

**Background Report  
Draft Rule 68A-12.004  
Agenda Item 10B  
February 20, 2019**

**DRAFT RULE**

**RULE NO.:** 68A-12.004

**RULE TITLE:** Possession or Sale of Birds or Mammals;  
Taxidermy Operations and Mounting Requirements.

**PURPOSE AND EFFECT:** The purpose of the proposed rule changes is to support the establishment of a deer harvest reporting system. The effect of the proposed rule changes will be to enable the agency to better manage deer populations throughout the state through improved deer herd monitoring, Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) surveillance, and by promoting compliance with proposed annual bag limits.

**SUMMARY:** The proposed rule changes would require taxidermists to record the Commission's deer harvest reporting system confirmation number for deer taken in Florida.

**THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS AS FOLLOWS:**

**68A-12.004 Possession or Sale of Birds or Mammals; Taxidermy Operations and Mounting Requirements.**

(1) through (10) No change.

(11) Taxidermy operations and mounting requirements:

(a) Any person engaged in taxidermy shall tag all carcasses (whole specimens), untanned hides, and uncured animal parts of fish and wildlife, possessed or received with the name of the person taking or acquiring such fish or wildlife, the person's address, and date taken or acquired. In addition, any deer subject to the provisions of paragraph 68A-12.003(2)(c), F.A.C., shall have the Commission's harvest reporting system confirmation number recorded on the tag. As an alternative to individual tagging, persons engaged in taxidermy may choose to use a log book and numbering system. The log book shall contain the same information required of the aforementioned tag the name of the person taking or acquiring such fish or wildlife, the person's address and the date taken or acquired. The carcass, untanned ~~untagged~~ hide, or uncured animal part shall be assigned a number, which shall be affixed to the specimen so as to be readily identifiable and traceable to the log book information. The log book shall be kept on premises for inspection by Commission personnel.

(b) through (e) No change.

(12) No change.

**PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE:** July 1, 2019

*Rulemaking Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. Law Implemented Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. History--New 8-1-79, Amended 6-4-81, 6-21-82, 7-5-84, Formerly 39-12.04, Amended 5-10-87, 6-8-87, 4-20-94, 8-7-97, Formerly 39-12.004, Amended 7-29-15, 1-11-17, 7-1-19.*