

**Background Report
Draft Rule 68A-15.004
Agenda Item 10A
February 21, 2019**

DRAFT RULE

RULE NO: 68A-15.004 **RULE TITLE:** General Regulations Relating to Wildlife Management Areas.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose of the proposed rule amendment is to revise shooting hours during spring turkey seasons on Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs).

SUMMARY: The proposed rule amendment would extend shooting hours for all spring turkey seasons on WMAs from one-half hour before sunrise until sunset, unless otherwise provided by specific area regulation.

Additionally, the proposed rule amendment 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-15.004 General Regulations Relating to Wildlife Management Areas.

(1) through (3) No change.

(4) Legal to hunt:

(a) Wild turkey may not be taken during any fall season in which firearms may be used unless otherwise provided for a specific area. Notwithstanding provisions in Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., wild turkey of either sex may be taken during muzzleloading and general gun seasons as specifically provided by area rule. During periods in which the taking of wild turkey is allowed, the daily bag limit for wild turkey shall be one per day unless otherwise provided by specific area regulation. ~~The hours in which the hunting of gobblers or bearded turkeys is permitted during the spring season shall be from one half hour before sunrise until 1:00 p.m., unless otherwise provided by specific area regulation.~~

(b) through (k) No change.

(5) through (16) No change.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2019

Rulemaking Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. Law Implemented Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const., 379.2223, 379.354 FS. History—New 8-1-79, Amended 6-4-81, 6-21-82, 6-9-83, 9-27-83, 7-5-84, 7-1-85, Formerly 39-15.04, Amended 5-7-86, 5-10-87, 4-13-88, 8-18-88, 4-19-90, 4-4-91, 4-14-92, 10-22-92, 7-26-94, 11-6-94, 3-30-95, 10-23-95, 9-15-96, 6-1-97, 7-1-98, 12-28-98, 4-15-99, Formerly 39-15.004, Amended 7-1-00, 6-2-02, 5-1-03, 7-1-04, 7-1-05, 7-1-06, 7-29-07, 7-1-08, 7-1-09, 7-1-10, 1-1-11, 5-2-12, 4-9-13, 7-1-14, 7-1-15, 7-1-16, 7-1-18, 7-1-19.