

STATE OF FLORIDA  
FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Executive Order Number: 19-03

**Operation Outdoor Freedom Deer Hunt 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 Section 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 hunt – February 20-22, 2019.

**LEGAL TO TAKE**

Any deer (except spotted fawns), wild hog and coyote. The bag limit shall be two (2) antlered deer and two (2) antlerless deer per FFS permit. There is no bag limit for wild hog or coyote.

**PERMITS**

A FFS permit shall be required to hunt the area. A maximum of four (4) permits shall be issued by the FFS for this 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 bows, crossbows or muzzleloading guns may be used for hunting.
- 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.

This order shall take effect upon signing and shall remain in effect until 11:59 pm on February 22, 2019.

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 10<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JANUARY, 2019.

Attest: *Kristen Burton*  
Agency Clerk

*Thomas H. Eason*  
Thomas H. Eason Ph.D.  
Assistant Executive Director



APPROVED as to form and legality:

*Bridget K. McDonnell*  
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