68A-9.007 Special-use Permits; Short-term Use Permits; Fees; Special-Opportunity Hunting and Fishing – The proposed rule amendment would rename Tenoroc Fish Management Area as Tenoroc Public Use Area; and allow exemptions to the daily-use permit fees for persons using the public shooting range, the spouse and children of a management area permit holder (except for hunting and fishing) and persons entering the area at entrances other than the designated entrance on Tenoroc Mine Road.

68A-13.004 Hunting Regulations for Non-Migratory Game and Issuance of Antlerless Deer Permits and Private Lands Deer Management Permits – Due to the continued success of the turkey population in Holmes County following restoration activities in the early 2000's, the proposed rule amendment would re-establish statewide regulations for the spring season in Holmes County. Specifically, the proposed amendment would extend the regular spring season to a full 37-day season and increase the daily and seasonal bag limit to two. The resulting spring season length and bag limits would be consistent with those for the rest of the counties in the state. Fall turkey season would continue to be closed in Holmes County.

68A-15.005 Quota Permits; Antlerless Deer Permits; Special-Opportunity Permits – During quota hunts that allow exemptions, allow exempt hunters to bring a guest, assistant, or supervisor that may participate in the hunt, but may not harvest wildlife with a gun.

68A-15.006 Regulations Relating to Miscellaneous Areas – The proposed rule amendments would revise or establish specific area regulations on miscellaneous areas as follows:

(1) **Babcock Ranch Preserve** – prohibit trapping in the Tier II hunt areas except as authorized by the Commission.

(2) **Tenoroc Public Use Area** – re-establish the upland portions of Tenoroc Fish Management Area (FMA) as the Tenoroc Public Use Area; and establish rules as necessary for the management of the uplands (consistent with the current management of Tenoroc FMA, and continue fishing as currently allowed on Tenoroc FMA).

68A-15.061 Specific regulations for Wildlife Management Areas - Southwest Region – The proposed rule amendment would adjust season dates to
conform to calendar year changes and revise specific area regulations on Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) in the Southwest Region as follows:

(1) **Everglades Headwaters WMA, Gulfstream Tract. – (new) –** establish a new wildlife management area (395 acres) as the first tract of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s Everglades Headwaters WMA; establish rules consistent with the Arbuckle WMA (regulations for Arbuckle WMA, including hunting seasons and quotas, will apply to the Gulfstream Tract) with the following open seasons: a 16-day archery season consisting of three 2-day weekend hunts (quota of 150, no exemptions) and ten days of weekday hunts (quota of 75 daily permits, no exemptions), a muzzleloading gun season consisting of two 2-day weekend muzzleloading gun hunts (quota of 150, no exemptions) and five days of weekday muzzleloading gun hunts (quota of 75 daily permits, no exemptions), 4-day small game season, and two 3-day spring turkey season hunts (quota of 15, no exemptions); and public access will be provided at a parking area on Old Avon Park Road.

(2) **Fred C. Babcock/Cecil M. Webb WMA, Yucca Pens Unit –** add coyote as legal to hunt during daylight hours of the raccoon and opossum season; and prohibit coyote hunting with dogs and at night.

**68A-15.062 Specific regulations for Wildlife Management Areas - North Central Region** – The proposed rule amendments 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:

(1) **Andrews WMA** – shift the third small game season hunt from mid-January to late November (begin 7 weeks earlier).

(2) **Belmore WMA** – change the first archery season hunt period from a Saturday-Monday hunt to a Friday-Sunday hunt by beginning the hunt 1 day earlier.

(3) **Big Bend WMA, Jena Unit** – remove seasonal road closures and allow vehicular access only on open portions of named and numbered roads.

(4) **Camp Blanding WMA** – extend archery season in the archery-only area from 56 to 68 days (including the period overlapping the first 6 days of archery season and the 6-day muzzleloading gun season); and establish two 3-day wild hog-dog season hunts in the dog hunt area, allow 3 dogs and 3 people per quota permit (60 daily quota permits available first-come, first-served at the check station each day of the season).

(5) **Cary WMA** – change the first archery season hunt period from a Saturday-Monday hunt to a Friday-Sunday hunt by beginning the hunt 1 day earlier; and allow any dog for hunting small game (quail, rabbit, squirrel and migratory birds) during small game season.
(6) Cypress Creek WMA – allow any dog for hunting small game (quail, rabbit, squirrel and migratory birds) during small game season.

(7) Devil’s Hammock WMA – allow any dog for hunting small game (quail, rabbit, squirrel and migratory birds) during small game season.

(8) Flying Eagle WMA – allow any dog for hunting small game (quail, rabbit, squirrel and migratory birds) during small game season.

(9) Four Creeks WMA – establish camping at designated sites by permit from the Florida Forest Service; change the first archery season hunt period from a Saturday-Monday hunt to a Friday-Sunday hunt by beginning the hunt 1 day earlier; and allow any dog for hunting small game (quail, rabbit, squirrel and migratory birds) during small game season.

(10) Goethe WMA – allow any dog for hunting small game (quail, rabbit, squirrel and migratory birds) during small game season.

(11) Grove Park WMA – allow hunting equipment to be taken onto the WMA beginning 2 weeks prior to archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun and small game seasons.

(12) Gulf Hammock WMA – increase the cost of each Gulf Hammock WMA Recreational Use Permit from $275 to $417; and allow any dog for hunting small game (quail, rabbit, squirrel and migratory birds) during small game season.

(13) Jennings Forest WMA – shift the family hunt from late December to opening day of the Zone C antlered deer season (begin 7 weeks earlier) and begin general gun season 2 days later; and allow the take of wild hog during small game season, except in the Quail Enhancement Area.

(14) Little River WMA – allow any dog for hunting small game (quail, rabbit, squirrel and migratory birds) during small game season.

(15) Lochloosa WMA – allow any dog for hunting small game (quail, rabbit, squirrel and migratory birds) during small game season.

(16) Log Landing WMA – allow any dog for hunting small game (quail, rabbit, squirrel and migratory birds) during small game season.

(17) Lower Econfina River WMA – allow any dog for hunting small game (quail, rabbit, squirrel and migratory birds) during small game season.

(18) Middle Aucilla WMA – allow any dog for hunting small game (quail, rabbit, squirrel and migratory birds) during small game season.

(19) Potts WMA – allow any dog for hunting small game (quail, rabbit, squirrel and migratory birds) during small game season.
(20) **Ralph E. Simmons Memorial WMA** – allow any dog for hunting small game (quail, rabbit, squirrel and migratory birds) during small game season.

(21) **Steinhatchee Springs WMA** – change and expand the general gun season from one period of 30 days (quota permit required during the first 9 days) to 2 periods (42 days): 28 days beginning on opening day of the Zone C antlered deer season (quota permit required during the first 9 days) and 14 days (no quota permit required) beginning 65 days thereafter; begin the small game season 3 weeks earlier; and allow any dog for hunting small game (quail, rabbit, squirrel and migratory birds) during small game season.

(22) **Thomas Creek WMA, Kings Road Unit** – allow any dog for hunting small game (quail, rabbit, squirrel and migratory birds) during small game season.

**68A-15.063 Specific regulations for Wildlife Management Areas - Northwest Region** – The proposed rule amendment would adjust season dates to conform to calendar year changes and revise specific area regulations on Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) in the Northwest Region as follows:

(1) **Apalachicola WMA, Bradwell Unit** – add a youth spring turkey hunt (quota of 3, no exemptions); add a scout day between the two archery hunts; and allow any dog for hunting small game (quail, rabbit, squirrel and migratory birds) during small game season.

(2) **Aucilla WMA** – allow the use of dogs to hunt wild hog during small game season.

(3) **Blackwater WMA** - allow any dog for hunting small game (quail, rabbit, squirrel and migratory birds) during small game season in the still and dog hunt areas.

(4) **Blackwater WMA, Hutton Unit** - allow any dog for hunting small game (quail, rabbit, squirrel and migratory birds) during small game season.

(5) **Box – R WMA** – allow the take of wild hog during small game season; prohibit the use of dogs to take wild hog during the small game season; and move the second general gun season hunt to the end of January to better capture the rut.

(6) **Chipola River WMA** – allow access to improved recreational areas from sunset to sunrise only to individuals participating in authorized hunting and/or fishing activities, actively launching/retrieving a boat or authorized to camp within the area; and establish five 3-day wild hog-still season hunts (one per month from May through September).

(7) **Choctawhatchee River WMA** – allow access to improved recreational areas from sunset to sunrise only to individuals participating in authorized hunting and/or
fishing activities, actively launching/retrieving a boat or authorized to camp within the area; and allow raccoon hunting at night by the aid of a light and dogs during the general gun and small game seasons.

(8) **Econfina Creek WMA** – allow access to improved recreational areas from sunset to sunrise only to individuals participating in authorized hunting and/or fishing activities, actively launching/retrieving a boat or authorized to camp within the area; and allow through hikers on the Florida National Scenic Trail to camp in designated campsites along the trail without obtaining a camping permit.

(9) **Eglin AFB WMA** – clarify that a Department of Defense-issued permit is required for all recreational users on the area.

(10) **Escambia River WMA** – allow access to improved recreational areas from sunset to sunrise only to individuals participating in authorized hunting and/or fishing activities, actively launching/retrieving a boat or authorized to camp within the area; and establish five 3-day wild hog-dog season hunts (one per month from May through September).

(11) **Joe Budd WMA** – add the allowance to use modern shotguns during the youth turkey hunt; and change the issuance of spring turkey season daily quota permits first-come, first-served at the check station to random draw via the Commission’s Recreational License Issuance Services (RLIS).

(12) **Lafayette Creek WMA** – establish a wild hog-still season hunt during February; and allow any dog for hunting small game (quail, rabbit, squirrel and migratory birds) during small game season.

(13) **Ochlockonee River WMA** – establish five 3-day wild hog-still season hunts (one per month from May through September; quota of 50, no exemptions); and allow any dog for hunting small game (quail, rabbit, squirrel and migratory birds) during small game season.

(14) **Perdido River WMA** – allow any dog for hunting small game (quail, rabbit, squirrel and migratory birds) during small game season.

(15) **Pine Log WMA** - allow any dog for hunting small game (quail, rabbit, squirrel and migratory birds) during small game season.

(16) **Point Washington WMA** – clarify that camping is prohibited, except when camping in designated campsites by permit from the Florida Forest Service; and allow any dog for hunting small game (quail, rabbit, squirrel and migratory birds) during small game season.

(17) **Talquin WMA** - establish five 3-day wild hog-still season hunts (one per month from May through September); and allow any dog for hunting small game (quail, rabbit, squirrel and migratory birds) during small game season.
(18) **Tyndall WMA** - allow any dog for hunting small game (quail, rabbit, squirrel and migratory birds) during small game season in areas and during days designated by the Installation Commander.

(19) **Wakulla WMA** – expand the first archery season hunt from two days (Saturday and Sunday) to three days (Saturday through Monday); and allow any dog for hunting small game (quail, rabbit, squirrel and migratory birds) during small game season.

(20) **Yellow River WMA** – allow access to improved recreational areas from sunset to sunrise only to individuals participating in authorized hunting and/or fishing activities, actively launching/retrieving a boat or authorized to camp within the area; remove the designation and boundary for the Burnt Grocery Creek Unit and regulate this area with Yellow River WMA rules; remove the quota permit requirement during the youth spring turkey hunt; allow hunting during the youth spring turkey hunt on the entire WMA; and allow any dog for hunting small game (quail, rabbit, squirrel and migratory birds) during small game season.

**68A-15.064 Specific Regulations for Wildlife Management Areas - South Region** – The proposed rule amendment would adjust season dates to conform to calendar year changes and revise specific area regulations on Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) in the South Region as follows:

(1) **Allapattah Flats WMA** – allow any dog for hunting small game (quail, rabbit, squirrel and migratory birds) during small game season.

(2) **Big Cypress WMA** – allow any dog for hunting small game (quail, rabbit, squirrel and migratory birds) during small game season.

(3) **Dinner Island Ranch WMA** – allow any dog for hunting small game (quail, rabbit, squirrel and migratory birds) during small game season.

(4) **Everglades and Francis S. Taylor WMA** – allow any dog for hunting small game (quail, rabbit, squirrel and migratory birds) during small game season.

(5) **Holey Land WMA** – allow any dog for hunting small game (quail, rabbit, squirrel and migratory birds) during small game season.

(6) **J.W. Corbett WMA** – allow any dog for hunting small game (quail, rabbit, squirrel and migratory birds) during small game season.

(7) **Okaloacoochee Slough WMA** – allow any dog for hunting small game (quail, rabbit, squirrel and migratory birds) during small game season.

(8) **Picayune Strand WMA** – allow any dog for hunting small game (quail, rabbit, squirrel and migratory birds) during small game season.
(9) **Rotenberger WMA** – allow any dog for hunting small game (quail, rabbit, squirrel and migratory birds) during small game season.

(10) **Spirit-of-the-Wild WMA** – allow any dog for hunting small game (quail, rabbit, squirrel and migratory birds) during small game season.

**68A-15.065 Specific Regulations for Wildlife Management Areas - Northeast Region** – The proposed rule amendment would adjust season dates to conform to calendar year changes and revise specific area regulations on Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) in the Northeast Region as follows:

(1) **Buck Lake WMA** – allow any dog for hunting small game (quail, rabbit, squirrel and migratory birds) during small game season.

(2) **Charles H. Bronson WMA** – allow any dog for hunting small game (quail, rabbit, squirrel and migratory birds) during small game season.

(3) **Etoniah Creek WMA** – allow any dog for hunting small game (quail, rabbit, squirrel and migratory birds) during small game season.

(4) **Gores Landing WMA** – allow any dog for hunting small game (quail, rabbit, squirrel and migratory birds) during small game season.

(5) **Guana River WMA** – remove the existing WMA rules related to waterfowl hunting in Lake Ponte Vedra and authorize waterfowl quota hunts in the lake by establishing the Guana River - Lake Ponte Vedra Public Small Game Hunting Area through executive order.

(6) **Lake George WMA** – allow any dog for hunting small game (quail, rabbit, squirrel and migratory birds) during small game season.

(7) **Lake George WMA, Dexter Mary Farms Unit** – allow any dog for hunting small game (quail, rabbit, squirrel and migratory birds) during small game season.

(8) **Lake Monroe WMA** – allow any dog for hunting small game (quail, rabbit, squirrel and migratory birds) during small game season.

(9) **Little Big Econ WMA** – allow any dog for hunting small game (quail, rabbit, squirrel and migratory birds) during small game season.

(10) **Marshall Swamp WMA** – allow any dog for hunting small game (quail, rabbit, squirrel and migratory birds) during small game season.

(11) **Matanzas WMA** – allow any dog for hunting small game (quail, rabbit, squirrel and migratory birds) during small game season.
(12) Ocala WMA – require a quota permit for the entire general gun season on the Pipeline Unit (5,000 permits, exemptions allowed); allow trapping in that portion of the Pipeline Unit south of S.R. 40 and west of S.R. 19 during the statewide trapping season; allow any dog for hunting small game (quail, rabbit, squirrel and migratory birds) during small game season.

(13) Rock Springs Run WMA – allow any dog for hunting small game (quail, rabbit, squirrel and migratory birds) during small game season.

(14) Ross Prairie WMA – allow any dog for hunting small game (quail, rabbit, squirrel and migratory birds) during small game season.

(15) Seminole Forest WMA – allow any dog for hunting small game (quail, rabbit, squirrel and migratory birds) during small game season.

(16) Seminole Forest WMA, Lake Tracy Unit – allow any dog for hunting small game (quail, rabbit, squirrel and migratory birds) during small game season.

(17) Seminole Ranch WMA – allow any dog for hunting small game (quail, rabbit, squirrel and migratory birds) during small game season.

(18) Tiger Bay WMA – allow any dog for hunting small game (quail, rabbit, squirrel and migratory birds) during small game season.

(19) Tiger Bay WMA, Rima Ridge Unit – allow any dog for hunting small game (quail, rabbit, squirrel and migratory birds) during small game season.

(20) Tosohatchee WMA – add gray squirrel as legal to hunt during the archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun and wild hog-dog seasons.

68A-17.005 Specific regulations for Wildlife and Environmental Areas - The proposed rule amendment would adjust season dates to conform to calendar year changes and revise specific area regulations on Wildlife and Environmental Areas (WEAs) as follows:

North Central Region

(1) Fort White WEA – extend the small game season from 14 to 30 days by adding one 16-day hunt in February; and allow any dog for hunting small game (quail, rabbit, squirrel and migratory birds) during small game season.

(2) Lafayette Forest WEA – allow any dog for hunting small game (quail, rabbit, squirrel and migratory birds) during small game season.

South Region
(3) **CREW WEA** – allow any dog for hunting small game (quail, rabbit, squirrel and migratory birds) during small game season.

(4) **John C. and Mariana Jones/Hungryland WEA** – allow any dog for hunting small game (quail, rabbit, squirrel and migratory birds) during small game season.

(5) **John G. and Susan H. DuPuis Jr. WEA** – allow any dog for hunting small game (quail, rabbit, squirrel and migratory birds) during small game season; remove rule prohibiting hunting within ¼ mile of primitive campgrounds; and clarify that only mobility-impaired hunters may harvest antlerless deer during the mobility-impaired season.

(6) **Southern Glades WEA** – allow any dog for hunting small game (quail, rabbit, squirrel and migratory birds) during small game season; remove rule prohibiting hunting with a firearm within 500 yards of any building or structure; prohibit hunting within 100 yards of 232nd Avenue; allow airboat access in Unit 3 from the day following the close of general gun season until March 1.

Southwest Region

(7) **Lake Wales Ridge WEA, Royce Unit** – improve hunting opportunity by beginning the 3rd small game season hunt one week earlier and expanding this hunt from 3-days (Friday through Sunday) to 4-days (Friday through Monday, overlapping the Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr.).