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RULE NO: 68A-15.065
RULE TITLE: Specific Regulations for Wildlife Management Areas – Northeast Region.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose of the proposed rule amendment is to provide for greater use of dove hunting opportunities on Caravelle Ranch Wildlife Management Areas (WMA) by eliminating the Special-Opportunity dove program on this area.

SUMMARY: The proposed rule amendment would eliminate language pertaining to Special-Opportunity dove fields on Caravelle Ranch WMA.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS AS FOLLOWS:

68A-15.065 Specific Regulations for Wildlife Management Areas – Northeast Region.
(1) through (14) No change.
(15) Caravelle Ranch Wildlife Management Area.
(a) Open season:
1. through 4. No change.
5. Special-opportunity dove – The second and third Saturdays only during the first phase; the third Saturday only during the second phase; and the first, third and fifth Saturdays only during the third phase of the mourning dove and white-winged dove season established by Rule 68A-13.008, F.A.C.
6. through 9. renumbered 5. through 8. No change.
(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers (except bobcat and otter). During the archery, muzzleloading gun and general gun seasons the bag limit for deer shall be one per quota permit. Taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with three or more points or one antler with a main beam of ten inches or more in length is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. During the spring turkey season, one gobbler (or bearded turkey) may be taken per quota permit. The take of dove is prohibited south of Rodeheaver Road and east of State Road 19, except on posted the special-opportunity dove fields by persons in possession of current and valid special-opportunity dove permits.
(c) No change.
(d) General regulations:
1. No change.
2. Hunting with dogs is prohibited except bird dogs may be used during the general gun season and on the posted dove fields during special-opportunity dove hunts, and any dog may be used to take small game during small game season. Taking wild hog with dogs is prohibited.
3. through 4. No change.
5. Vehicular access is prohibited except from 1.5 hours before sunrise to 1.5 hours after sunset one day prior to archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun and spring turkey hunts. Vehicular access is also allowed during the archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun, supervised small game and small game seasons from 5:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. during Daylight Savings Time and from 5:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. during Eastern Standard Time; during the special-opportunity dove season from 11:00 a.m. until one hour after sunset; and during the spring turkey season from 4:30 a.m. until one hour after sunset. Public access other than on foot (pedestrian), horseback (equestrian), or by bicycle is prohibited at all other times.
6. Shooting hours for special-opportunity dove hunts shall be from noon until sunset. Hunters may enter the area one hour before shooting time and shall exit the area by one hour after sunset.
7. through 8. renumbered 6. through 7.
16. through (34) No change.

Rulemaking Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. Law Implemented Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const., 379.2223, 375.313 FS. History–New 6-21-82, Amended 6-29-82, 7-1-83, 7-5-84, 10-1-84, 7-1-85, 5-7-86, 5-10-87, 5-1-88, 7-1-89, 12-19-89, 7-1-90, 7-1-91, 7-2-91, 7-1-93, 7-1-94, 7-1-95, 7-1-96, 9-15-96, 6-1-97, 7-1-98, 2-2-98, 8-11-98, 12-28-98, 7-1-99, Formerly 39-15.065, Amended 12-20-99, 7-1-00, 12-26-00, 7-1-01, 6-2-02, 7-28-02, 5-1-03, 7-1-03, 10-12-03, 7-1-04, 7-1-05, 1-4-06, 7-1-06, 8-22-06, 7-1-07, 7-1-08, 7-1-09, 7-1-10, 7-1-11, 8-11-11, 7-1-12, 7-26-12, 7-1-13, 9-9-13, 7-1-14, 7-1-15, 7-29-15, 7-1-16, 7-1-17, 9-14-17, 7-1-18, 7-1-19, X-XX-XX.