

**Background Report
Draft Rule 68A-9.007
Agenda Item 3 B
June 22, 2016**

68A-9.007 Special-use Permits; Short-term Use Permits; Fees; Special-Opportunity Hunting and Fishing.

Special-use permits, short-term use permits, and fees for such permits are hereby established as follows:

(1) No change.

(2) No change.

(a) No change.

(b) Special-use bear permit:

1. through 2. No change.

3. There shall be no application fee for a special-use bear permit ~~and applications must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. the day prior to the bear season as established in Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C.~~

4. The maximum number of special-use bear permits shall be established by Order of the Executive Director and shall be based on the proportion of the BMU population available for harvest consistent with biologically sustainable population objectives for each BMU. All persons shall have a valid hunting license to be issued a special-use bear permit, except persons exempt from the hunting license requirement pursuant to Section 379.352(2), Florida Statutes.

(3) through (4) No change.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: September 20, 2016