

**Background Report**  
**Draft Rule 68A-15.063**  
**Agenda Item 3 B**  
**June 22, 2016**

**68A-15.063 Specific Regulations for Wildlife Management Areas – Northwest Region.**

(1) Apalachee Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. through 9. No change.

~~10. Bear – During the open season established for the East Panhandle BMU in Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C.~~

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, ~~bear (only during the bear season)~~, fish, frogs and furbearers. Taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with three or more points or one antler with a main beam of ten inches or more in length is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. Quail may be taken in Zone A only during the archery, muzzleloading gun, and quail seasons.

(c) through (d) No change.

(2) through (8) No change.

(9) Talquin Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. through 7. No change.

8. Bear – During the open season established for the East Panhandle BMU in Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., except during the archery season (Friday, Saturdays and Sundays only).

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, bear (only during those portions of the archery season that coincide with the open season established for the East Panhandle BMU in Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C. and during the bear season), fish and furbearers. Taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with two or more points is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. During the youth turkey hunt, one gobbler or bearded turkey may be taken per quota permit.

(c) through (d) No change.

(10) Ochlockonee River Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. through 6. No change.

7. Bear – During the open season established for the East Panhandle BMU in Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., except during the archery season.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, bear (only during those portions of the archery season that coincide with the open season established for the East Panhandle BMU in Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C. and during the bear season), fish, frogs and furbearers. In that portion of the area south of I-10, taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with two or more points is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. In that portion of the area north of I-10, taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with three or more points or one antler with a main beam of ten inches or more in length is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. Gobblers or bearded turkeys may be taken during the archery/muzzleloading gun season. During the youth turkey hunt, one gobbler or bearded turkey may be taken per quota permit.

(c) through (d) No change.

(11) No change.

(12) Tate's Hell Wildlife Management Area – Womack Creek Unit.

(a) Open season:

1. through 10. No change.

11. Bear – During the open season established for the East Panhandle BMU in Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., except during the archery season.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, bear (only during those portions of the archery season that

coincide with the open season established for the East Panhandle BMU in Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C. and during the bear season), fish, frogs, and furbearers. Taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with two or more points is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. During the youth turkey hunt, one gobbler or bearded turkey may be taken per quota permit.

(c) through (d) No change.

(13) Aucilla Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. through 13. No change.

14. Bear – During the open season established for the East Panhandle BMU in Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., except during the muzzleloading gun season or in the Pinhook still hunt area.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, bear (only during the bear season and those portions of the muzzleloading gun season that coincide with the open season established for the East Panhandle BMU in Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., except in the Pinhook still hunt area ~~that coincide with the bear season~~), fish, frogs and furbearers. In the Pinhook still hunt area (which is that portion of the area south of US 98), taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with three or more points or one antler with a main beam of ten inches or more in length is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. In the remainder of the area, taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with two or more points is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. During the archery season in the Pinhook still hunt area the bag limit for deer shall be two deer, only one of which can be antlered, per quota permit. During the family hunt the bag limit shall be one antlered and one antlerless deer per quota permit. During the muzzleloading gun and general gun seasons in the Pinhook still hunt area, the bag limit for deer shall be one antlered deer per person, but not more than two per quota permit. During the wild hog-dog season, only wild hog may be taken.

(c) through (d) No change.

(14) No change.

(15) Pine Log Wildlife Management Area.

(a) No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, ~~bear (only during those portions of the archery season that coincide with the open season established for the East Panhandle BMU in Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C.)~~, fish, frogs and furbearers. Taking antlered deer not having at least one antler with three or more points is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. During the youth turkey hunt, one gobbler or bearded turkey may be taken per quota permit.

(c) through (d) No change.

(16) through (17) No change.

(18) No change.

(19) No change.

(20) Chipola River Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open seasons, except in the Altha Tract:

1. through 10. No change.

~~11. Bear – During the open season established for the East Panhandle BMU in Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C.~~

(b) No change.

(c) Legal to take: All legal game, bear (only during ~~the bear season~~ and those portions of the archery season in the Altha Tract that coincide with the open season established for the East Panhandle BMU in Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C. ~~bear season~~), fish, frogs and furbearers. In that portion of the area south of I-10, taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with two or more points is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. In that portion of the area north of I-10, taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with three or more points or one antler with a main beam of ten inches or more in length is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. During the archery season in the Altha Tract, the bag limit for deer shall be

one antlered or one antlerless deer per person, but not more than two per quota permit. During the family hunt, the bag limit shall be one antlered and one antlerless deer per quota permit. During the muzzleloading gun season in the Altha Tract, the bag limit shall be one antlered deer per person, but not more than two per quota permit. One gobbler or bearded turkey may be taken per quota permit during the youth turkey hunt and one gobbler or bearded turkey may be taken per person, but not more than two per quota permit during spring turkey season in the Altha Tract.

(d) through (e) No change.

(21) No change.

(22) Econfinia Creek Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season except in the mobility-impaired, Cat Creek and Fitzhugh Carter areas.

1. through 10. No change.

~~11. Bear – During the open season established for the East Panhandle BMU in Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C.~~

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) Legal to Take: All legal game, ~~bear (only during the bear season and those portions of the archery season in the Cat Creek and Fitzhugh Carter areas that coincide with the bear season),~~ fish (except as provided below), frogs and furbearers. Taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with two or more points is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. Taking bobcat and otter is prohibited in the Fitzhugh Carter area. During the youth turkey hunt, one gobbler or bearded turkey may be taken per quota permit. In the mobility-impaired hunt area, antlerless deer (bag limit of two per three-day hunt) may be taken during general gun hunts only by persons possessing valid mobility-impaired certificates.

(e) through (f) No change.

(23) through (24) No change.

(25) Wakulla Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. through 6. No change.

7. Bear – During the open season established for the East Panhandle BMU in Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., except during the archery season.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, bear (only during those portions of the archery season that coincide with the open season established for the East Panhandle BMU in Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C. and during the bear season), fish, frogs and furbearers. Taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with three or more points or one antler with a main beam of ten inches or more in length is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. During the youth turkey hunt, one gobbler or bearded turkey may be taken per quota permit.

(c) through (d) No change.

(26) through (29) No change.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: September 20, 2016