

MEMORANDUM



To: Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commissioners
From: Morgan Richardson, Director, Hunting and Game Management
Date: June 28, 2019
Subject: Restricted Hunting Area Establishment Hernando County

Purpose:

Approval of the establishment of a Restricted Hunting Area in Hernando County.

Summary:

The Commission may establish restricted hunting areas within any developed area upon the written request of the local governmental body having jurisdiction over such area (Rule 68A-19.002, F.A.C.) The Hernando County Commission is requesting the establishment of restrictive hunting areas within the canals and waterways connected to Hunters Lake in the unincorporated Springhill community. The Hernando County Commission believes that waterfowl hunting in the canals and waterways linking Springhill with Hunters Lake poses a public safety concern. Pursuant to Rule 68A-19.002, F.A.C., staff has assessed the area under consideration and believes the limited area being proposed for closure to hunting will not result in a denial of reasonable and lawful hunting opportunity. The main body of Hunters Lake (\approx 430 acres) will remain open to waterfowl hunting.

Staff Recommendation:

Approve the establishment of the canals and waterways connected to Hunters Lake in the unincorporated Springhill community of Hernando County as a Restricted Hunting Area.

Staff Contact and/or Presenter:

Morgan Richardson, Director, Hunting and Game Management