

MEMORANDUM



To: Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commissioners

From: Kipp Frohlich, Director, Habitat and Species Conservation

Date: September 26, 2018

Subject: Consent Agenda, Proposed Revisions to the Aquatic Plant Control Permits Rules (Chapter 68F-20, Florida Administrative Code)

Purpose:

Obtain approval to publish a Notice of Change for Chapter 68F-20, Florida Administrative Code (FAC), to address several technical concerns raised by the Joint Administrative Procedures Committee (JAPC) during their review.

Summary:

In July 2017, staff submitted a package of rule changes to Chapter 68F-20, FAC, to reduce the regulatory burden on the public, update the rule text to account for new technology and increase clarity, and allow for increased staff time to be spent on FWC funded aquatic plant management activities occurring on public water bodies. The Commission approved that package.

Following the publication of the proposed changes, the JAPC identified several concerns that staff proposes to correct and address with the language which will appear in the Notice of Change.

Staff solicited stakeholder review and comments, published a Notice of Development of Rulemaking and held four public workshops around the state to obtain public input. Staff have incorporated comments received into the rule where practicable.

Staff Recommendation:

Approval to publish the Notice of Change. If approved the amended rule will be filed for adoption without further hearing unless requested by a member of the public.

Staff Contact and/or Presenter:

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