

**Background Report
Draft Rule 68A-17.004
Agenda Item 10A
February 21, 2019**

DRAFT RULE

RULE NO: 68A-17.004 **RULE TITLE:** General Regulations Relating to Wildlife and Environmental Areas.

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

SUMMARY: The proposed rule amendment would extend shooting hours for all spring turkey seasons on WEAs 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-17.004 General Regulations Relating to Wildlife and Environmental Areas.

(1) through (3) No change.

(4) Legal to Hunt: Legal game shall be only those game species identified in specific area regulations.

(a) through (b) No change.

~~(c) 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.~~

(d) through (g) renumbered (c) through (f) No change.

(5) through (17) No change.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2019

*Rulemaking Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. Law Implemented Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const., 379.354, 375.313 FS. History—
New 4-12-98, Amended 12-28-98, Formerly 39-17.004, Amended 7-1-00, 7-1-04, 7-1-05, 7-1-06, 7-29-07, 7-1-08, 7-1-09, 7-1-10,
1-1-11, 3-25-12, 4-9-13, 7-1-14, 7-1-15, 7-1-16, 7-1-18, 7-1-19.*