

STATE OF FLORIDA
FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Executive Order Number: EO 18-53

**Operation Outdoor Freedom Archery
Hunts on Blackwater Wildlife
Management Area**

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, pursuant to Article IV, Section 9, of Florida Constitution, and Rule 68A-15.004(16), Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C), hereby authorizes the following special outdoor recreational opportunity to be administered by the Florida Forest Service (FFS) consistent with 589.19(4), Florida Statutes on the closed to hunting portions of Blackwater Wildlife Management Area in Okaloosa and Santa Rosa counties, Florida.

OPEN SEASON

Special deer hunts: October 31 - November 2 and November 14-16, 2018.

LEGAL TO TAKE

Any deer (except spotted fawns), wild hog and coyote. The bag limit shall be 2 antlered deer and 2 antlerless deer per FFS permit for each hunt.

PERMITS

An FFS permit shall be required to hunt the area. A maximum of 4 permits shall be issued by FFS for each 3-day hunt.

SPECIFIC AREA REGULATIONS

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in Rules 68A-15.004 and 68A-15.063(4), F.A.C., the following regulations shall apply:

- 1) Only the FFS permit holder may harvest wildlife.
- 2) Only archery equipment and crossbows may be used to harvest wildlife.
- 3) Motorized vehicles may be operated only on named or numbered roads, except that the FFS may authorize additional vehicle access as necessary for accommodation purposes.
- 4) All other provisions of Rules 68A-15.004 and 68A-15.063(4), F.A.C., shall remain in effect.

Specific Authority: Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution
Rule 68A-15.004(16), F.A.C



GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF
THE FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION
COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA
THIS 25th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2018.

Attest:
Agency Clerk

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APPROVED as to form and legality:

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