

STATE OF FLORIDA
FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Executive Order Number: 20-04

**Operation Outdoor Freedom Deer Hunt on
Econfina Creek Wildlife Management Area**

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, pursuant to Article IV, Section 9, of Florida Constitution, and Rule 68A-14.001(2), Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), hereby authorizes the following special outdoor recreational opportunity to be administered by the Northwest Florida Water Management District (NFWFMD) consistent with 589.19(4), Florida Statutes on the closed to hunting portions of Econfina Creek Wildlife Management Area in Bay, Jackson, and Washington counties, Florida.

OPEN SEASON

Special deer hunt – February 5-7, 2020.

LEGAL TO TAKE

Any deer (except spotted fawns) and wild hog. The bag limit shall be 1 antlered deer and 1 antlerless deer per NFWFMD permit, with a daily bag limit of one (1) deer. There is no bag limit for wild hogs.

PERMITS

A NFWFMD permit shall be required to hunt the area. A maximum of six (6) permits shall be issued by the NFWFMD for this hunt.

SPECIFIC AREA REGULATIONS

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in Rules 68A-15.004 and 68A-15.063(22), F.A.C. the following regulations shall apply:

- 1) One non-hunting assistant and one hunting guest are allowed to accompany each NFWFMD permit holder.
- 2) Only the NFWFMD permit holder and hunting guest may take wildlife, and must share the bag limit of a single person.
- 3) Motorized vehicles may be operated only on named or numbered roads, except that the NFWFMD may authorize additional vehicle access as necessary for accommodation purposes.
- 4) All-terrain vehicles are allowed but only for the purpose of hunting during the open season specified above.

- 5) All other provisions of Rules 68A-15.004 and 68A-15.063(22), F.A.C., shall remain in effect, except that Rule 68A-15.004(10), F.A.C shall not apply to the special deer hunt area while this order is in effect, nor shall Rule 68A-12.002(9)(d), F.A.C.

This order shall take effect upon signing and shall remain in effect until 11:59 pm on 7 February 2020.

Specific Authority: Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution
Rule 68A-14.001(2), F.A.C



Attest: Michelle Chuk
Agency Clerk

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF
THE FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION
COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA
THIS 27th DAY OF JANUARY, 2020.

Thomas H. Eason
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Assistant Executive Director

APPROVED as to form and legality:

Bonnie
Commission Attorney