

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

RULE CHAPTER TITLE: TYPE I WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS

RULE TITLES:

RULE NOS.:

Specific Regulations for Wildlife Management Areas –
North Central Region.

68A-15.062

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

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

Cypress Creek WMA – The proposed rule change would allow camping at any time with a permit from the landowner.

Gulf Hammock WMA – The proposed rule changes would increase general gun season from 58 to 72 days; increase muzzleloading gun season from three to nine days; allow hogs to be taken during the entire general gun season; 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.

Lochloosa WMA – The proposed rule changes would add a third quota hunt to the general gun season and prohibit tracked vehicles, ATVs and unlicensed vehicles on the area.

Osceola WMA -- The proposed rule changes would 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; eliminate a redundant rule allowing shotguns during archery season; and,

make a technical correction to allow guns on the gun range year-round.

Big Bend WMA, Tide Swamp Unit – The proposed rule changes would open additional roads for a new driving tour and make a technical correction to allow dogs on a leash for trailing wounded game and during non-hunting periods.

Big Bend WMA, Hickory Mound Unit – The proposed rule change would allow only the taking of migratory game birds, within the Hickory Mound Impoundment, on days that waterfowl and coot hunting is allowed.

Big Bend WMA, Snipe Island Unit - The proposed rule changes would make a technical correction to allow dogs on a leash for trailing wounded game and during non-hunting periods.

Raiford WMA – The proposed rule change would allow the take of hogs with no size or bag limit.

Andrews WMA – The proposed rule changes would add a third 3-day small game hunt; establish two 2-day family hunts for hogs only; allow only the take of deer and hog during the youth hunt; allow hunters to have their zone tag in their possession rather than wearing it; and, make a technical change to eliminate the name of a road.

Big Shoals WMA – The proposed rule change would only require hunters to have their zone tag in their possession rather than being required to wear it visibly.

Twin Rivers WMA – The proposed rule change would eliminate the requirement for a quota permit and zone tag during the small game season.

Holton Creek WMA – The proposed rule would allow camping at any time with a permit from the landowner.

Goethe WMA – The proposed rule changes would 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 3-day hunts; increase the length of the general gun dog season from five to seven days and split the quota hunt into a 3-day and a 4-day

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; 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 (camping allowed by permit).

San Pedro Bay WMA – The proposed rule changes would increase the length of the muzzleloading gun season from three to nine days and remove the bag and size limit, and time frame restriction on taking hogs.

Citrus WMA – The proposed rule changes would establish three new 3-day spring turkey hunts; allow the take of hogs with no size or bag limit during small game season; and, make a technical correction to clarify the boundary of the field trial area.

Flying Eagle WMA – The proposed rule change would allow the take of hogs with no size or bag limit during small game season.

Potts WMA – The proposed rule change would add all furbearers, except bobcat and otter, as legal to take.

Homosassa WMA – The proposed rule changes would require hunters to check their game and change the word “firelines” to “trails”.

Devil’s Hammock WMA – The proposed rule changes would establish two 2-day family hunts for hogs with only hog as legal to take and increase the length of the small game season from 16 to 30 days.

Mallory Swamp WMA – The proposed rule changes would allow the take of hogs with no size or bag limit during small game season; expand the still hunt area by adding approximately 3,000 acres, which are currently closed to hunting, and allow hunting in this new area except during general gun season; and, reduce the checking requirement during the general gun season.

Middle Aucilla WMA - The proposed rule change would make a technical correction to allow dogs on a leash for trailing wounded game and during non-hunting periods.

Little River WMA – The proposed rule change would allow camping at any time with a permit from the landowner.

Troy Springs WMA – The proposed rule change would allow camping at any time with a permit from the landowner.

Bayard WMA – The proposed rule change would allow public access year-round in an area that is not open for hunting.

Grove Park WMA – The proposed rule changes would increase the length of the muzzleloading gun season from three to nine days and clarify that persons without a Recreational Use Permit may access the recreational trails, identified on the WMA brochure map, for horseback riding, bicycling and hiking.

Steinhatchee Springs WMA - The proposed rule change would make a technical correction to allow dogs on a leash for trailing wounded game and during non-hunting periods.

Nassau WMA – The proposed rule changes would increase the length of the muzzleloading gun season from three to nine days, and make a technical correction to allow dogs on a leash for trailing wounded game and during non-hunting periods.

Ralph E. Simmons WMA – The proposed rule change would allow only one quota permit to be used per person, per season; and, establish a bag limit for deer of one antlered and one antlerless deer per person, except that antlerless deer may only be taken during the archery and mobility-impaired seasons.

A STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COST HAS NOT BEEN PREPARED REGARDING THESE PROPOSED RULES.

Any person who wishes to provide information regarding the statement of estimated regulatory costs, or to provide a proposal for lower cost regulatory alternative must do so in

writing within 21 days of this notice.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution; Sections 372.121, 375.313, Florida Statutes.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution; Sections 372.121, 375.313, Florida Statutes.

THE FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION WILL CONDUCT A PUBLIC RULEMAKING HEARING ON THE PROPOSED RULES DURING THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSION TO BE HELD AT THE TIME, DATE, AND PLACE SHOWN BELOW:

TIME AND DATE: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., each day, February 1-2, 2006.

PLACE: Hilton University of Florida Conference Center, 1714 S.W. 34th Street, Gainesville, Florida 32607.

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 calendar 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 by calling (850)488-9542.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: James V. Antista, General Counsel, Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, 620 South Meridian Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1600.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS AS FOLLOWS:

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

(1) Camp Blanding Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~11~~ 11 through January ~~7~~ 8.

2. Spring turkey – Hunters shall be afforded at least two five-day periods of hunting, with specific hunt dates and locations to be determined by, and at the discretion of, the Camp

Blanding Base Commander.

3. Archery – September 27-29 ~~28-30~~ and October 4-6 ~~5-7~~, north of State Road 16 and County Road 215 and east of County Road 225 only, and November 11 ~~12~~ through January 7 ~~8~~ in the designated archery area west of County Road 225 and north of Yerkes Road only.
4. Supervised youth – The Saturday and Sunday prior to Columbus Day, and the Saturday and Sunday 12 and 13 days (respectively) after Columbus Day, site to be determined.
5. Muzzleloading gun – October 11-13 ~~12-14~~ and 18-20 ~~19-21~~, north of State Road 16 and County Road 215 and east of County Road 225 only.
6. Fishing – Permitted only on designated fish management areas.
7. Trapping – December 1 through January 7 ~~8~~, only in portion of area north of State Road 16 and County Road 215 and east of County Road 225.

(b) - (d) No Change.

(2) Cypress Creek Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Spring turkey – March 17-25 ~~18-26~~.
2. Archery – September 23 ~~24~~ through October 8 ~~9~~.
3. Muzzleloading gun – October 27-29 ~~28-30~~.
4. Fishing – Permitted throughout the year.
5. Small game – the Saturday before Thanksgiving through the second Sunday after Thanksgiving.

(b) No Change.

(c) Camping: ~~Prohibited during periods when the area is open to hunting. During the periods closed to hunting, camping is~~ allowed by permit only, from the Suwannee River Water Management District.

(d) No Change.

(3) Gulf Hammock Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~11~~ ~~12~~ through January ~~21~~ ~~8~~.
2. Spring turkey – March ~~17~~ ~~18~~ through April ~~22~~ ~~23~~.
3. Archery – September ~~23~~ ~~24~~ through October ~~22~~ ~~23~~.
4. Muzzleloading gun – October 28 through November ~~5~~ ~~4-6~~.
5. Fishing and frogging – Permitted only during periods when hunting is allowed.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers. ~~Wild hogs may not be taken after the first 23 days of general gun season.~~

(c) Camping: Prohibited.

(d) General regulations:

1. Vehicles may be operated only on established roads.
2. Public access is permitted only when hunting is allowed and on the Friday prior to archery and spring turkey season and on the consecutive Friday, Saturday, and Sunday prior to the general gun season.
3. Public access to the area is permitted only at designated entrances. Public access during periods when hunting is permitted is limited to entering the area no earlier than one hour before legal shooting hours and exiting the area no later than one hour after legal shooting hours.
4. Fires other than campfires are prohibited.
5. Access is permitted only by individuals possessing a valid recreational user permit, except as provided by Section 372.57, F.S.
6. The taking of wildlife by use of a gun on or from the right-of-way of Butler Road south of its intersection with Buckhead Road is prohibited as provided by Rule 68A-4.008, F.A.C.
7. The possession or use of dogs, other than bird dogs or waterfowl retrievers, is prohibited in that portion of the area south of King Road, east of the powerline right-of-way, south of Howell Road and east of Butler Road; except as provided by paragraph 68A-15.004(7)(c)

and (d), F.A.C.

(4) Lochloosa Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~11-24~~ ~~12~~, November 25 through December 10 and December 11 through January 7 ~~8~~.
2. Spring turkey – March ~~17~~ ~~18~~ through April ~~22~~ ~~23~~.
3. Archery – September ~~23~~ ~~24~~ through October ~~22~~ ~~23~~.
4. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~27-29~~ ~~28-30~~.
5. Duck and coot – During the duck and coot season established by Rule 68A-13.003, F.A.C.
6. Small game – January ~~8~~ ~~9~~ through March ~~4~~ ~~5~~.
7. Fishing and frogging – Throughout year.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, hog, fish, frogs and furbearers. No size or bag limit on hogs.

(c) No Change.

(d) General regulations:

1. The taking of hogs by the use of dogs is prohibited.
2. Vehicles are restricted to established roads. Tracked vehicles, all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) and unlicensed vehicles are prohibited. Non-motorized bicycles are permitted, but may be ridden only on established roads.
3. During the general gun and small game seasons, hunting as specified by paragraph 68A-24.002(2)(b), F.A.C., is permitted.
4. Taking of wildlife by use of a gun on or from the rights-of-way of County Road 325 is prohibited as provided by Rule 68A-4.008, F.A.C.
5. Fires are prohibited on the area.
6. Horses are permitted only during periods closed to hunting. Horses may be ridden only on established roads.

(5) Osceola Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~11~~ ~~12~~ through January ~~7~~ ~~8~~.
2. Small game – January ~~8~~ ~~9~~ through March ~~4~~ ~~5~~.
3. Spring turkey – March ~~17~~ ~~18~~ through April ~~22~~ ~~23~~.
4. Archery – September ~~23~~ ~~24~~ through October ~~15~~ ~~16~~.
5. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~20-27~~ ~~21-28~~ in the still hunt area only.
6. Fox, raccoon, opossum and bobcat – August ~~5~~ ~~6~~ through September ~~26~~ ~~27~~ in the dog hunt portion of the area only from sunset to sunrise.
7. Early duck – In the September season established by Rule 68A-13.003, F.A.C.
8. Fishing and frogging – Throughout year.
9. Trapping – January ~~8~~ ~~9~~ through March 1.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs, furbearers. Wild hogs may be taken only during the archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun and small game seasons ~~hunts~~. No size or bag limits on wild hogs.

(c) No Change.

(d) General regulations:

1. The western dog hunt area includes that portion of the area bounded on the west by Forest Service Road 237; on the south by Forest Service Road 263 and County Road 250; on the east by Forest Service Roads 233, 232, 262, 214, 272 and 270; and on the north by the National Forest Service boundary to the junction with Forest Service Road 237. The eastern dog hunt area includes those lands bounded by the following roads and survey lines: Begin at the intersection of County Road 125 and the northern boundary of the National Forest, proceed south on County Road 125 to the eastern boundary of the National Forest, then south and west along the National Forest boundary to County Road 229, then north along County Roads 229 and 250, then west along Forest Service Road 232, then

northwest along Forest Service Road 235 until it becomes Forest Road 39, then generally north along Forest Road 39, then northwest along Forest Road 46, then west along Forest Road 36 to the Baker County/Columbia County line, then north along the west side of Section 31, Township 1 South, Range 19 East, to the northwest corner of Section 30, Township 1 South, Range 19 East, then east along the north boundary of Section 30, Township 1 South, Range 19 East, to the NE corner of the NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 Section 29, Township 1 North, Range 19 East, then south to the south boundary of Section 29, Township 1 South, Range 19 East, then east to the southeast corner of Section 27, Township 1 South, Range 19 East, then north along the east side of Section 27, Township 1 South, Range 19 East, to the northwest corner of Section 23, Township 1 South, Range 19 East, then east to Forest Road 5, then northwest along Forest Road 5 until it becomes Forest Service Road 297, then along Forest Service Road 297 to Forest Service Road 295, then northwest and eventually northeast along Forest Service Road 295 to State Road 2, then southeast along State Road 2 to Eddy Grade, then south along Eddy Grade to the junction of Forest Road 3, then west along Forest Road 3, southwest, west, and then south along Forest Road 4, then southeast along Forest Road 24 until it intersects the northern boundary of Section 5, Township 1 South, Range 20 East, then east along the Base Line to the Northeast corner of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 3, Township 1 South, Range 20 East, then south along the east boundary of the West 1/2 of Section 3, Township 1 South, Range 20 East to the southwest corner of the North 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 10, Township 1 South, Range 20 East, then east back to the beginning point on County Road 125. Except for these areas, the possession or use of dogs other than bird dogs or retrievers is prohibited. However, leashed or caged dogs may be kept at the East Tower, Sandhill and West Tower hunt camps during the general gun season.

2. Deer dogs may be trained from October ~~28~~ 24 through November ~~6~~ 2, except in the still hunt area.

3. Taking of wildlife by use of a gun on or from the rights-of-way of Interstate 10, County Roads 250, 250A, 229, 127 and 125, Forest Service Road 236 (between U.S. 90 and C.R. 250), and State Road 2 is prohibited as provided by Rule 68A-4.008, F.A.C.

4. In that portion of the western dog hunt area, north of Forest Service Road 262, vehicles shall be restricted to numbered roads from August 1 through January 15. In that portion of the area south of I-10 vehicles shall be restricted to numbered roads year-round. In that portion of the area lying north and northeast of Forest Service Road 200, west of Forest Service Road 255, north of Forest Service Road 232, north of Forest Service Road 212, and north of Forest Service Road 212-A in Baker County; and those lands lying north of Forest Road 36 in Columbia County, vehicles shall be restricted to numbered roads year-round.
~~Vehicles shall be restricted to numbered roads during the periods November 1 through January 15 in that portion of the still hunt area south of Interstate 10 and east of Forest Service Road 236, and August 1 through January 15 in that portion of the western dog hunt area north of Forest Service Road 262. Vehicles shall be restricted to numbered roads on those lands lying north and northeast of Forest Service Road 200, west of Forest Service Road 255, north of Forest Service Road 232, north of Forest Service Road 212, and north of Forest Service Road 212-A in Baker County; and those lands lying north of Forest Road 36 in Columbia County.~~

5. All deer taken must be checked at a check station. No deer shall be dismembered until checked at a check station.

6. Operation of a vehicle in areas posted as closed to vehicles is prohibited.

~~7. Shotguns are permitted on the area during the early experimental duck season established by Rule 68A-13.003, F.A.C., but only by hunters meeting the permit and license requirements for hunting ducks.~~

~~7.8.~~ No person shall transport dogs, other than bird dogs or retrievers, through the still hunt area to the western dog hunt area except on Forest Service Road 285; on Forest

Service Road 236 eastward from US 441; on Forest Service Road 263; on Forest Service Road 262 east from US 441; on Forest Service Road 233 north from County Road 250; on Forest Service Road 233 east from US 441 to its juncture with Forest Service Road 237 and then north on Forest Service Road 237 to the boundary of the dog hunt area, and on Forest Service Road 232 west from the east dog hunt area.

8. Persons may possess and use guns year-round on the shooting range. Guns being transported to and from the range shall be unloaded and cased. During periods when hunting is not allowed guns must be transported to and from the range from US 90, north on McCloskey Avenue to Forest Road 278, then west to the gun range; or from Williams Road to Forest Road 217, then easterly on Forest Road 278 to the range.

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

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November 11 ~~12~~ through January 7 ~~8~~.
2. Archery – September 23 ~~24~~ through October 22 ~~23~~.
3. Muzzleloading gun – October 27-29 ~~28-30~~.
4. Small game – January 8 ~~9~~ through March 4 ~~5~~.
5. Fishing and frogging – Throughout the year.
6. Early duck – In the September season established by Rule 68A-13.003, F.A.C.
7. Duck and coot – During the duck and coot season established by Rule 68A-13.003, F.A.C.
8. Spring turkey – March 17 ~~18~~ through April 22 ~~23~~.
9. Trapping – January 8 ~~9~~ through March 1.

(b) - (c) No Change.

(d) General regulations:

1. Possession or use of dogs other than waterfowl retrievers or ~~and~~ bird dogs is prohibited, except as provided by paragraph 68A-15.004(7)(c) or (d), F.A.C.
2. Motorized vehicles may be operated only on named or numbered roads from September

1 through April 30. From May 1 through August 31 all motorized vehicles shall be operated only on Dallus Creek Road, Hagen's Cove Road, Tide City Mainline, Turkey Track Tram, Pine Island Road, Indian Island Road and Bridge Road ~~Bradley Springs Road~~.

3. Hunters shall check in and out at a check station when entering or exiting the area and shall check all game taken during the general gun, archery, muzzleloading gun, and spring turkey seasons.

4. During the archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun, and spring turkey seasons no person shall enter or exit the area except through the designated check stations on the Dallus Creek Road and Tide City Mainline.

5. Fires are prohibited.

6. Taking of wildlife by use of a gun on or from the right-of-way of County Road 361 is prohibited as provided by Rule 68A-4.008, F.A.C.

7. The use of all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) is prohibited.

8. During the archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun, and spring turkey seasons hunters shall obtain a daily hunt permit, issued at either check station, when entering the area and retain it in their possession while on the area.

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

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November 11 ~~12~~ through January 7 ~~8~~.

2. Archery – September 23 ~~24~~ through October 22 ~~23~~.

3. Muzzleloading gun – October 27-29 ~~28~~ through ~~30~~.

4. Small game – January 8 ~~9~~ through March 4 ~~5~~.

5. Spring turkey – March 17 ~~18~~ through April 22 ~~23~~.

6. Trapping – January 8 ~~9~~ through March 1.

7. Early duck – In the September season established by Rule 68A-13.003, F.A.C.

8. Duck and coot – During the duck and coot season established by Rule 68A-13.003, F.A.C.

9. Fishing and frogging – Throughout year.

(b) - (d) No Change.

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

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~11~~ ~~12~~ through January ~~7~~ ~~8~~.

2. Small game – January ~~8~~ ~~9~~ through March ~~4~~ ~~5~~.

3. Spring turkey – March ~~17~~ ~~18~~ through April ~~22~~ ~~23~~.

4. Archery – September ~~23~~ ~~24~~ through October ~~22~~ ~~23~~.

5. Early duck – Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays on the Hickory Mound Impoundment and permitted every day of the season on the remainder of the area as established by Rule 68A-13.003, F.A.C.

6. Duck and coot – Mondays, Wednesdays, Saturdays and the first day of each phase of the duck and coot season on the Hickory Mound Impoundment and permitted every day of the season on the remainder of the area as established by Rule 68A-13.003, F.A.C.

7. Fishing and frogging – Throughout the year.

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

(b) - (c) No Change.

(d) General regulations,

1. Duck and coot shooting hours for the Hickory Mound Impoundment: From the beginning of shooting hours established pursuant to Rule 68A-13.003, F.A.C., until noon.

2. Airboats or vehicles are prohibited inside the Hickory Mound Impoundment Area. Gas-powered outboard motors are prohibited in the Hickory Mound Impoundment from August 31 until March 31. Gas-powered outboard motors of 4 h.p. or less are permitted in the Hickory Mound Impoundment from April 1 through August 30.

3. Commercial fishing or crabbing is prohibited in the Hickory Mound Impoundment.

4. Possession of shotguns within the Hickory Mound Impoundment is allowed only during days when duck and coot hunting is allowed and only for taking migratory game birds permitted.
 5. The discharge of any firearm from the Hickory Mound Impoundment dikes is prohibited.
 6. Hunters shall check in and out at a designated check station when entering or exiting the area and shall check all game taken during the archery, general gun, spring turkey, early duck and regular duck and coot seasons. Hunters shall obtain a daily hunt permit upon checking in and retain it in their possession while on the area.
 7. Only shotguns or bows and arrows are permitted in the Hickory Mound Impoundment.
 8. Motorized vehicles may be operated only on named or numbered roads from September 1 through April 30. From May 1 through August 31, motorized vehicles may be operated only on Cow Creek Grade, Coker Road, Swartz Tram west of Cow Creek Grade and J.C. Franklin Grade.
 9. During the general gun and small game seasons, hunting as specified by paragraph 68A-24.002(2)(b), F.A.C., is permitted.
 10. Hunting from permanent blinds or structures in the Hickory Mound Impoundment is prohibited.
 11. Fires are prohibited.
 12. Hunting with dogs is prohibited during the archery season except that waterfowl retrievers may be used during the early duck season.
- (9) Big Bend Wildlife Management Area – Jena Unit.
- (a) Open season:
1. General gun – November ~~11~~ ¹¹ through January ~~7~~ ⁸.
 2. Spring turkey – March ~~17~~ ¹⁷ through April ~~22~~ ²³.
 3. Small game – January ~~8~~ ⁹ through March ~~4~~ ⁵.
 4. Fishing and frogging – Permitted throughout the year.

5. Early duck – In the September season established by Rule 68A-13.003, F.A.C.
6. Duck and coot – During the duck and coot season established by Rule 68A-13.003, F.A.C.
7. Trapping – January ~~8~~ 9 through March 1.
 - (b) - (d) No Change.
- (10) Big Bend Wildlife Management Area – Snipe Island Unit.
 - (a) Open season:
 1. Archery – September ~~23~~ 24 through October ~~22~~ 23.
 2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~27-29~~ 28-30.
 3. General gun – November ~~11~~ 12 through December ~~3~~ 4.
 4. Small game – January ~~6~~ 7 through February ~~4~~ 5.
 5. Spring turkey – March ~~17~~ 18 through April ~~8~~ 9.
 6. Trapping – January ~~6~~ 7 through March 1.
 7. Fishing and frogging – Permitted throughout the year.
 - (b) - (c) No Change.
 - (d) General Regulations:
 1. The use of tracked vehicles, airboats, motorcycles or all-terrain vehicles is prohibited.
 2. Fires are prohibited.
 3. Vehicles shall be operated only on named and numbered roads from September 1 through April 30. From May 1 to August 31, vehicles shall be operated only on Mandalay Road and Snipe Island Grade.
 4. All hunters shall check in and out at the check station on Mandalay Road or Snipe Island Grade when entering and exiting the area. Hunters shall check all game taken. When check stations are unmanned, hunters shall use self-service check stations.
 5. The possession or use of dogs other than waterfowl retrievers or ~~and~~ bird dogs is prohibited, except as provided by paragraph 68A-15.004(7)(c) or (d), F.A.C.
 6. Horses are permitted only during periods closed to hunting.

(11) No Change.

(12) Raiford Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September 23 24 through October 8 9.
2. Muzzleloading gun – October 27-29 28-30.
3. Archery and muzzleloading gun – November 11-19 12-20.
4. Spring turkey – March 17-25 18-26.
5. Fishing and frogging – During periods in which hunting is allowed.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, hog, fish, frogs, and furbearers. No size or bag limit on hog. Wild turkeys may be taken during the muzzleloading gun and archery/muzzleloading gun seasons.

(c) - (d) No Change.

(13) Cedar Key Scrub Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November 11-19 12-20.
2. Archery – September 23 24 through October 8 9.
3. Muzzleloading gun – October 27-29 28-30.

(b) - (d) No Change.

(14) Andrews Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September 29 30 through October 1 2 and October 6-8 7-9.
2. Muzzleloading gun – October 27-29 28-30 and November 3-5 4-6.
3. General gun – November 17-19 18-20.
4. Small game – January 5-7, 6-8 12-14 and 19-21 13-15.
5. Family hunt – February 3-4 and 10-11.
6. 5-7 Spring turkey – March 23-25 24-26 and April 13-15 14-16.

~~7.6.~~ Supervised deer-hog youth hunt – October 14-15 ~~15-16~~ and 21-22 ~~22-23~~.

~~8.7.~~ Fishing and frogging – Throughout the year.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, hog, fish, frogs and furbearers. The bag limit shall be one deer per quota hunt permit. No size or bag limit on ~~wild~~ hogs. During the family hunt, only hog may be taken. During the supervised deer-hog youth hunt, only antlered deer, antlerless deer by permit only, and hog may be taken.

(c) Camping: Prohibited.

(d) General regulations:

1. A quota permit shall be required for each hunter entering the area. The hunter quota has been divided proportionately between zones as follows:

a. Archery – A-4, B-10, C-12, D-12, E-6, F-16.

b. Muzzleloading gun and general gun, small game, and supervised youth hunts – A-3, B-7, C-7, D-9, E-4, F-10.

c. Family hunt – A-2, B-4, C-4, D-4, E-2, F-4.

~~d.e.~~ Spring turkey – A-2, B-5, C-5, D-7, E-3, F-8.

2. No person shall hunt in any zone other than that to which he is assigned by zone tag.

Zone tags shall not be transferred. All hunters shall keep the zone tag in their possession ~~wear zone tags visibly~~. Zone tags shall be returned to the check station before exiting the area. Zone tags may be reserved for the next day.

3. Hunters shall check in and out at a check station when entering or exiting the area, and shall check all game taken.

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

During periods when the area is closed to hunting, persons may enter the area no earlier than one-half hour before sunrise and shall exit no later than one-half hour after sunset.

Horses and all-terrain vehicles are prohibited on the area.

5. Hunting with dogs is prohibited.

6. During the supervised youth hunts, only persons under sixteen years of age but not younger than eight years of age, and under the supervision and in the presence of an adult no younger than 18 years of age as provided in Section 790.22, F.S., may hunt.
7. During open hunting seasons access to the area shall be restricted to individuals with a valid quota hunt permit for the area.
8. During periods open to hunting, no person shall enter the area prior to one hour before legal shooting hours or exit the area after one hour past legal shooting hours.
9. During periods open to hunting, entry into or exit from the area at locations other than designated entrances ~~the check station via CR 211~~ is prohibited.
10. Fires are prohibited.

(15) Big Shoals Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September 25-30 ~~26~~ through October 1, October 2-7 ~~3-8~~ and 9-14 ~~10-15~~.
2. Muzzleloading gun – October 27-29 ~~28-30~~ and November 3-5 ~~4-6~~.
3. Small game – December 18-23 ~~19-24~~ and December 25-30 ~~26-31~~.
4. Spring turkey – March 22-24 ~~23-25~~ and April 12-14 ~~13-15~~.
5. Fishing – Permitted throughout the year.

(b) Legal to take: During the archery season only antlerless and antlered deer, wild hogs, turkey of either sex ~~either-sex turkeys~~, rabbit, and gray squirrel may be taken. During the muzzleloading gun season only antlered deer, wild hogs, rabbits and gray squirrels may be taken. During the small game season only rabbits and gray squirrels may be taken. During the spring turkey season only bearded turkeys or gobblers may be taken. No size or bag or size limit on wild hogs. All legal fish.

(c) No Change.

(d) General regulations:

1. No person shall hunt in any zone other than that to which he is assigned by zone tag.

Zone tags shall not be transferred. All hunters shall keep the zone tag in their possession
~~wear zone tags visibly.~~

2. Hunters shall check in and out at a check station when entering or exiting the area, and shall check all game taken.
3. During hunting periods, access for hunters will be only through the check station on CR 135.
4. Vehicles may be operated only on designated portions of named or numbered roads. The use of tracked vehicles, motorcycles, airboats or all-terrain vehicles is prohibited on the area. Horses are permitted on roads open to vehicular use or on designated horse trails.
5. Hunting with dogs is prohibited.
6. Persons may enter the area no earlier than one and one-half (1 1/2) hours before sunrise and shall exit no later than one and one-half (1 1/2) hours after sunset year around.

(16) Twin Rivers Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~23-24~~ through October ~~8-9~~.
2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~27-29~~ ~~28-30~~.
3. General gun – November ~~11-21~~ ~~12-22~~.
4. Small game – December ~~2-24~~ ~~3-25~~.
5. Spring turkey – March ~~23-25~~ ~~24-26~~ and April ~~13-15~~ ~~14-16~~.
6. Fishing – Throughout the year.

(b) - (c) No Change.

(d) General regulations:

1. ~~A quota permit shall be required for each hunter entering the area.~~ The quota has been divided proportionately between zones as follows: Archery, Muzzleloading Gun and General Gun, A-5, B-35, C-20; Spring Turkey, A-4, B-15, C-5.
2. Hunters shall check in and out at the check station on Highway 90 in Zone B during the

archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun and spring turkey seasons and report all game taken.

3. During archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun and spring turkey seasons, no person shall hunt in any zone other than that for which he has a zone tag.

4. Hunters shall obtain a zone tag when they check in at the check station, except during the small game season, and keep it in their possession while hunting on the area.

5. Horses are permitted only during daylight hours on designated roads.

6. Vehicles may be operated only during daylight hours and only on the following roads:

Zone A – Spring Road (only during the period from the first Monday after the close of the spring turkey season through Labor Day) and Loop Road; Zone B – Withlacoochee Road, Powerline Road, Loop Road and West Road; Zone C – Road A, Road B, Road C, Road 1, Road 2, Road 3, and Springs Road.

7. All-terrain vehicles are prohibited on the area.

8. Persons may enter and exit the area only on the following roads and trails: Zone A – Loop Road; Zone B – Withlacoochee Road, Powerline Road, Loop Road and West Road; Zone C – Road A, Road B, Road C, Road 1, Road 2, Road 3, Springs Road, and the Florida Trail.

9. Hunting with dogs is prohibited except during the small game season.

10. Wild hogs may not be transported alive.

(17) No Change.

(18) Jennings Forest Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September 23 ~~24~~ through October 8 ~~9~~.

2. Supervised small game – October 14-22 ~~15-23~~, east of Black Creek only.

3. Muzzleloading gun – October 27-29 ~~28-30~~.

4. General gun – November 11-26 ~~12-27~~.

5. Small game – January 12 ~~13~~ through February 11 ~~12~~, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only.

6. Spring turkey – March 17-20 ~~18-21~~ and 21-25 ~~22-26~~.

7. Fishing – Throughout the year.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish and furbearers except bobcat and otter. During the archery, muzzleloading gun and general gun seasons, the bag limit for deer shall be one per quota ~~hunt~~ permit. During the spring turkey season, the bag limit for turkeys shall be one gobbler (bearded turkey) per quota ~~hunt~~ permit. No size or bag limits on wild hogs.

(c) - (d) No Change.

(19) Holton Creek Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Mobility-impaired general gun – October 13-15 ~~14-16~~, 27-29 ~~28-30~~, November 3-5 ~~4-6~~ and December 15-17 ~~16-18~~.

2. Mobility-impaired spring turkey – March 23-25 ~~24-26~~ and April 13-15 ~~14-16~~.

3. Fishing – Throughout the year.

(b) Legal to take: Any deer (except spotted fawns), wild hogs, bearded turkey, gray squirrel and rabbit. The bag limit shall be one deer and one turkey per quota ~~hunt~~ permit. No size or bag limit on hogs. All legal fish.

(c) ~~Camping: Prohibited during periods open to hunting. During periods closed to hunting,~~ camping is allowed ~~by only with a permit~~ only, from the Suwannee River Water Management District ~~landowner~~.

(d) No Change.

(20) Goethe Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September 23 ~~24~~ through October 15 ~~9~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October 27-29 ~~28-30~~.

3. General gun (still hunt) – November 11-13 and 14-16 ~~12-15~~.
4. General gun (dog hunt) – November 17-19 and 20-23 ~~16-20~~.
5. Small game – January 13 through February 4 ~~November 26 through December 11~~.
6. Spring turkey – March 17-23 and March 24 through April 1 ~~18-26~~.
7. Fishing – Throughout the year.

(b) No Change.

(c) Camping is allowed by permit only, from the Division of Forestry. ~~Prohibited during periods when the area is open to hunting. During periods closed to hunting, camping is by special permit only from the Division of Forestry.~~

(d) General Regulations:

1. Vehicles may be operated only on named or numbered roads unless otherwise posted as closed.
2. Taking wildlife by use of a gun on or from the rights-of-way of State Road 121 or county roads 343, 326, 337, or 336 is prohibited as provided by Rule 68A-4.008, F.A.C.
3. Fires are permitted only at locations specified by the Division of Forestry.
4. Hunting with dogs is prohibited during the general gun still hunt season, archery season, and muzzleloading gun season. Hunting with dogs other than bird dogs is prohibited during the small game season.
5. The use of tracked vehicles, airboats, and all-terrain vehicles is prohibited. Horses are permitted only on roads and designated horse trails.
6. Entry into or exit from the area at locations other than the entrances designated on the hunt map is prohibited.
7. Dogs with a shoulder height of more than 17 inches are prohibited during the general gun dog hunt.
8. The portion of the area north of Hospital Road and east of County Road 337 (also known as Hog Pond Tract) shall be open for hunting only during the small game season.

9. Hunters shall check all deer, hogs, and turkeys at one of the area check stations before leaving the area.

10. That portion of the area south of County Road 326 and adjacent to the east side of County Road 337 shall be open only for taking doves as established by Rule 68A-13.008, F.A.C. Only shotguns are allowed on this portion of the area.

11. Public access is prohibited from 1.5 hours after sunset until 1.5 hours before sunrise, except by persons in possession of a camping permit from the Division of Forestry.

(21) San Pedro Bay Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November 11 ~~12~~ through January 7 ~~8~~.
2. Small game – January 8 ~~9~~ through March 4 ~~5~~.
3. Spring turkey – March 17 ~~18~~ through April 22 ~~23~~.
4. Archery – September 23 ~~24~~ through October 22 ~~23~~.
5. Muzzleloading gun – October 28 through November 5 ~~28-30~~.
6. Early duck – In the September season established by Rule 68A-13.003, F.A.C.
7. Fishing and frogging – During periods the area is open.
8. Trapping – January 8 ~~9~~ through March 1.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, hog, fish, frogs, and furbearers. No size or bag limit on hog. ~~Wild hogs may be taken only during the archery season, muzzleloading gun season, and the first 30 days of general gun season.~~

(c) - (d) No Change.

(22) Citrus Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – December 16-17 ~~17-18~~ and January 6-7 ~~7-8~~.
2. Small game – January 8 ~~9~~ through March 4 ~~5~~.
3. Muzzleloading gun – December 9-10 ~~10-11~~ and December 30-31 ~~31~~ through ~~January 1~~.

4. Archery – November ~~11~~ ~~12~~ through December ~~3~~ ~~4~~.

5. Spring turkey – March 20-22, April 3-5 and 17-19.

~~6.5.~~ Fishing and frogging – Throughout the year.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game (~~except turkeys~~), hog, fish, frogs and furbearers. During the archery, muzzleloading gun and general gun seasons, antlerless deer may be taken by permit only. Turkey may be taken only during the spring turkey season. The bag limit shall be one gobbler (or bearded turkey) per spring turkey quota permit. No size or bag limit on ~~for wild~~ hogs.

(c) Camping: Permitted in designated campsites only.

(d) General regulations:

1. Only bird dogs may be used for hunting during the small game season. Dogs are prohibited at other times except as authorized.

2. The use of all-terrain vehicles is prohibited.

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

4. No deer shall be dismembered or removed until checked at the check station.

5. The use of horses for hunting is prohibited except during the small game season.

6. The take of ~~Hunting~~ quail is prohibited east of County Road 491 between Trail 16 and County Road ~~State Road~~ 480.

7. Bird dogs may be used during authorized field trials.

8. Bird dogs may be trained in the area east of County Road 491 between Trail 16 and Trail 20 October 1 through 31. Scheduled bird dog trial events are authorized only in the area east of County Road 491 between Trail 16 and County Road 480.

9. Only tents, trailers or self-propelled camping vehicles may be used for camping.

10. Taking of wildlife by use of a gun on or from rights-of-way of all paved roads is prohibited as provided by Rule 68A-4.008, F.A.C.

11. Camping equipment may not be taken into the area prior to 14 days before the archery

season and shall be removed by 6:00 p.m. six days after the close of the small game season.

12. Persons operating vehicles shall enter and exit only at designated entrances.

13. Horses are restricted to named or numbered roads and designated horse trails.

(23) Flying Eagle Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September 30 through October 8 ~~1-9~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October 27-29 ~~28-30~~.

3. General gun – November 11-19 ~~12-20~~.

4. Small game – November 24-26 ~~25-27~~ and December 15-17 ~~16-18~~.

5. Spring turkey – March 17-20 ~~18-21~~ and 21-25 ~~22-26~~.

6. Early duck – In September, season established by Rule 68A-13.003, F.A.C.

7. Fishing and frogging – Permitted throughout the year.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, hog, fish, frogs and furbearers (except otter). Antlerless deer may be taken by permit only during the muzzleloading gun and general gun seasons.

No size or bag limit on ~~wild~~ hogs.

(c) - (d) No Change.

(24) Potts Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Spring turkey – March 17-20 ~~18-21~~ and 21-25 ~~22-26~~.

2. Archery – October 7-15 ~~8-16~~.

3. Muzzleloading gun – November 3-5 ~~4-6~~.

4. General gun hog-dog – November 17-19 ~~18-20~~.

5. Small game – December 8-10 ~~9-11~~, January 5-7 ~~6-8~~, and February 2-4 ~~3-5~~.

6. Fishing and frogging – Permitted throughout the year.

7. Trapping – Prohibited.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, ~~wild~~ hogs, fish, ~~and~~ frogs and furbearers (except bobcat and otter). The bag limit for turkey shall be one gobbler (or bearded turkey) per spring turkey quota ~~hunt~~ permit. No size or bag limit on ~~wild~~ hogs. Only ~~wild~~ hogs may be taken during the general gun hog-dog season ~~hunt~~.

(c) No Change.

(d) General regulations:

1. During periods when the area is closed to hunting, public access other than on foot, bicycle or horseback is prohibited unless by permit from the Southwest Florida Water Management District with the following exception: vehicular access is permitted one day prior to each hunt from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., except prior to small game season.
2. Vehicles may be operated only on named or numbered roads and shall be parked within 25 feet of those roads. Bicycles may be ridden only on designated trails.
3. The use of tracked vehicles, motorcycles or all-terrain vehicles is prohibited. During periods when the area is closed to hunting, horses may be ridden only on designated roads and designated trails.
4. Hunters shall check in and out at the check station when entering or exiting the area and shall check all game taken.
5. No game shall be dismembered until checked at the check station.
6. Only tents, trailers or self-propelled camping vehicles may be used for camping.
7. The name and address and telephone number of the person responsible for each campsite shall be visibly affixed to the camping shelter.
8. The use of dogs, other than bird dogs and dogs with a shoulder height of 15 inches or less during the small game season, is prohibited except that dogs may be used during the general gun hog-dog season. During the general gun hog-dog season, no more than three ~~3~~ dogs per quota permit shall be allowed. During non-hunting periods the possession of dogs shall only be as authorized by the Southwest Florida Water Management District.

9. During the general gun hog-dog season, a quota permit shall be required for each group of two hunters, and only one gun may be possessed per quota permit.

(25) Homosassa Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Small game – November ~~11~~ ~~12~~ through December ~~3~~ ~~4~~ and December ~~23~~ ~~24~~ through January ~~7~~ ~~8~~.

2. General gun hog – February ~~8-11~~ ~~9-12~~ and ~~22-25~~ ~~23-26~~.

3. Special-opportunity spring turkey – March ~~17-23~~ ~~18-24~~ and March 31 through April 6 ~~1-7~~.

4. Fishing and frogging – Permitted throughout the year.

(b) Legal to take: Only wild hogs may be taken during the general gun hog season. No size or bag limit on hog. ~~There is no bag or size limit restrictions on hogs.~~ All legal small game and furbearers may be taken during the small game season. Wild turkeys may only be taken during the special-opportunity spring turkey season. The bag limit for turkeys shall be one gobbler (or bearded turkey) per special-opportunity permit. Fish and frogs are legal to take throughout the year.

(c) Camping: Prohibited.

(d) General regulations:

1. The use of dogs, other than bird dogs and dogs with a shoulder height of 15 inches or less, is prohibited. Hunting hogs with dogs is prohibited.

2. Vehicles may be operated only on named or numbered roads. Bicycles may be operated only on named or numbered roads and designated trails ~~firelines~~.

3. Vehicles shall be parked within 25 feet of a named or numbered road.

4. The use of tracked vehicles, airboats, all-terrain vehicles or horses is prohibited.

5. Hunters shall enter and exit the area at designated entrances, ~~and~~ register at the hunt headquarters and check all game taken.

6. Public access to the area is prohibited during the period from 1.5 hours after sunset to 1.5 hours before sunrise.

7. A special-opportunity hunt permit shall be required for every person entering the area during special-opportunity hunts.

8. The possession of centerfire rifles is prohibited.

(26) Devil's Hammock Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~23-26~~ ~~24-27~~, September ~~27~~ ~~28~~ through October ~~1~~ ~~2~~ and October ~~2-8~~ ~~3-9~~.

2. Family hunt – October 14-15 and 21-22.

~~3.2-~~ Muzzleloading gun – October ~~27-29~~ ~~28-30~~.

~~4.3-~~ General gun – November ~~11-14~~ ~~12-15~~ and ~~15-19~~ ~~16-20~~.

~~5.4-~~ Small game – November 25 through December ~~24~~ ~~10-25~~.

~~6.5-~~ Spring turkey – March ~~17-20~~ ~~18-21~~ and ~~21-25~~ ~~22-26~~.

~~7.6-~~ Trapping – Prohibited.

~~8.7-~~ Fishing – Permitted year-round.

(b) Legal to take: Deer, gray squirrel, rabbit, ~~wild~~ hogs, game birds, and fish. No size or bag limits on ~~wild~~ hogs. Only hog may be taken during the family hunt.

(c) - (d) No Change.

(27) Mallory Swamp Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~23~~ ~~24~~ through October ~~22~~ ~~23~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~28~~ ~~29~~ through November ~~5~~ ~~6~~ (still hunt area only).

3. General gun – November ~~11~~ ~~12~~ through January ~~7~~ ~~8~~.

4. Small game – January ~~8~~ ~~9~~ through February ~~4~~ ~~5~~.

5. Spring turkey – March ~~17~~ ~~18~~ through April ~~1~~ ~~2~~.

6. Duck and coot – During the duck and coot season and the early duck season in September established pursuant to Rule 68A-13.003, F.A.C.
7. Trapping – January ~~8~~ 9 through March 1.
8. Fishing and frogging – Throughout the year.
 - (b) Legal to take: All legal game, hog, fish, frogs and furbearers. No size or bag limits on ~~wild~~ hogs.
 - (c) Camping: Prohibited.
 - (d) General regulations:
 1. Dogs with a shoulder height of more than 17 inches are prohibited during the general gun season. Hunting with dogs other than bird dogs is prohibited in the still hunt area, which are those that portions of the area lying west of Crapps Tower Grade and north of L.A. Bennett Grade, ~~and in~~ that portion of the area lying west of Crapps Tower Grade and south of Deserter's Hammock Road, and that portion of the area lying south and east of McCall's Chapel Grade and east of East Mainline.
 2. During the muzzleloading gun season and first nine days of the general gun seasons, hunters shall check all game taken at the check station.
 3. The use of tracked vehicles, airboats, motorcycles or all-terrain vehicles is prohibited, except that all-terrain vehicles and motorcycles shall be allowed only by permit from the Suwannee River Water Management District. Horses are permitted only on roads and designated horse trails during daylight hours and only during periods closed to hunting.
 4. Motorized vehicles may be operated only on established roads. Vehicular traffic is prohibited on roads identified and posted as closed.
 5. Fires are prohibited.
 6. Licensed trappers may possess .22 rimfire rifles or pistols from February 5 7 through March 1.
 7. During the general gun season, taking of wildlife is prohibited south and east of McCall's

Chapel Grade and east of East Mainline.

(28) Middle Aucilla Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~11~~ ~~12~~ through January ~~7~~ ~~8~~.
2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~28~~ ~~29~~ through November ~~5~~ ~~6~~.
3. Small game – January ~~8~~ ~~9~~ through March ~~4~~ ~~5~~.
4. Archery – September ~~23~~ ~~24~~ through October ~~22~~ ~~23~~.
5. Spring turkey – March ~~17~~ ~~18~~ through April ~~22~~ ~~23~~.
6. Trapping: Prohibited.
7. Fishing: Permitted throughout the year.

(b) - (c) No Change.

(d) General Regulations:

1. Vehicles may be operated only on designated roads.
2. The use of all-terrain vehicles is prohibited.
3. Fires are prohibited.
4. The possession or use of dogs, other than bird dogs or waterfowl retrievers, is prohibited, except as provided by paragraph 68A-15.004(7)(c) or (d), F.A.C.
5. A quota permit is required of all hunters entering the area during open hunting seasons, except during the small game season.
6. Hunting hogs by the use of dogs is prohibited.

(29) Little River Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~23-25~~ ~~24-26~~, September 30 through October ~~2~~ ~~1-3~~ and October 7-
9 ~~8-10~~.
2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~27-29~~ ~~28-30~~.
3. Small game – December ~~2-6~~ ~~3-7~~ and 23-27 ~~24-28~~.

4. Fishing – Permitted throughout the year.

5. Trapping – Prohibited.

(b) No Change.

(c) Camping is allowed by permit only, from the Suwannee River Water Management District. ~~Permitted only by landowner permit.~~

(d) No Change.

(30) Troy Springs Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Small game – November ~~11~~ ~~12~~ through January ~~7~~ ~~8~~, except on Sundays, and only in that portion of the area known as the Adams Tract located northeast of U.S. 27, east and south of County Road 251, and southwest of the Suwannee River.

2. Fishing – Permitted throughout the year.

(b) No Change.

(c) Camping is allowed by permit only, from the Suwannee River Water Management District. ~~Permitted year-round on Ruth Springs and Walker tracts. Permitted only during periods closed to hunting on the Adams Tract. A written permit from the Suwannee River Water Management District is required for all camping.~~

(d) No Change.

(31) Bayard Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~23~~ ~~24~~ through October ~~8~~ ~~9~~ and November ~~18-26~~ ~~19-27~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~28~~ ~~29~~ through November ~~5~~ ~~6~~.

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

4. Trapping – Prohibited.

5. Fishing and frogging – Permitted throughout the year.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs, and furbearers. The bag limit shall be one deer per quota ~~hunt~~ permit; wild hogs of any size with no bag limit may be taken during any hunt except spring turkey.

(c) No Change.

(d) General regulations:

1. Hunting with dogs is prohibited.
 2. Vehicles may be operated only on named or numbered roads.
 3. Vehicles may be parked only at designated parking areas.
 4. The use of tracked vehicles, motorcycles, or all-terrain vehicles is prohibited.
 5. During hunting periods, public access in Areas 2, 3 and 4 is restricted to those individuals with valid hunt permits.
 6. All hunters must check in and out at the designated check station and check all game taken.
 7. Horses are permitted throughout the year in Area 1 but only during non-hunting periods in Areas 2, 3 and 4.
 8. Horses and non-motorized bicycles may be used only on named or numbered roads and designated trails.
 9. Vehicular access is permitted on all hunt days plus the weekend and the day before all hunts except spring turkey season when it shall be permitted only on hunt days and the day before each hunt.
 10. Hunting is prohibited in Area 1.
 11. Only shotguns may be used during the spring turkey season.
 12. Vessels may be used to access the area from the St. Johns River.
- (32) Grove Park Wildlife Management Area (~~Alachua County~~).

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September 23 ~~24~~ through October 22 ~~23~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October 28–~~30~~ through November 5.
3. General gun – November 11 ~~12~~ through January 7 ~~8~~.
4. Duck and coot – During the duck and coot season established by Rule 68A-13.003, F.A.C.
5. Trapping – December 1 through January 7 ~~8~~.
6. Spring turkey – March 17 ~~18~~ through April 22 ~~23~~.
7. Fish and frogging – Throughout the year.

(b) - (c) No Change.

(d) General regulations:

1. Hunting with dogs other than bird dogs is prohibited.
2. Vehicles are prohibited year-round in the Camps Canal area, in those lands lying south of County Road 346, and in those lands lying north of County Road 2082. Vehicles are restricted to named or numbered ~~established~~ roads in the remaining portion of the area. Non-motorized bicycles are permitted, but may be ridden only on named or numbered ~~established~~ roads or designated recreational trails identified in the area brochure.
3. Taking of wildlife by use of a gun on or from the rights-of-way of County Roads 325, 2082, and 346 is prohibited as provided by Rule 68A-4.008, F.A.C.
4. Fires are prohibited on the area.
5. Horses are prohibited during periods open to hunting, except on the designated recreational trails identified in the area brochure. ~~permitted only~~ during periods closed to hunting. ~~h~~Horses may be ridden only on named or numbered ~~established~~ roads or designated recreational trails.
6. Access is permitted only by individuals possessing a valid recreational user permit, except as provided by Section 372.57, F.S. or by any person using the designated recreational trails identified in the area brochure for horseback riding, bicycling or hiking.
7. Non-permitted individuals may not operate any vehicle on any portion of the area, except when engaging in through travel on Prison Farm, Ivey and Johnson Roads.

(33) Steinhatchee Springs Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~23~~ ~~24~~ through October ~~22~~ ~~23~~.
2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~27-29~~ ~~28-30~~.
3. General gun – November ~~11~~ ~~12~~ through December ~~3~~ ~~4~~.
4. Small game – January ~~20~~ ~~21~~ through February ~~18~~ ~~19~~.
5. Spring turkey – March ~~17~~ ~~18~~ through April ~~8~~ ~~9~~.
6. Trapping – Prohibited.
7. Fishing and frogging – Permitted throughout the year.

(b) - (c) No Change.

(d) General regulations:

1. The possession or use of dogs, other than waterfowl retrievers or ~~and~~ bird dogs is prohibited, except as provided by paragraph 68A-15.004(7)(c) or (d), F.A.C.
2. Motorized vehicles may be operated only on named or numbered roads.
3. The use of tracked vehicles, airboats, motorcycles, or all-terrain vehicles is prohibited.
4. Fires are prohibited.
5. Horses are prohibited during periods open to hunting. During periods closed to hunting, horses shall be restricted to designated roads and trails.
6. Hunters shall check all game taken during the muzzleloading gun, general gun, and spring turkey seasons.
7. The taking or attempt to take wildlife or the display or use of a gun on or from the rights-of-way of State Road 51 or County Road 357 is prohibited as provided by Rule 68A-4.008, F.A.C.

(34) Nassau Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~11~~ ~~12~~ through January ~~7~~ ~~8~~.

2. Small game – January ~~8~~ 9 through March ~~4~~ 5.
3. Spring turkey – March ~~17~~ 18 through April ~~22~~ 23.
4. Archery – September ~~23~~ 24 through October ~~22~~ 23.
5. Muzzleloading gun – October 28 ~~–30~~ through November 5.
6. Fishing and frogging – During periods the area is open for hunting or scouting.
7. Trapping – January ~~8~~ 9 through March 1.

(b) No Change.

(d) General regulations:

1. The possession or use of dogs, other than bird dogs or ~~and~~ waterfowl retrievers is prohibited, except as provided by paragraph 68A-15.004(7)(c) or (d), F.A.C. during the general gun season.
2. Vehicles may be operated only on named or numbered roads.
3. Hunting with dogs is prohibited during the archery and muzzleloading gun seasons.
4. Fires are prohibited.
5. Vehicles are prohibited on the area from 1.5 hours after sunset to 1.5 hours before sunrise. Vehicles may only enter and exit the area at designated locations.
6. Access to the area is permitted only by individuals possessing a valid recreational use permit and only from the Saturday prior to the archery season through the last day of the spring turkey season.

(35) Cary Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – October ~~14-15~~ 15-16, November ~~4-5~~ 5-6 and ~~18-19~~ 19-20, December ~~9-10~~ 10-11 and ~~23-24~~ 24-25.
2. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~30-31~~ 31 through ~~January 1~~ and January ~~13-14~~ 14-15.
3. Bird dog training – October through January, Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays, except during scheduled hunting periods.

(b) - (d) No Change.

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

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~18-26~~ 19-27.
2. Archery – September ~~23~~ 24 through October ~~1~~ 2.
3. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~28~~ 29 through November ~~5~~ 6.
4. General gun for mobility-impaired – October ~~14-17~~ 15-18.
5. Small game – December ~~18-31~~ 19 through January ~~1~~ and February ~~3-11~~ 4-12.
6. Trapping – Prohibited.
7. Spring turkey – The first three days of the Central Zone season, and the Friday, Saturday, and Sunday of the third and fifth weekends of the Central Zone season.
8. Fishing and frogging – Permitted throughout the year.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, hog, furbearers, fish, and frogs and furbearers. The bag limit for deer shall be one antlered and one antlerless deer per quota permit. Antlerless deer (except spotted fawns) may be taken only during the archery and general gun for mobility-impaired seasons ~~only~~. Only one quota permit may be utilized per individual, per season. No size or bag limit on hog. ~~The bag limit shall be one antlered deer and one antlerless deer per quota hunt permit. Wild hogs of any size with no bag limit.~~

(c) No Change.

(d) General regulations:

1. Hunting with dogs is prohibited except bird dogs may be used during the small game season.
2. Vehicles may be operated only on named or numbered roads except that mobility-impaired hunters may use tracked vehicles, all-terrain vehicles, and horses throughout the area during the general gun for mobility-impaired season.
3. Vehicles may be parked only at designated parking areas, except during the general gun

for the mobility-impaired season.

4. Vehicular access is permitted on all hunt days plus the weekend and day before all hunts except spring turkey, and small game seasons when it shall be permitted only on hunt days and the day before each hunt. The use of tracked vehicles, motorcycles, or all-terrain vehicles is prohibited.

5. During hunting periods, public access is restricted to those individuals with valid hunt permits, except during small game season. ~~Only one mobility-impaired quota hunt permit may be utilized per individual per hunt.~~ No more than two non-disabled helpers may accompany a mobility-impaired permit holder. Non-disabled helpers may not hunt or possess firearms during the general gun for mobility-impaired season.

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

7. Horses are prohibited during periods open to hunting except when used by mobility-impaired hunters. During periods closed to hunting, horses may be used only on named or numbered roads and designated trails.

8. Non-motorized bicycles may be used only on named or numbered roads and designated trails.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2006.

Specific Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const., 372.121, 375.313 FS. Law Implemented Art.

IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const., 372.121, 375.313 FS. History– New 6-21-82, Amended 7-1-83, 11-17-83, 7-5-84, 7-1-85, 2-16-86, 5-7-86, 6-10-86, 11-27-86, 5-10-87, 5-1-88, 6-7-88, 7-1-89, 8-17-89, 7-1-90, 9-1-90, 7-1-91, 7-2-91, 7-1-92, 7-2-92, 8-23-92, 10-22-92, 7-1-93, 7-1-94, 2-9-95, 7-1-95, 7-1-96, 9-15-96, 6-1-97, 7-1-98, 7-2-98, 7-1-99,

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