

**Background Report  
Draft Rule  
68A-13.003, F.A.C.  
Consent Agenda Item 1  
May 1, 2019**

**RULE NO:** 68A-13.003

**RULE TITLE:** Hunting Regulations for Ducks, Geese, and Coots.

**PURPOSE AND EFFECT:** The purpose of the proposed rule amendments are to establish regulations for taking ducks, geese, and coots to conform with federal regulations. The effect of the proposed rule amendments would be to decrease the bag limit for mallards from four to two (no more than one of which may be female) and to decrease the bag limit for pintails from two to one.

**SUMMARY:** The proposed rule amendments update the hunting regulations pertaining to ducks, geese, and coots.

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

**68A-13.003 Hunting Regulations for Ducks, Geese, and Coots.**

The Commission has approved the following regulations and bag limits for taking ducks, geese, and coots:

(1)(a) through (e) No change.

(f) Limits: The possession limit for ducks and coots shall be three days' bag limit. There shall be no possession limit for light geese. Light geese include only snow (including blue) and Ross' geese.

1. Ducks: The daily bag limit for ducks is six, including no more than ~~four~~ two mallards, of which only ~~two~~ one can be females, two scaup, four scoters, four eiders, four long-tailed ducks, three wood ducks, two redheads, one ~~two~~ pintails, two canvasbacks, two black ducks, one Florida duck (mottled duck), and one fulvous whistling-duck. In addition to the daily bag limit for ducks, the daily bag limit for mergansers is five, only two of which may be hooded mergansers.

2. through 3. No change.

(2) through (5) No change.

*Rulemaking Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. Law Implemented Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. History—New 8-1-79, Amended 10-23-79, 8-19-80, 9-29-81, 8-30-82, 7-27-83, 8-13-84, 8-13-85, 10-1-85, Formerly 39-13.03, Amended 8-5-86, 8-24-87, 8-18-88, 12-12-88, 8-17-89, 10-30-89, 8-9-90, 10-31-90, 8-22-91, 10-31-91, 8-23-92, 10-22-92, 9-2-93, 10-28-93, 11-6-94, 10-23-95, 10-20-96, 8-7-97, 10-28-97, 11-12-98, 6-23-99, Formerly 39-13.003, Amended 11-7-00, 5-13-02, 5-1-03, 7-1-04, 7-1-05, 2-1-06, 7-1-06, 1-9-07, 1-8-08, 7-1-08, 1-6-09, 1-19-10, 7-1-10, 1-5-11, 3-25-12, 2-12-13, 1-23-14, 1-19-15, 12-21-15, 7-1-16, 7-1-17, \_\_\_\_\_.*

**BE ADVISED THAT THESE PROPOSED RULES MAY BE FILED FOR ADOPTION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FOLLOWING THE COMMISSION MEETING AT WHICH THEY ARE CONSIDERED IF THE RULES ARE NOT CHANGED. IF CHANGED, THE RULES MAY BE FILED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER PUBLICATION OF A NOTICE OF CHANGE IN THE F.A.R.**

**IF REQUESTED WITHIN 21 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE, A HEARING WILL BE HELD AT THE DATE, TIME AND LOCATION OF THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED COMMISSION MEETING.**