

MEMORANDUM



To: Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commissioners
From: Curtis Brown, Director, Division of Law Enforcement
Date: November 16, 2016
Subject: Consent Agenda: Notice of Change for Rule 68A-6.007, F.A.C. Effective Date for Venomous Reptile Rules

Purpose:

Staff is seeking approval to make an adjustment to the effective date for the facility requirements of venomous reptile licensees.

Summary:

During the September Commission meeting, Commissioners approved advertising proposed Rule 68A-6.001, F.A.C., and the definitions therein, along with proposed amendments to Rule 68A-6.007, F.A.C. The amendments to Rule 68A-6.007, F.A.C. gave an effective date for currently licensed facilities to be in compliance with the amendments to subsection 4, of the aforementioned rule, by January 1, 2019. Subsection 4 requires the use of structurally sound enclosures, secondary containment, and safety entrance's for outbuilding's housing venomous reptiles.

The Commission asked staff to engage the industry to see if it was possible to change the effective date of this rule change to be earlier than January 1, 2019. FWC staff communicated with the Venomous Reptile Technical Assistance Group (TAG) and they were all supportive to change the effective date to January 1, 2018.

Staff Recommendation:

Approve the proposed rule change to revise the effective date for currently licensed facilities regarding facility requirements and direct staff to publish a notice of change and file the changed rule for adoption as soon as possible thereafter.

Staff Contact and/or Presenter

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