohibition to all crocodylians and eliminate provisions allowing county or municipal animal control personnel to use bait when relocating alligators or crocodiles.

(27) 68A-25.002 General Provisions for Taking, Possession and Sale of Reptiles -- The proposed rule changes would eliminate outdated specific references regarding where forms must be submitted.

(28) 68A-25.003 Taking and Disposal of Nuisance-Alligators Statewide -- The proposed rule changes would significantly streamline the rule by deleting numerous provisions such as those related to qualifications and liability of trappers, selection and review of trappers, conditions governing operations of trappers, and limitations on number of agents. These requirements will instead be specified in contract and permit provisions.

(29) 68A-25.004 Regulations Governing the Operation of Alligator Farms -- The proposed rule changes would eliminate outdated provisions and specific references regarding where forms must be submitted.

(30) 68A-25.031 Regulations Governing Alligator Egg and Hatchling Collections on Lands Not Included in Alligator Management Programs on Private Lands -- The proposed rule changes would eliminate specific references regarding where forms are obtained and submitted; eliminate the limitation on the percentage of nests that may be opened during egg collections; eliminate the provisions for Type B egg collections; eliminate the provisions regarding expending monies on alligator marketing and education; and, remove references to private lands in the rule title.

(31) 68A-25.032 Regulations Governing the Establishment of Alligator Management Programs on Private Lands -- The proposed rule changes would eliminate specific references regarding where forms are obtained and submitted; provide for inclusion of public lands other than sovereign submerged lands; eliminate acreage or population limitations as a requisite for eligibility; eliminate the limitation on the percentage of the population that can be harvested; eliminate the provisions regarding expending monies on alligator marketing and education; and, remove references to private lands in the rule title.

(32) 68A-25.042 Regulations Governing Statewide Alligator Trapping, Permitting, Taking, and Sale -- The proposed rule changes would eliminate specific references regarding where forms are obtained and submitted; eliminate the limitation on the percentage of the population that can be harvested; provide for increased tag fees to participants possessing an alligator trapping license valid through the harvest season; eliminate provisions that limit the number of permits that can be issued per person and tags issued per permit; eliminate designation of specific harvest periods; generalize the harvest season and provide for its establishment on an annual basis; and tie deadlines for submission of forms and tags to the expiration date of the harvest permit.

(33) 68A-25.052 Regulations Governing the Processing of Alligators and the Sale of Alligator Meat and Parts -- The proposed rule changes would eliminate outdated provisions and specific references regarding where forms are obtained and submitted.

(34) 68A-27.005 Designation of Species of Special Concern; Prohibitions; Permits -- The proposed rule change would clarify the current prohibition against take of a gopher tortoise burrow by providing characteristics that define and support the identification of the burrow.