

## **Adjustment to the Gopher Tortoise Permit Mitigation Contribution Amounts to Account for Inflation using the Consumer Price Index (CPI-U) for the South Region**

June 10, 2019

Notice to Permittees:

As provided for on pages 7 and 8 of the [Gopher Tortoise Permitting Guidelines](#) (April 2008 –revised January 2017), the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) will be adjusting the mitigation amounts that are required for gopher tortoise permits. The adjustments are made annually to account for inflation, as reflected by changes in the Consumer Price Index (All Urban Consumers) for the South Region of the United States for the 2018 calendar year. Please see the attached table for the adjusted mitigation amounts that will go into **effect at 12:00 a.m. on Monday, July 1, 2019.**

Permit applications for the gopher tortoise permit types in the attached table that are **submitted using the FWC online permit system by 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, June 30, 2019, or delivered by mail delivery service and received by the FWC Tallahassee office by 5:00 p.m. on Friday June 28, 2019,** and that contain all the required information (including submittal of the required mitigation contribution) and are determined by the FWC as complete applications, will be subject to the current, unadjusted mitigation requirements. Permit applications that either were initially received by the FWC by the above-specified deadline, but remain incomplete after 11:59 p.m. on June 30, or applications received by the FWC after the above-referenced dates and times, will be subject to the adjusted mitigation amounts provided in the attached table.

For additional questions please refer to the Gopher Tortoise Permitting Guidelines, or contact the Gopher Tortoise Program office at (850)921-1031.