

Background Report
Draft Rule 68A-15.064
Agenda Item 3 B
June 22, 2016

68A-15.064 Specific Regulations for Wildlife Management Areas – South Region.

(1) through (5) No change.

(6) Okaloacoochee Slough Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. through 8. No change.

~~9. Bear – During the open season established for the South 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. During the archery, muzzleloading gun, family and general gun seasons, the bag limit for deer shall be one per quota permit. The taking of antlerless deer is prohibited during archery season. One gobbler or bearded turkey may be taken per spring turkey quota permit. 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.

(c) through (d) No change.

(7) No change.

(8) Picayune Strand Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. through 7. No change.

8. Bear – During the open season established for the South BMU in Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., except during the general gun season.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, bear (only during those portions of the general gun season that coincide with the open season established for the South 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 archery season, the bag limit for deer and wild hog shall be one each. During the muzzleloading gun and general gun seasons, the bag limit for deer shall be one per person, two per quota permit and the bag limit for wild hog shall be one per permit. Wild hog: daily bag, 1; possession limit, 2. The take of wild hog with a shoulder height of less than 15 inches is prohibited. The take of wild hog is prohibited during small game season. The taking of antlerless deer and turkey is prohibited during archery season. One gobbler (or bearded turkey) may be taken per spring turkey quota permit.

(c) through (d) No change.

(9) No change.

(10) Spirit-of-the-Wild Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. through 8. No change.

~~9. Bear – During the open season established for the South 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. The bag limit for deer shall be one per person, two per quota permit. During the spring turkey season, one gobbler (or bearded turkey) may be taken per person, but not more than two per quota permit. The taking of antlerless deer and turkey is prohibited during archery season. 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. Wild hog: daily bag one; possession limit two.

(c) through (d) No change.

(11) No change.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: September 20, 2016