

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING
FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

DIVISION: Division of Hunting and Game Management

RULE NO.: 68A-15.062

RULE TITLE: Specific Regulations for Wildlife Management Areas -
North Central Region.

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 will be 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 area specific regulations on Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) in the North Central Region as follows:

Andrews WMA – Remove references to the number of zone tags to be issued per zone; reduce the archery quota from 60 to 45, muzzleloading gun and general gun quotas from 40 to 30 for each hunt and spring turkey quota from 30 to 25.

Twin Rivers WMA – Remove references to the number of zone tags to be issued per zone; increase the number of permits issued for archery, muzzleloading gun and general gun seasons from 30 per hunt to 45 and eliminate the 30 first-come first-served permits issued at the check station; increase the number of quota permits for spring turkey from 12 to 20 and eliminate the 12 first-come first-served permits issued at the check station; increase the number of archery hunts from one 16-day hunt to one 7-day and one 9-day hunt; and increase the number of general gun hunts from one 11-day hunt to one 4-day hunt and one 7-day hunt.

Ralph E. Simmons WMA – Clarify that during the mobility-impaired hunt only mobility-impaired hunters may take antlerless deer and clarify that guest permit holders may be on the WMA during hunting periods.

Hatchet Creek WMA – Clarify that guest permit holders may be on the WMA during hunting periods.

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 alternatives must do so in writing within 21 days of this notice.

SPECIFIC AUTHORITY: Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution; Sections 375.313, 379.2223 Florida Statutes.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution; Sections 375.313, 379.2223 Florida Statutes.

A PUBLIC RULEMAKING HEARING ON THE PROPOSED RULES WILL BE HELD AT THE TIME, DATE, AND PLACE SHOWN BELOW:

DATE AND TIME: During the regular meeting of the Commission, February 4-5, 2009, 8:30 to 5:00 p.m. each day.

PLACE: Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort, 9300 Emerald Coast Parkway West, Destin, Florida 32550.

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: Diane Eggeman, Director, Division of Hunting and Game Management, 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. – 3. No change.

4. Archery – September 29 through October 1 ~~23-25~~ and October 6-8 ~~September 30 through October 2~~, only in the still hunt areas; and the Saturday before Thanksgiving and continuing for 57 days thereafter in the archery only area, which is within the area described by a line beginning at the intersection of County Road 225 and Woodbury Road, then southeast on County Road 225 to State Road 16, then south on State Road 16 and County Road 230 to the Camp Blanding boundary on the east side of County Road 230, then east along the Camp Blanding boundary to Duval Road, then south on Duval Road to Yerkes Road, then west on Yerkes Road to Treat Road, then north on Treat Road to Lightning Strike Road, then west and north on Lightning Strike Road to State Road 230, then west on State Road 230 to the Camp Blanding boundary, then north along the Camp Blanding boundary to State Road 16,

then east on the south side of State Road 16 to Lightning Strike Road, then north on Lightning Strike Road to Bessent Road, then north on Bessent Road to the starting point. A disjunct portion of the archery only area is south of County Road 215, east of Rifle Range Road, north of State Road 16 and west of the Camp Blanding boundary.

5. No change.

6. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~13-15~~ ~~7-9~~ and ~~20-22~~ ~~14-16~~, only in the still hunt areas.

7. No change.

8. Trapping – December 1 through January ~~10~~ ~~4~~, only in the still hunt areas.

(b) – (d) No change.

(2) Cypress Creek Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Spring turkey – March ~~20-28~~ ~~24-29~~.

2. Archery – September ~~26~~ ~~20~~ through October ~~11~~ ~~5~~.

3. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~30~~ through November ~~1~~ ~~24-26~~.

4. – 5. No change.

(b) – (d) No change.

(3) Gulf Hammock Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~14~~ ~~8~~ through January ~~24~~ ~~18~~.

2. Spring turkey – March ~~20~~ ~~24~~ through April ~~25~~ ~~26~~.

3. Archery – September ~~26~~ ~~20~~ through October ~~25~~ ~~19~~.

4. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~31~~ ~~25~~ through November ~~8~~ ~~2~~.

5. No change.

(b) – (d) No change.

(4) Lochloosa Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~14-27~~ ~~8-24~~, November ~~28~~ ~~22~~ through December ~~13~~ ~~7~~ and December ~~14~~ ~~8~~ through January ~~10~~ ~~4~~.

2. Spring turkey – March ~~20~~ ~~24~~ through April ~~25~~ ~~26~~.

3. Archery – September ~~26~~ ~~20~~ through October ~~25~~ ~~19~~.

4. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~30~~ through November ~~1~~ ~~24-26~~.

5. No change.

6. Small game – January ~~11~~ ~~5~~ through March ~~7~~ ~~1~~.

7. No change.

(b) – (d) No change.

(5) Osceola Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~14~~ ~~8~~ through January ~~10~~ ~~4~~.

2. Small game – January ~~11~~ ~~5~~ through March ~~7~~ ~~1~~.

3. Spring turkey – March ~~20~~ ~~24~~ through April ~~25~~ ~~26~~.

4. Archery – September ~~26~~ ~~20~~ through October ~~18~~ ~~12~~.

5. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~23-30~~ ~~17-24~~ in the still hunt area and Big Gum Swamp Wilderness only.

6. Fox, raccoon, opossum and bobcat – August ~~8~~ ~~2~~ through September ~~29~~ ~~23~~ in the dog hunt portion of the area only from sunset to sunrise.

7. – 8. No change.

9. Trapping – January ~~11~~ ~~5~~ through March 1.

(b) – (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. No change.

2. Deer dogs may be trained from October ~~31~~ ~~25~~ through November ~~9~~ ~~3~~, except in the still hunt area.

3. – 8. No change.

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

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November 14-22 and November 23 ~~8~~ through January 10 ~~4~~.
2. Archery – September 26 ~~20~~ through October 25 ~~19~~.
3. Muzzleloading gun – October 30 through November 1 ~~24-26~~.
4. Small game – January 11 ~~5~~ through March 7 ~~1~~.
5. – 6. No change.
7. Spring turkey – March 20 ~~24~~ through April 25 ~~26~~.
8. Trapping – January 11 ~~5~~ through March 1.

(b) – (d) No change.

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

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November 14 ~~8~~ through January 10 ~~4~~.
2. Archery – September 26 ~~20~~ through October 25 ~~19~~.
3. Muzzleloading gun – October 30 through November 1 ~~24-26~~.
4. Small game – January 11 ~~5~~ through March 7 ~~1~~.
5. Spring turkey – March 20 ~~24~~ through April 25 ~~26~~.
6. Trapping – January 11 ~~5~~ through March 1.

7. – 8. No change.

(b) – (d) No change.

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

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November 14-22, 23-29 and November 30 ~~8~~ through January 10 ~~4~~.
2. Small game – January 11 ~~5~~ through March 7 ~~1~~.
3. Spring turkey – March 20 ~~24~~ through April 25 ~~26~~.
4. Archery – September 26 ~~20~~ through October 25 ~~19~~.
5. – 7. No change.
8. Trapping – January 11 ~~5~~ through March 1.

(b) – (d) No change.

(9) Big Bend Wildlife Management Area – Jena Unit.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November 14-22 and November 23 ~~8~~ through January 10 ~~4~~.
2. Spring turkey – March 20 ~~24~~ through April 25 ~~26~~.
3. Small game – January 11 ~~5~~ through March 7 ~~1~~.
4. – 5. No change.
6. Trapping – January 11 ~~5~~ through March 1.

(b) – (d) No change.

(10) Big Bend Wildlife Management Area – Snipe Island Unit.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September 26 ~~20~~ through October 25 ~~19~~.
2. Muzzleloading gun – October 30 through November 1 ~~24-26~~.
3. General gun – November 14 through December 6 ~~8-30~~.
4. Small game – January 9 ~~3~~ through February 7 ~~1~~.
5. Spring turkey – March 20-28 ~~21-29~~, March 29 ~~30~~ through April 4 ~~5~~ and April 5-11 ~~6-12~~.
6. Trapping – January 9 ~~3~~ through March 1.

7. No change.

(b) – (d) No change.

(11) No change.

(12) Raiford Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September 26 ~~20~~ through October 11 ~~5~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~30 through November 1~~ 24-26.
3. Archery and muzzleloading gun – November ~~14-22~~ 8-16.
4. Spring turkey – March ~~20-28~~ 21-29.
5. No change.

(b) – (d) No change.

(13) Cedar Key Scrub Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~14-22~~ 8-16.
2. Archery – September ~~26-29~~ through October ~~11~~ 5.
3. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~30 through November 1~~ 24-26.

(b) – (d) No change.

(14) Andrews Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – ~~October 2-4~~ September 26-28 and ~~9-11~~ October 3-5.
2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~30 through November 1~~ 24-26 and ~~November 6-8~~ October 31 through November 2.
3. General gun – November ~~20-22~~ 14-16.
4. Small game – January ~~8-10, 15-17 and 22-24~~ 2-4, 9-11 and 16-18.
5. Family hunt – ~~February 6-7 and 13-14~~ January 31 through February 1 and February 7-8.
6. Spring turkey – March ~~26-28~~ 27-29 and April ~~16-18~~ 17-19.
7. Supervised deer/hog youth hunt – October ~~17-18~~ 11-12 and ~~24-25~~ 18-19.
8. No change.

(b) – (c) No change.

(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.~~
- e. Family hunt – ~~A 2, B 4, C 4, D 4, E 2, F 4.~~
- d. Spring turkey – ~~A 2, B 5, C 5, D 7, E 3, F 8.~~

(2) – (10) renumbered as (1) – (9). No change.

(15) Big Shoals Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~28 through~~ October 3, October 5-10 and 12-17 ~~22-27, September 29 through~~ October 4 and October 6-11.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~30 through November 1 and November 6-8~~ 24-26 and October 31 through November 2.
3. Small game – December ~~21-26~~ 15-20 and ~~December 28 through~~ January 2 ~~22-27~~.

4. Spring turkey – March ~~25-27~~ 26-28 and April ~~15-17~~ 16-18.

5. No change.

(b) – (d) No change.

(16) Twin Rivers Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~26 through~~ October 2 and 20 through ~~October 3-11~~ 5.
2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~30 through November 1~~ 24-26.
3. General gun – November ~~14-17 and 18-24~~ 8-18.
4. Small game – ~~December 5-27~~ November 29 through ~~December 21~~.
5. Spring turkey – March ~~26-28~~ 27-29 and April ~~16-18~~ 17-19.
6. No change.

(b) – (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

~~1. 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.~~

~~1, 2. – 10. No change.~~

~~(17) No change.~~

~~(18) Jennings Forest Wildlife Management Area.~~

~~(a) Open season:~~

~~1. Archery – September 26-29 ~~20-23~~, September 30 through October 3 ~~24-27~~, October 4-7 and 8-11 ~~September 28 through October 1 and October 2-5.~~~~

~~2. Supervised small game – October 17-25 ~~11-19~~, east of Yellow Water Creek, and east of the North Fork Black Creek but only south of its convergence with Yellow Water Creek.~~

~~3. Muzzleloading gun – October 30 through November 1 ~~24-26.~~~~

~~4. No change.~~

~~5. General gun – November 14-18 ~~8-12~~, 19-23 ~~13-17~~ and 24-29 ~~18-23.~~~~

~~6. Small game – January 15 ~~9~~ through February 14 ~~8~~, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only.~~

~~7. Spring turkey – March 20-23 ~~21-24~~ and 24-28 ~~25-29.~~~~

~~8. No change.~~

~~(b) – (d) No change.~~

~~(19) Holton Creek Wildlife Management Area.~~

~~(a) Open season:~~

~~1. Mobility-impaired general gun – October 16-18 ~~10-12~~, October 30 through November 1 ~~24-26~~, November 6-8 ~~October 31 through November 2~~ and December 18-20 ~~12-14.~~~~

~~2. Mobility-impaired spring turkey – March 26-28 ~~27-29~~ and April 16-18 ~~17-19.~~~~

~~3. No change.~~

~~(b) – (d) No change.~~

~~(20) Goethe Wildlife Management Area.~~

~~(a) Open season:~~

~~1. Archery – September 26 ~~20~~ through October 18 ~~12.~~~~

~~2. Muzzleloading gun – October 30 through November 1 ~~24-26.~~~~

~~3. General gun (still hunt) – November 14-16 ~~8-10~~ and 17-19 ~~11-13.~~~~

~~4. General gun (dog hunt) – November 20-22 ~~14-16~~ and 23-26 ~~17-20.~~~~

~~5. Small game – January 16 ~~10~~ through February 7 ~~1.~~~~

~~6. Spring turkey – March 20-26 ~~21-27~~ and March 27 ~~28~~ through April 4 ~~5.~~~~

~~7. No change.~~

~~(b) – (d) No change.~~

~~(21) San Pedro Bay Wildlife Management Area.~~

~~(a) Open season:~~

~~1. General gun – November 14 ~~8~~ through January 10 ~~4.~~~~

~~2. Small game – January 11 ~~5~~ through March 7 ~~1.~~~~

~~3. Spring turkey – March 20 ~~24~~ through April 25 ~~26.~~~~

~~4. Archery – September 26 ~~20~~ through October 25 ~~19.~~~~

~~5. Muzzleloading gun – October 31 ~~25~~ through November 8 ~~2.~~~~

~~6. – 7. No change.~~

~~8. Trapping – January 11 ~~5~~ through March 1.~~

~~(b) – (d) No change.~~

~~(22) Citrus Wildlife Management Area.~~

~~(a) Open season:~~

~~1. General gun – December 19-20 ~~13-14~~ and January 9-10 ~~3-4.~~~~

~~2. Small game – January 11 ~~5~~ through March 7 ~~1.~~~~

~~3. Muzzleloading gun – December 12-13 ~~6-7~~ and January 2-3 ~~December 27-28.~~~~

~~4. Archery – November 14 through December 6 ~~8-30.~~~~

~~5. Spring turkey – March 23-25 ~~24-26~~, April 6-8 ~~7-9~~ and 20-22 ~~21-23.~~~~

6. No change.

(b) – (d) No change.

(23) Flying Eagle Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – ~~October 3-6 and 9-13~~ ~~September 27-30 and October 3-7.~~

2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~30 through November 1~~ ~~24-26.~~

3. General gun – November ~~14-17~~ ~~8-11~~ and ~~20-24~~ ~~14-18.~~

4. Small game – November ~~27-29~~ ~~21-23~~ and December ~~18-20~~ ~~12-14.~~

5. Spring turkey – March ~~20-23~~ ~~21-24~~ and ~~26-30~~ ~~27-31.~~

6. – 7. No change.

(b) – (d) No change.

(24) Potts Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Spring turkey – March ~~20-23~~ ~~21-24~~ and ~~26-30~~ ~~27-31.~~

2. Archery – October ~~10-13~~ ~~4-7~~ and ~~16-20~~ ~~10-14.~~

3. Muzzleloading gun – ~~November 6-8~~ ~~October 31 through November 2.~~

4. General gun hog-dog – November ~~20-22~~ ~~14-16.~~

5. Small game – December ~~11-13~~ ~~5-7~~, January ~~8-10~~ ~~2-4~~, and ~~February 5-7~~ ~~January 30 through February 1.~~

6. – 7. No change.

(b) – (d) No change.

(25) Homosassa Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~26-28~~ ~~20-22~~, October ~~9-11~~ ~~3-5~~ and ~~23-25~~ ~~17-19.~~

2. Small game – November ~~14 through December 6~~ ~~8-30~~ and December ~~26~~ ~~20~~ through January ~~10~~ ~~4.~~

3. General gun hog – February ~~11-14~~ ~~5-8~~ and ~~25-28~~ ~~19-22.~~

4. Special-opportunity spring turkey – March ~~20-26~~ ~~21-27~~ and April ~~3-9~~ ~~4-10.~~

5. No change.

(b) – (d) No change.

(26) Devil's Hammock Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~26-29~~ ~~20-23~~, ~~September 30 through October 4~~ ~~24-28~~ and ~~October 5-11~~ ~~September 29 through October~~

5.

2. Family hunt – October ~~17-18~~ ~~11-12~~ and ~~24-25~~ ~~18-19.~~

3. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~30 through November 1~~ ~~24-26.~~

4. General gun – November ~~14-17~~ ~~8-11~~ and ~~18-22~~ ~~12-16.~~

5. Small game – November ~~28~~ ~~22~~ through December ~~27~~ ~~21.~~

6. Spring turkey – March ~~20-23~~ ~~21-24~~ and ~~24-28~~ ~~25-29.~~

7. – 8. No change.

(b) – (d) No change.

(27) Mallory Swamp Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~26~~ ~~20~~ through October ~~25~~ ~~19.~~

2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~31 through November 8~~ ~~25 through November 2~~ (still hunt area only).

3. General gun – November ~~14~~ ~~8~~ through January ~~10~~ ~~4.~~

4. Small game – January ~~11~~ ~~5~~ through February ~~7~~ ~~1.~~

5. Spring turkey – March ~~20~~ ~~24~~ through April ~~4~~ ~~5.~~

6. No change.

7. Trapping – January ~~11~~ ~~5~~ through March 1.

8. No change.

(b) – (d) No change.

(28) Middle Aucilla Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November 14 through December 10 ~~8~~ and December 11 through January 10 ~~4~~.
2. Muzzleloading gun – October 31 ~~25~~ through November 8 ~~2~~.
3. Small game – January 11 ~~5~~ through March 7 ~~4~~.
4. Archery – September 26 ~~20~~ through October 25 ~~19~~.
5. Spring turkey – March 20 ~~24~~ through April 25 ~~26~~.
6. – 7. No change.

(b) – (d) No change.

(29) Little River Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September 26-28 ~~20-22~~, October 3-5 ~~27-29~~ and October 10-12 ~~4-6~~.
2. Muzzleloading gun – October 30 through November 1 ~~24-26~~.
3. Small game – December 5-9 ~~November 29~~ through December 3 and December 26-30 ~~20-24~~.
4. – 5. No change.

(b) – (d) No change.

(30) Troy Springs Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Small game – November 14 ~~8~~ through January 10 ~~4~~, 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. No change.

(b) – (d) No change.

(31) Bayard Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September 26 ~~20~~ through October 11 ~~5~~ and November 21-29 ~~15-23~~.
2. Muzzleloading gun – October 31 through November 8 ~~25~~ through November 2.
3. – 5. No change.

(b) – (d) No change.

(32) Grove Park Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September 26 ~~20~~ through October 25 ~~19~~.
2. Muzzleloading gun – October 31 ~~25~~ through November 8 ~~2~~.
3. General gun – November 14 ~~8~~ through January 10 ~~4~~.
4. No change.
5. Trapping – December 1 through January 10 ~~4~~.
6. Spring turkey – March 20 ~~24~~ through April 25 ~~26~~.
7. No change.

(b) – (d) No change.

(33) Steinhatchee Springs Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September 26 ~~20~~ through October 25 ~~19~~.
2. Muzzleloading gun – October 30 through November 1 ~~24-26~~.
3. General gun – November 14-22 and November 23 through December 6 ~~8-30~~.
4. Small game – January 23 ~~17~~ through February 21 ~~15~~.
5. Spring turkey – March 20-23, 24-28 and March 29 ~~24~~ through April 11 ~~12~~.
6. – 7. No change.

(b) – (d) No change.

(34) Nassau Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November 14 ~~8~~ through January 10 ~~4~~.

2. Small game – January ~~11~~ ⁵ through March ~~7~~ ⁴.
3. Spring turkey – March ~~20~~ ²⁴ through April ~~25~~ ²⁶.
4. Archery – September ~~26~~ ²⁰ through October ~~25~~ ¹⁹.
5. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~31~~ ²⁵ through November ~~8~~ ².
6. No change.
7. Trapping – January ~~11~~ ⁵ through March 1.

(b) – (d) No change.

(35) Cary Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~26-28~~ ²⁰⁻²² and ~~October 2-4~~ ²⁶⁻²⁸.
2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~16-18~~ ¹⁰⁻¹² and ~~October 30~~ ^{through November 1} ~~24-26~~.
3. Family hunt – November ~~14-15~~ ⁸⁻⁹.
4. General gun – November ~~20-22~~ ¹⁴⁻¹⁶ and ~~27-29~~ ²¹⁻²³.
5. Small game – ~~December 4~~ ^{November 28} through January ~~10~~ ⁴ (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).
6. Spring turkey – March ~~20-22~~ ²¹⁻²³, ~~26-28~~ ²⁷⁻²⁹ and April ~~2-4~~ ³⁻⁵.

(b) – (d) No change.

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

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~21-29~~ ¹⁵⁻²³.
2. Archery – September ~~26~~ ^{through October 4} ~~20-28~~.
3. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~31~~ ²⁵ through November ~~8~~ ².
4. General gun for mobility-impaired – October ~~17-20~~ ¹¹⁻¹⁴.
5. Small game – December ~~21~~ ^{through January 3} ~~15-28~~ and ~~February 6-14~~ ^{January 31 through February 8}.
6. – 8. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers. The bag limit for deer shall be one antlered and one antlerless deer per quota permit. Antlerless deer (except spotted fawn) may be taken only during the archery and general gun for mobility-impaired seasons. During the mobility-impaired hunt only certified mobility-impaired hunters may take an antlerless deer. Only one quota permit may be utilized per individual, per season.

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. – 4. No change.

5. During periods open to hunting, other than small game season, public access is restricted to ~~those~~ individuals with valid quota hunt permits— and those persons identified in 68A-15.005, F.A.C. Two (2) hunter assistants may accompany a mobility impaired quota hunt permit holder provided that the non-permitted individuals shall not occupy a vehicle separate from the permittee nor take wildlife with a gun.

~~6. – 9.~~

(37) Lower Econfina River Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~26~~ ²⁰ ~~through~~ = October ~~11~~ ⁵.
2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~30~~ ^{through November 1} ~~24-26~~.
3. Small game – January ~~25~~ ¹⁹ ~~through~~ = March ~~7~~ ⁴.
4. Spring turkey – March ~~20-28~~ ²¹⁻²⁹.
5. No change.

(b) – (d) No change.

(38) Belmore Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~26-28~~ ²⁰⁻²², ~~October 2-4~~ ²⁶⁻²⁸ and ~~October 9-11~~ ³⁻⁵.
2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~30~~ ^{through November 1} ~~24-26~~.
3. Family hunt – November ~~14-15~~ ⁸⁻⁹.
4. General gun – November ~~19-22~~ ¹³⁻¹⁶ and ~~25-29~~ ¹⁹⁻²³.

5. Small game – ~~December 4 November 28~~ through January ~~10 4~~ (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).

6. No change.

7. Spring turkey – March ~~20-22 21-23, 26-28 27-29~~ and April ~~2-4 3-5~~.

8. No change.

(b) – (d) No change.

(39) Four Creeks Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~26-28 20-22, October 2-4 26-28~~ and ~~October 9-11 3-5~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~30 through November 1 24-26~~.

3. Family hunt – November ~~14-15 8-9~~.

4. General gun – November ~~19-22 13-16 and 25-29 19-23~~.

5. Small game – ~~December 4 November 28~~ through January ~~10 4~~ (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).

6. No change.

7. Spring turkey – March ~~20-22 21-23, 26-28 27-29~~ and April ~~2-4 3-5~~.

8. – 9. No change.

(b) – (d) No change.

(40) Hatchet Creek Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~26-28 20-22, October 2-4 and 9-11 26-28 and October 3-5~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~30 through November 1 24-26~~.

3. Family hunt – November ~~14-15 8-9~~.

4. General gun – November ~~20-22 14-16 and 27-29 21-23~~.

5. No change.

6. Spring turkey – March ~~20-22 21-23, 26-28 27-29~~ and April ~~2-4 3-5~~.

7. No change.

(b) – (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. – 8. No change.

9. During periods open to hunting, public access is restricted to individuals with valid quota permits- and those persons identified in 68A-15.005, F.A.C.

(41) Log Landing Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~26 20~~ through October ~~11 5~~ and November ~~14-22 8-16~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~30 through November 1 24-26~~.

3. Small game – ~~December 4 November 28~~ through January ~~10 4~~ (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).

4. No change.

5. Spring turkey – March ~~20-28 21-29~~.

6. No change.

(b) – (d) No change.

(42) Thomas Creek Wildlife Management Area - Kings Road Unit.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~26-28 20-22, October 5-7 September 29 through October 1, and October 12-14 6-8~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~30 through November 1 24-26~~.

3. Family hunt – November ~~14-15 8-9~~.

4. General gun – November ~~20-22 14-16 and 25-27 19-21~~.

5. Small game – ~~December 4-9 November 28 through December 3, 14-16 8-10, 25-27 19-21, January 1-3 26-28 and 11-13 January 5-7~~.

6. No change.

7. Spring turkey – March ~~20-22 21-23, 29-31 March 30 through April 1 and April 5-7 6-8~~.

8. No change.

(b) – (d) No change.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2009

Specific Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. Law Implemented Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. 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, Formerly 39-15.062, Amended 12-9-99, 7-1-00, 7-1-01, 11-11-01, 6-2-02, 10-16-02, 5-25-03, 7-7-03, 9-29-03, 7-1-04, 8-1-04, 7-1-05, 8-1-05, 7-1-06, 7-2-06, 7-1-07, 7-5-07, 7-1-08,_____.

NAME OF PERSON(S) ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE: Diane Eggeman, Director, Division of Hunting and Game Management, Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, 620 South Meridian Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1600

NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: December 3, 2008

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN F.A.W.: December 5, 2008.

BE ADVISED THAT THESE PROPOSED RULES MAY BE FILED FOR ADOPTION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FOLLOWING THE COMMISSION MEETING AT WHICH THEY ARE CONSIDERED IF THE RULES ARE NOT CHANGED. IF CHANGED, THE RULES MAY BE FILED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER PUBLICATION OF A NOTICE OF CHANGE IN THE F.A.W.

**STATEMENT OF FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES JUSTIFYING PROPOSED RULES
FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

DIVISION: Division of Hunting and Game Management

RULE NO.: 68A-15.062 **RULE TITLE:** Specific Regulations for Wildlife Management
Areas - North Central Region.

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 will be to enable the agency to better manage fish and wildlife resources and public use on WMAs.

**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS
FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

DIVISION: Division of Hunting and Game Management

RULE NO.: 68A-15.062 **RULE TITLE:** Specific Regulations for Wildlife Management Areas -
North Central Region.

**1. A GOOD FAITH ESTIMATE OF NUMBER AND TYPE OF INDIVIDUALS AND ENTITIES LIKELY TO BE
REQUIRED TO COMPLY WITH THE RULE:**

**2. A GOOD FAITH ESTIMATE OF THE COST TO FWC AND OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES OF
IMPLEMENTING AND ENFORCING THE RULE:**

3. ANTICIPATED EFFECT ON STATE AND LOCAL REVENUES:

**4. AN ESTIMATE OF TRANSACTIONAL COSTS LIKELY TO BE INCURRED BY INDIVIDUALS AND PUBLIC AND
PRIVATE ENTITIES THAT ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLY WITH THE RULE:**

5. ANALYSIS OF IMPACT ON SMALL BUSINESS AS DEFINED BY SECTION 288.703, F.S.:

6. ANALYSIS OF IMPACT ON SMALL COUNTIES AND CITIES AS DEFINED BY SECTION 120.52, F.S.:

**7. REASONS FOR ACCEPTING (OR REJECTING) A PROPOSAL FOR A LOWER COST REGULATORY
ALTERNATIVE:**