

**Background Report
Rule Development
Rule 68A-4.053
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DRAFT RULE

RULE NO: 68A-4.0053

RULE TITLE: Importation and Possession of Carcasses from Deer, Elk and other Wildlife Species in the Family of Cervidae.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose of the proposed rule change is to revise regulations regarding the importation and possession of carcass or parts therefrom of any species in the family Cervidae originating outside of Florida. The effect of the proposed rule amendment would be to help minimize the risk of chronic wasting disease (CWD) being accidentally introduced into or spread throughout Florida.

SUMMARY: The proposed rule amendment would prohibit the importation or possession of whole carcasses and high-risk parts for CWD from species in the family Cervidae originating outside of Florida.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS AS FOLLOWS:

68A-4.0053 Importation and Possession of Carcasses from ~~Deer, Elk and Other Wildlife~~ Species in the Family of Cervidae.

No person shall import or possess the carcass or any parts therefrom of any ~~deer, elk or other~~ species in from the family Cervidae originating from any place outside of Florida ~~state or province where Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) has been documented on a list maintained by the United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service~~ except 1) boned-out meat or products therefrom processed meat cuts; 2) clean a hides with no tissue or head attached; 3) antlers, antlers with a clean skull plate with no tissue attached or clean skulls with no tissue attached; 4) finished taxidermy products; and 5) clean upper canines teeth with no tissue attached. Any carcass, regardless of origin, of any species in the family Cervidae ~~cervid~~ testing positive for CWD shall be surrendered to FWC personnel.

Rulemaking Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. Law Implemented Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. History—New 7-1-05. Amended XX-XX-XX.