

**Background Report
Draft Rule 68A-15.062
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DRAFT RULE

RULE NO.: 68A-15.062 **RULE TITLE:** Specific Regulations for Wildlife Management Areas – North Central Region.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose of the proposed rule amendment is to revise specific area regulations on wildlife management areas (WMAs) in the North Central Region and conform to calendar year date changes. The effect of the proposed rule amendment will be to enable the agency to better manage fish and wildlife resources and public use on WMAs.

SUMMARY: The proposed rule amendments would adjust season dates to conform to calendar year changes and revise specific area regulations on wildlife management areas (WMAs) in the North Central Region as follows:

Andrews WMA – shift family hunts 7 weeks later (in January); and establish two 3-day wild hog-still hunts in May (25 quota permits issued daily at the check station, no exemptions).

Big Bend WMA, Hickory Mound Unit – change the quota permit requirement during general gun season from the first 16 to the first 9 days of the season.

Big Bend WMA, Snipe Island Unit – remove the quota permit requirement during the youth spring turkey hunt; and during small game season, allow any dog for hunting small game (quail, rabbit, squirrel and migratory birds).

Cary WMA – expand archery, general gun and wild hog-still seasons from 2 to 3 quota hunts each; and change the quota for archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun and wild hog-still seasons from 100 to 70 permits per hunt (no exemptions, except during archery season).

Cedar Key Scrub WMA – allow fishing.

Citrus WMA – change the archery season from 1 quota hunt (first 4 days, 1000 quota permits, exemptions allowed) and 19 days (no quota permit required) to 3 quota hunts (9, 7 and 7-days each, 500 quota permits per hunt, exemptions allowed); change the quota for muzzleloading gun and general gun seasons from 850 to 500 quota permits per hunt (exemptions allowed); and during small game season, allow any dog for hunting small game (quail, rabbit, squirrel and migratory birds).

Flying Eagle WMA – allow hunting with rimfire rifles during general gun and small game seasons.

Lochloosa WMA – during the 3rd general gun season quota hunt, allow the use of dogs to hunt wild hog.

Log Landing WMA – establish a 9-day wild hog-still season in May (Saturday through Sunday, no quota permit required).

Osceola WMA – to resolve dog hunting related conflicts, revise the dog hunt area to remove the area created by traversing from County Road 250 west along Forest Service Road 200, north and east on Forest Road 4 to Forest Road 26, north on Forest Road 26 to Forest Road 3, then east on Forest Road 3 to Eddy Grade (move 5,065 acres from the 96,616-acre dog hunt area into the still hunt area); and to avoid overlap with muzzleloading gun season, shift dog training season 1 day later.

Additionally, the proposed rule amendments would provide non-substantive technical changes, such as grammatical corrections, language standardization, or clarification of an existing rule.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS AS FOLLOWS:

68A-15.062 Specific Regulations for Wildlife Management Areas – North Central Region.

(1) Camp Blanding Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. through 4. No change.

5. Archery – September ~~27-29~~ ~~29~~ through October ~~1~~ and October ~~4-6~~ ~~6-8~~, only in the still hunt areas; and the Monday before Thanksgiving and continuing for 55 days thereafter in the archery-only area, which is within the area described by a line beginning at the intersection of County Road 225 and Woodbury Road, then southeast on County Road 225 to State Road 16, then south on State Road 16 and County Road 230 to the Camp Blanding boundary on the east side of County Road 230, then east along the Camp Blanding boundary to Duval Road, then south on Duval Road to Yerkes Road, then west on Yerkes Road to Treat Road, then north on Treat Road to Lightning Strike Road, then west and north on Lightning Strike Road to State Road 230, then west on State Road 230 to the Camp Blanding boundary, then north along the Camp Blanding boundary to State Road 16, then east on the south side of State Road 16 to Lightning Strike Road, then north on Lightning Strike Road to Bessent Road, then north on Bessent Road to the starting point. A disjunct portion of the archery-only area is south of County Road 215, east of Rifle Range Road, north of State Road 16 and west of the Camp Blanding boundary.

6. No change.

7. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~11-13~~ ~~13-15~~ and ~~18-20~~ ~~20-22~~, only in the still hunt areas.

8. No change.

9. Trapping – December 1 through January ~~8~~ ~~10~~, only in the still hunt areas.

(b) through (d) No change.

(2) Cypress Creek Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~11-12~~ ~~12-13~~.

2. Spring turkey – March ~~18-26~~ ~~19-27~~.

3. Archery – September ~~24~~ ~~26~~ through October ~~9~~ ~~11~~.

4. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~22-24~~ ~~24-26~~.

5. through 6. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(3) Gulf Hammock Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~5~~ ~~7~~ through January ~~22~~ ~~24~~.

2. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~11-12~~ ~~12-13~~.

3. Spring turkey – March ~~18~~ ~~19~~ through April ~~23~~ ~~24~~.

4. Archery – September ~~17~~ ~~19~~ through October ~~16~~ ~~18~~.

5. Archery and muzzleloading gun – October ~~22~~ ~~24~~ through November ~~4~~ ~~6~~.

6. Small game – January ~~28~~ ~~30~~ through February ~~26~~ ~~28~~.

7. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(4) Lochloosa Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~5-18~~ ~~7-20~~, November ~~19~~ ~~24~~ through December ~~4~~ ~~6~~ and December ~~5~~ ~~7~~ through January ~~1~~ ~~3~~.

2. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~11-12~~ ~~12-13~~.

3. Spring turkey – March ~~18~~ ~~19~~ through April ~~23~~ ~~24~~.

4. Archery – September ~~24~~ ~~26~~ through October ~~23~~ ~~25~~.

5. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~28~~ ~~30~~ through October 30 ~~November 1~~.

6. No change.

7. Small game – January ~~2~~ ~~4~~ through March ~~5~~ ~~6~~.

8. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. Taking wild hog by the use of dogs is prohibited, except during the last 28 days of general gun season.

2. through 6. No change.

(5) Osceola Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November 12 ~~14~~ through January 8 ~~10~~.
2. Small game – January 9 ~~11~~ through March 5 ~~6~~.
3. Youth turkey hunt – March 11-12 ~~12-13~~.
4. Spring turkey – March 18 ~~19~~ through April 23 ~~24~~.
5. Archery – September 24 ~~26~~ through October 16 ~~18~~.
6. Muzzleloading gun – October 22-29 ~~24-31~~ in the still hunt area and Big Gum Swamp Wilderness only.
7. Fox, raccoon, opossum and bobcat – November 12 ~~14~~ through March 5 ~~6~~ in the dog hunt portion of the area.
8. through 9. No change.
10. Trapping – January 9 ~~11~~ through March 1.
11. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. The dog hunt area is within the area created by traversing south on Forest Service Road 237 from its intersection with the north boundary of the Osceola National Forest; southeast on Forest Service Road 263; south on Forest Service Road 234; east and north on County Road 250; west on Forest Service Road 200, north and east on Forest Road 4 to Forest Road 26; north on Forest Road 26 to Forest Road 3; east on Forest Road 3 to Eddy Grade to the boundary of the Osceola National Forest; north along the east boundary of the West 1/2 of Section 3, Township 1 South, Range 20 East; west along the Base Line until it intersects Forest Road 24; northwest on Forest Road 24; north on Forest Road 4; east on Forest Road 3 to Eddy Grade; northwesterly on Eddy Grade to State Road 2; northwest on State Road 2; southwest on Forest Service Road 295; west on Forest Service Road 296F; south on Forest Service Road 296C; east and south on Forest Service Road 296E; south on Forest Service Road 295; south on Forest Service Road 297 to the boundary of the Osceola National Forest; then due west to the northwest corner of Section 23, Township 1 South, Range 19 East; then south along the east side of Section 27, Township 1 South, Range 19 East to the southeast corner of Section 27, Township 1 South, Range 19 East; then west to the SW corner of the SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 Section 29, Township 1 North, Range 19 East; then north along the west boundary of the East 1/2 of the West 1/2 Section 29, Township 1 North, Range 19 East to the south boundary of Section 20, Township 1 North, Range 19 East; then west along the north boundary of Section 30, Township 1 North, Range 19 East to the Baker County/Columbia County line; then south along the County Line to Forest Road 36; south to Forest Road 46; south on Forest Road 39; west on Forest Road 42 until it becomes Forest Service Road 212; south on Forest Service Road 212; west on Forest Service Road 272; north on Forest Service Road 270 to the Forest Boundary; then west back to the beginning point of Forest Service Road 237. Except within the dog hunt areas, the possession or use of dogs, other than bird dogs or retrievers, is prohibited except as provided by paragraph 68A-15.004(7)(c) or (d), F.A.C.

2. Deer dogs may be trained from October 30 ~~31~~ through November 8 ~~9~~, except in the still hunt area.

3. through 7. No change.

(6) Big Bend Wildlife Management Area – Tide Swamp Unit.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November 5 ~~7~~ through January 1 ~~3~~.
2. Archery – September 24 ~~26~~ through October 23 ~~25~~.
3. Muzzleloading gun – October 28 ~~30~~ through October 30 ~~November 1~~.
4. Small game – January 2 ~~4~~ through February 26 ~~28~~.
5. through 6. No change.
7. Youth turkey hunt – March 11-12 ~~12-13~~.
8. Spring turkey – March 18 ~~19~~ through April 23 ~~24~~.
9. Trapping – January 9 ~~11~~ through March 1.
10. Bear – - During the open season established for the East Panhandle BMU in Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C.

(b) through (d) No change.

(7) Big Bend Wildlife Management Area – Spring Creek Unit.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~5-13 7-15~~ and November ~~14 16~~ through January ~~1 3~~.
2. Archery – September ~~24 26~~ through October ~~23 25~~.
3. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~28-30 30~~ through ~~November 1~~.
4. Small game – January ~~2 4~~ through March ~~5 6~~.
5. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~11-12 12-13~~.
6. Spring turkey – March ~~18 19~~ through April ~~23 24~~.
7. Trapping – January ~~9 11~~ through March 1.
8. through 10. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(8) Big Bend Wildlife Management Area – Hickory Mound Unit.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~5-13 7-15, 14-20 16-22~~ and November ~~21 23~~ through January ~~1 3~~.
2. Small game – January ~~2 4~~ through February ~~26 28~~.
3. Spring turkey – March ~~18 19~~ through April ~~23 24~~.
4. Archery – October ~~1-30 3~~ through ~~November 1~~.
5. through 7. No change.
8. Trapping – January ~~9 11~~ through March 1.
9. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 7. No change.

8. Motorized vehicles may be operated only on named or numbered roads from September 1 through April 30 ~~except that Ward Tram will be open to vehicles only during the general gun season~~. From May 1 through August 31, motorized vehicles may be operated only on Cow Creek Grade, Coker Road, Swartz Tram west of J.C. Franklin Grade and J.C. Franklin Grade.

9. through 13. No change.

(9) Big Bend Wildlife Management Area – Jena Unit.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~24 26~~ through October ~~23 25~~.
2. General gun – November ~~5-13 7-15~~ and November ~~14 16~~ through January ~~1 3~~.
3. Spring turkey – March ~~18 19~~ through April ~~23 24~~.
4. Small game – January ~~2 4~~ through February ~~26 28~~.
5. through 6. No change.
7. Trapping – January ~~9 11~~ through March 1.

(b) through (d) No change.

(10) Big Bend Wildlife Management Area – Snipe Island Unit.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~24 26~~ through October ~~23 25~~.
2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~28-30 30~~ through ~~November 1~~.
3. General gun – November ~~5-13 7-15~~ and ~~14-27 16-29~~.
4. Small game – December ~~17 19~~ through February ~~12 14~~.
5. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~11-12 12-13~~.
6. Spring turkey – March ~~18-26 19-27~~, March ~~27 28~~ through April ~~2 3~~ and April ~~3-9 4-10~~.
7. Trapping – January ~~7 9~~ through March 1.
8. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 4. No change.
5. Hunting with dogs other than waterfowl retrievers or bird dogs is prohibited, except any dog ~~dogs with a shoulder height of 15 inches or less~~ may be used to take small game during the small game season. The take of wild hog with dogs is prohibited.
6. through 7. No change.
 - (11) No change.
 - (12) Raiford Wildlife Management Area.
 - (a) Open season:
 1. Archery – September ~~24~~ 26 through October ~~9~~ 11.
 2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~22-24~~ 24-26.
 3. Archery and muzzleloading gun – November ~~5-13~~ 7-15, Thanksgiving Day through the Sunday following Thanksgiving Day and December ~~24-27~~ 26-29.
 4. Wild hog-still – December 31 through January ~~3~~ 2-5.
 5. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~11-12~~ 12-13.
 6. Spring turkey – March ~~18-26~~ 19-27 and April ~~6-9~~ 7-10.
 7. No change.
 - (b) through (d) No change.
 - (13) Cedar Key Scrub Wildlife Management Area.
 - (a) Open season:
 1. General gun – November ~~5-13~~ 7-15.
 2. Archery – September ~~24~~ 26 through October ~~9~~ 11.
 3. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~22-24~~ 24-26.
 - (b) Legal to take: Antlered deer, antlerless deer (during archery season only), wild hog, ~~and~~ gray squirrel and fish. Taking any other animal is prohibited. 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.
 - (c) through (d) No change.
 - (14) Andrews Wildlife Management Area.
 - (a) Open season:
 1. Archery – September ~~23-25~~ 25-27 and September 30 through October ~~2~~ 2-4.
 2. Muzzleloading gun – November ~~4-6~~ 6-8 and ~~11-13~~ 13-15.
 3. General gun – November ~~18-20~~ 20-22.
 4. Small game – December 30 through January ~~1~~ 1-3, January ~~6-8~~ 8-10, and ~~13-15~~ 15-17.
 5. Family hunt – January 21-22 and ~~28-29~~ December 5-6 and ~~December 12~~ 13.
 6. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~11-12~~ 12-13.
 7. Spring turkey – March ~~24-26~~ 25-27 and April ~~14-16~~ 15-17.
 8. Supervised deer/hog youth hunt – October ~~22-23~~ 24-25 and October ~~29-30~~ 31 through ~~November 1~~.
 9. Wild hog-still – May 5-7 and 12-14.
 9. renumbered 10. No change.
 - (b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers. The bag limit for deer shall be one per quota permit. 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 family hunt, only wild hog and furbearers may be taken. During the supervised deer-hog youth hunt, only antlered deer, antlerless deer by antlerless deer permit only, and wild hog may be taken. Wild hog may not be taken during the small game season. During the wild hog-still season, only wild hog may be taken. Gobblers or bearded turkeys may be taken during spring turkey season from one-half hour before sunrise until sunset.
 - (c) through (d) No change.
 - (15) Big Shoals Wildlife Management Area.
 - (a) Open season:
 1. Archery – September ~~26~~ 28 through October ~~1~~ 3, October ~~3-8~~ 5-10 and October ~~10-15~~ 12-17.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~28-30~~ ~~30 through November 1~~ and November ~~4-6~~ ~~6-8~~.
3. No change.
4. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~11-12~~ ~~12-13~~.
5. Spring turkey – March ~~23-25~~ ~~24-26~~ and April ~~13-15~~ ~~14-16~~.
6. No change.
- (b) through (d) No change.
- (16) Twin Rivers Wildlife Management Area.
 - (a) Open season:
 1. Archery – September ~~24-30~~ ~~26 through October 2~~ and October ~~1-9~~ ~~3-11~~.
 2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~22-24~~ ~~24-26~~.
 3. Family hunt – November ~~5-6~~ ~~7-8~~.
 4. General gun – November ~~7-13~~ ~~9-15~~ and ~~14-20~~ ~~16-22~~.
 5. No change.
 6. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~11-12~~ ~~12-13~~.
 7. Spring turkey – March ~~24-26~~ ~~25-27~~ and April ~~14-16~~ ~~15-17~~.
 8. No change.
 - (b) through (d) No change.
- (17) No change.
- (18) Jennings Forest Wildlife Management Area.
 - (a) Open season:
 1. Archery – September ~~24-27~~ ~~26-29~~ September ~~28~~ ~~30~~ through October ~~1~~ ~~3~~, October ~~2-5~~ ~~4-7~~ and ~~6-9~~ ~~8-11~~.
 2. Supervised small game – October ~~15-23~~ ~~17-25~~, east of Yellow Water Creek, and east of the North Fork Black Creek but only south of its convergence with Yellow Water Creek.
 3. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~28-30~~ ~~30 through November 1~~.
 4. Bird dog training – November ~~21~~ ~~23~~ through December ~~18~~ ~~20~~ in the quail enhancement area and in the Normandy Unit only on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays from October through January; except that bird dog training is prohibited during the archery season.
 5. General gun – November ~~5-8~~ ~~7-10~~, ~~9-12~~ ~~11-14~~, ~~13-16~~ ~~15-18~~ and ~~17-20~~ ~~19-22~~.
 6. Family hunt – December ~~24-25~~ ~~26-27~~.
 7. Small game – January ~~6~~ ~~8~~ through February ~~5~~ ~~7~~, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only.
 8. Wild hog-still – February ~~10-12~~ ~~12-14~~, ~~17-19~~ ~~19-21~~, May ~~5-7~~ ~~6-8~~, ~~19-21~~ ~~20-22~~ and June ~~2-4~~ ~~3-5~~.
 9. No change.
 10. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~11-12~~ ~~12-13~~.
 11. Spring turkey – March ~~18-20~~ ~~19-21~~, ~~21-23~~ ~~22-24~~ and ~~24-26~~ ~~25-27~~.
 12. through 13. No change.
 - (b) through (d) No change.
- (19) Holton Creek Wildlife Management Area.
 - (a) Open season:
 1. Mobility-impaired general gun – October ~~14-16~~ ~~16-18~~, October ~~28-30~~ ~~30 through November 1~~, November ~~4-6~~ ~~6-8~~ and December ~~16-18~~ ~~18-20~~.
 2. Mobility-impaired spring turkey – March ~~24-26~~ ~~25-27~~ and April ~~14-16~~ ~~15-17~~.
 3. No change.
 - (b) through (d) No change.
- (20) Goethe Wildlife Management Area.
 - (a) Open season:
 1. Archery – September ~~24~~ ~~26~~ through October ~~16~~ ~~18~~.
 2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~28-30~~ ~~30 through November 1~~.
 3. General gun (still hunt) – November ~~5-7~~ ~~7-9~~, ~~8-10~~ ~~10-12~~ and ~~11-14~~ ~~13-16~~.
 4. General gun (dog hunt) – November ~~18-20~~ ~~20-22~~, ~~21-24~~ ~~23-26~~ and ~~25-28~~ ~~27-30~~.

5. Family hunt – December 31 through January 1 2-3.
6. Small game – January 7 9 through February 5 7.
7. Spring turkey – March 18-24 19-25, March 25 26 through April 2 3 and April 3-9 4-10.
8. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(21) Citrus Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – December 9-11 11-13 and December 30 through January 1 1-3.
2. Small game – January 2 4 through February 26 28.
3. Muzzleloading gun – December 2-4 4-6 and December 16-18 18-20.
4. Archery – November 5-13, 14-20 and 21-27 7-29.
5. Youth turkey hunt – March 11-12 12-13.
6. Spring turkey – March 21-24 22-25, April 4-7 5-8 and 18-21 19-22.

7. through 8. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. Any dog ~~Only bird-dogs~~ may be used to take small game for hunting during the small game season. The take of wild hog with dogs is prohibited. Except during the small game season, authorized training and field trials, the possession or use of dogs is prohibited except as provided by paragraph 68A-15.004(7)(c) or (d), F.A.C.

2. through 11. No change.

(22) Flying Eagle Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – October 1-4 3-6 and 7-11 9-13.
2. Muzzleloading gun – October 22-24 24-26.
3. General gun – November 5-8 7-10 and 11-15 13-17.
4. Small game – November 25-27 27-29 and December 16-18 18-20.
5. Spring turkey – March 18-21 19-22 and 24-28 25-29.

6. through 7. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 2. No change.

3. Taking wildlife with centerfire ~~or rimfire~~ rifles is prohibited.

4. through 9. No change.

(23) Potts Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Spring turkey – March 18-21 19-22 and 24-28 25-29.
2. Archery – October 6-9 8-11 and 12-16 14-18.
3. Muzzleloading gun – October 28-30 30 through November 1.
4. Wild hog-dog – November 18-20 20-22.
5. Small game – February 3-5 5-7, 17-19 19-21 and March 3-5 4-6.

6. through 7. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(24) Homosassa Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – October 13-16 15-18, October 27-30 29 through November 1 and November 3-6 5-8.
2. Small game – November 11 13 through December 4 6 and December 24 26 through January 15 17.
3. Special-opportunity spring turkey – March 18-24 19-25 and April 1-7 2-8.
4. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(25) Devil's Hammock Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~17-20~~ ~~19-22~~, ~~21-25~~ ~~23-27~~ and September ~~26-30~~ ~~28~~ through October ~~2~~.
2. Family hunt – October ~~8-9~~ ~~10-11~~ and ~~15-16~~ ~~17-18~~.
3. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~22-24~~ ~~24-26~~.
4. General gun – November ~~5-8~~ ~~7-10~~ and ~~9-13~~ ~~11-15~~.
5. Small game – November ~~19~~ ~~24~~ through December ~~18~~ ~~20~~.
6. Wild hog-still – January ~~16~~ ~~18~~ through February ~~12~~ ~~14~~.
7. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~11-12~~ ~~12-13~~.
8. Spring turkey – March ~~18-21~~ ~~19-22~~ and ~~22-26~~ ~~23-27~~.
9. through 10. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(26) Mallory Swamp Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~17~~ ~~19~~ through October ~~16~~ ~~18~~.
2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~22-30~~ ~~24~~ through November ~~1~~ (still hunt area only).
3. General gun – November ~~12~~ ~~14~~ through January ~~8~~ ~~10~~.
4. Small game – January ~~9~~ ~~11~~ through February ~~19~~ ~~21~~.
5. Wild hog-dog – February ~~25~~ ~~27~~ through March ~~12~~ ~~13~~.
6. Spring turkey – March ~~18~~ ~~19~~ through April ~~2~~ ~~3~~.
7. No change.
8. Trapping – January ~~9~~ ~~11~~ through March 1.
9. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(27) Middle Aucilla Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~5~~ ~~7~~ through December ~~1~~ ~~3~~ and December ~~2~~ ~~4~~ through January ~~1~~ ~~3~~.
2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~22-30~~ ~~24~~ through November ~~1~~.
3. Small game – January ~~2~~ ~~4~~ through March ~~5~~ ~~6~~.
4. Archery – September ~~17~~ ~~19~~ through October ~~16~~ ~~18~~.
5. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~11-12~~ ~~12-13~~.
6. Spring turkey – March ~~18~~ ~~19~~ through April ~~23~~ ~~24~~.
7. through 8. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(28) Little River Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~24-26~~ ~~26-28~~, October ~~1-3~~ ~~3-5~~ and ~~8-10~~ ~~10-12~~.
2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~22-24~~ ~~24-26~~.
3. Family hunt – November ~~5-6~~ ~~7-8~~.
4. Small game – November ~~26~~ ~~28~~ through January ~~8~~ ~~10~~.
5. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~11-12~~ ~~12-13~~.
6. Spring turkey – March ~~18-20~~ ~~19-21~~ and March 31 through April ~~2~~ ~~1-3~~.
7. through 8. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(29) Troy Springs Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Small game – November ~~12~~ ~~14~~ through January ~~8~~ ~~10~~, except on Sundays.
2. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(30) Bayard Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~24 26~~ through October ~~9 11~~ and November ~~12-20 14-22~~.
2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~22-30 24~~ through November ~~1~~.
3. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~11-12 12-13~~.
4. through 6. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(31) Grove Park Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~17 19~~ through October ~~16 18~~.
2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~22 24~~ through November ~~4 6~~.
3. General gun – November ~~5 7~~ through January ~~8 10~~.
4. Small game – January ~~9 11~~ through March ~~5 6~~.
5. No change.
6. Trapping – December 1 through January ~~8 10~~.
7. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~11-12 12-13~~.
8. Spring turkey – March ~~18 19~~ through April ~~23 24~~.
9. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(32) Steinhatchee Springs Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~24 26~~ through October ~~23 25~~.
2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~28-30 30~~ through November ~~1~~.
3. General gun – November ~~5-13 7-15~~ and November ~~14 16~~ through December ~~4 6~~.
4. Small game – December ~~24 26~~ through January ~~29 31~~.
5. Wild hog-dog – February ~~3-5 5-7, 17-19 19-21~~ and ~~24-26 26-28~~.
6. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~11-12 12-13~~.
7. Spring turkey – March ~~18-21 19-22, 22-26 23-27~~ and March ~~27 28~~ through April ~~9 10~~.
8. through 9. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(33) Cary Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~24-26, 26-28 and September 30~~ through October ~~2 2-4 and October 7-9~~.
2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~22-24 24-26~~ and October ~~28-30 30~~ through November ~~1~~.
3. Family hunt – November ~~5-6 7-8~~.
4. General gun – November ~~11-13, 13-15 18-20~~ and ~~25-27 27-29~~.
5. Small game – December ~~2 4~~ through January ~~8 10~~ (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).
6. Wild hog-still – January ~~27-29 29-31~~ and February ~~3-5 and 17-19 19-21~~.
7. Spring turkey – March ~~18-20 19-21, 24-26 25-27~~ and ~~March 31~~ through April ~~2 1-3~~.
8. through 9. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(34) Ralph E. Simmons Memorial Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~19-27 21-29~~.
2. Archery – September ~~17-25 19-27~~.
3. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~22-30 24~~ through November ~~1~~.
4. General gun for mobility-impaired – October ~~8-11 10-13~~.
5. Family hunt – November ~~5-6 7-8~~.
6. Small game – December ~~12-25 14-27~~ and January ~~28 30~~ through February ~~5 7~~.

7. No change.
8. Youth turkey hunt – March 11-12 ~~12-13~~.
9. through 10. No change.
- (b) through (d) No change.
- (35) Lower Econfina River Wildlife Management Area.
- (a) Open season:
1. Archery – October 8-23 ~~10-25~~.
 2. Muzzleloading gun – October 29-31 ~~31 through November 2~~.
 3. Small game – January 16 ~~18~~ through February 26 ~~28~~.
 4. Youth turkey hunt – March 11-12 ~~12-13~~.
 5. Spring turkey – March 18-26 ~~19-27~~.
6. No change.
- (b) through (d) No change.
- (36) Belmore Wildlife Management Area.
- (a) Open season:
1. Archery – September 24-26 ~~26-28~~, September 30 through October 2 ~~2-4~~ and October 7-9 ~~9-11~~.
 2. Muzzleloading gun – October 22-24 ~~24-26~~.
 3. Family hunt – November 5-6 ~~7-8~~ and 19-20 ~~21-22~~.
 4. General gun – November 10-13 ~~12-15~~ and 23-27 ~~25-29~~.
 5. Small game – December 2 ~~4~~ through January 8 ~~10~~ (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).
6. No change.
7. Youth turkey hunt – March 11-12 ~~12-13~~.
8. Spring turkey – March 18-20 ~~19-21~~, 24-26 ~~25-27~~ and March 31 through April 2 ~~1-3~~.
9. through 10. No change.
- (b) through (d) No change.
- (37) Four Creeks Wildlife Management Area.
- (a) Open season:
1. Archery – September 24-26 ~~26-28~~, September 30 through October 2 ~~2-4~~ and October 7-9 ~~9-11~~.
 2. Muzzleloading gun – October 22-24 ~~24-26~~.
 3. Family hunt – November 5-6 ~~7-8~~.
 4. General gun – November 11-13 ~~13-15~~, 18-20 ~~20-22~~ and 25-27 ~~27-29~~.
 5. Small game – December 2 ~~4~~ through January 8 ~~10~~ (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).
6. Wild hog-still – February 9-12 ~~11-14~~.
7. No change.
8. Youth turkey hunt – March 11-12 ~~12-13~~.
9. Spring turkey – March 18-20 ~~19-21~~, 24-26 ~~25-27~~ and March 31 through April 2 ~~1-3~~.
10. through 11. No change.
- (b) through (d) No change.
- (38) Hatchet Creek Wildlife Management Area.
- (a) Open season:
1. Archery – September 23-25 ~~25-27~~, September 30 through October 2 ~~2-4~~ and October 7-9 ~~9-11~~.
 2. Muzzleloading gun – October 22-24 ~~24-26~~.
 3. Family hunt – November 5-6 ~~7-8~~.
 4. General gun – November 11-13 ~~13-15~~ and 25-27 ~~27-29~~.
5. No change.
6. Youth turkey hunt – March 11-12 ~~12-13~~.
7. Spring turkey – March 18-20 ~~19-21~~, 24-26 ~~25-27~~ and March 31 through April 2 ~~1-3~~.
8. No change.
- (b) through (d) No change.

(39) Log Landing Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~17 19~~ through October ~~16 18~~ and November ~~4-13 6-15~~ (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).
2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~22-30 24~~ through November ~~1~~, November ~~18-27 20-29~~ and December ~~23 25~~ through January ~~1 3~~ (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).
3. Small game –December ~~2-18 4-20~~ and January ~~6 8~~ through February ~~12 14~~ (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).
4. No change.
5. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~11-12 12-13~~.
6. Spring turkey – March ~~18 19~~ through April ~~23 24~~ (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).
7. Wild hog-still – May 6-14.
7. renumbered 8. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers, except that the take of turkey other than bearded turkey or gobbler is prohibited during the archery season. 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. The take of antlerless deer, gobbler or bearded turkey during the archery season is allowed only during the first 14 days. Only wild hog may be taken during the wild hog-still season.

(c) through (d) No change.

(40) Thomas Creek Wildlife Management Area – Kings Road Unit.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~24-26 26-28~~, October ~~3-5 5-7~~ and ~~10-12 12-14~~.
 2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~22-24 24-26~~.
 3. Family hunt – November ~~5-6 7-8~~.
 4. General gun – November ~~18-20 20-22~~ and ~~25-27 27-29~~.
 5. Small game –December ~~2-7 4-9~~, ~~12-14 14-16~~, ~~23-25 25-27~~, December 30 through January 1 1-3 and January 9-11 11-13.
 6. No change.
 7. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~11-12 12-13~~.
 8. Spring turkey – March ~~18-20 19-21~~, ~~27-29 28-30~~ and April ~~3-5 4-6~~.
 9. No change.
- (b) through (d) No change.

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