

Background Report
Draft Rule
68A-13.003, F.A.C.
Consent Agenda Item 1
April 13, 2016

RULE NO: 68A-13.003

RULE TITLE: Hunting Regulations for Ducks, Geese, and Coots.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose of the proposed rule amendment is to establish regulations for taking ducks, geese, and coots to conform with federal regulations. The effect of the proposed rule amendment would be to decrease the bag limit for eiders and long-tailed ducks from six to four.

SUMMARY: The proposed rule amendment updates the hunting regulations pertaining to ducks, geese, and coots.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS AS FOLLOWS:

68A-13.003 Hunting Regulations for Ducks, Geese, and Coots.

The Commission has approved the following regulations and bag limits for taking ducks, geese, and coots:

(1)(a) through (e) No change.

(f) Limits: The possession limit for ducks and coots shall be three days' bag limit. There shall be no possession limit for light geese. Light geese include only snow (including blue) and Ross' geese.

1. Ducks: The daily bag limit for ducks is six, including no more than four mallards, of which only two can be females, two scaup, four scoters, four eiders, four long-tailed ducks, three wood ducks, two redheads, two pintails, two canvasbacks, one black duck, one Florida duck (mottled duck), and one fulvous whistling-duck. In addition to the daily bag limit for ducks, the daily bag limit for mergansers is five, only two of which may be hooded mergansers.

2. through 3. No change.

(2) through (5) No change.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2016

Rulemaking Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. Law Implemented Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. History—New 8-1-79, Amended 10-23-79, 8-19-80, 9-29-81, 8-30-82, 7-27-83, 8-13-84, 8-13-85, 10-1-85, Formerly 39-13.03, Amended 8-5-86, 8-24-87, 8-18-88, 12-12-88, 8-17-89, 10-30-89, 8-9-90, 10-31-90, 8-22-91, 10-31-91, 8-23-92, 10-22-92, 9-2-93, 10-28-93, 11-6-94, 10-23-95, 10-20-96, 8-7-97, 10-28-97, 11-12-98, 6-23-99, Formerly 39-13.003, Amended 11-7-00, 5-13-02, 5-1-03, 7-1-04, 7-1-05, 2-1-06, 7-1-06, 1-9-07, 1-8-08, 7-1-08, 1-6-09, 1-19-10, 7-1-10, 1-5-11, 3-25-12, 2-12-13, 1-23-14, 1-19-15, 12-21-15, 7-1-16.

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.R.

IF REQUESTED WITHIN 21 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE, A HEARING WILL BE HELD AT THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE SHOWN BELOW:

DATE AND TIME: During the Commission's regular meeting June 21-23, 2016, 1:30 p.m. on the first day and 8:30 a.m. each day thereafter.

PLACE: Franklin County Courthouse, Third Floor Courtroom, 33 Market Street, Apalachicola, Florida 32320