

MEMORANDUM



To: Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commissioners

From: Dr. Thomas Eason, Director, Division of Habitat and Species Conservation

Date: September 8, 2016

Subject: Consent Item: ISMP Rules – Approval to Publish New Notices

Purpose:

To request approval to publish a Notice of Proposed Rule (NPR) for rules 68A-16.003 and 68A-27.003.

Summary:

Rule 68A-16.003: The Commission approved NPR language in November 2015, but following that meeting, staff received additional input and therefore delayed publication. Based on the input received, staff have revised the language to clarify and improved how the rule reads. Staff will present this new language, and seek approval to publish a NPR with the revised language.

Rule 68A-27.003: The Commission approved NPR language in November 2015 and then approved revised language correcting an unintended omission in the proposed rule amendment in February 2016. Based on input received following those meetings, no NPR was published. Staff has now revised the proposed NPR language to clarify the intent of the rule.

These proposed rule changes are scheduled for final approval in November 2016, along with other rule changes that have already been advertised.

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends approval of the request to publish NPRs, as revised, for rules 68A-16.003 and 68A-27.003. Final action for each of these rule changes is scheduled for November 2016.

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