

**Background Report  
68A-15.006  
Agenda Item 11A  
February 20, 2020**

**PROPOSED FINAL RULE LANGUAGE**

**RULE NO:** 68A-15.006

**RULE TITLE:** Regulations Relating to Miscellaneous Areas.

**PURPOSE AND EFFECT:** The purpose of the proposed rule amendment is to revise specific area regulations on miscellaneous areas and conform to calendar year date changes. The effect of the proposed rule amendment will be to enable the agency to better manage fish and wildlife resources and public use on miscellaneous areas.

**SUMMARY:** The proposed rule amendment would adjust season dates to conform to calendar year changes and revise specific area regulations on miscellaneous areas as follows:

Babcock Ranch Preserve Tier I – during the family hunt allow 1 additional adult supervisor that may participate in the hunt to assist the youth hunters but may not harvest game.

Babcock Ranch Preserve Tier II – allow wild turkey to be hunted during muzzleloading gun and crossbow seasons and when general gun season overlaps with Zone A fall turkey season.

Additionally, the proposed rule amendment would provide non-substantive technical changes, such as grammatical corrections, language standardization, or clarification of an existing rule.

**THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS AS FOLLOWS:**

**68A-15.006 Regulations Relating to Miscellaneous Areas.**

(1) through (2) No change.

(3) Babcock Ranch Preserve.

(a) Open season (in the Tier I hunt area):

1. Archery – August ~~1-4~~ ~~3-6~~ and ~~8-11~~ ~~10-13~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – September ~~5-7~~ ~~7-9~~.

3. Family – September ~~19-20~~ ~~21-22~~ and December ~~19-20~~ ~~21-22~~.

4. General gun for mobility-impaired – December ~~5-7~~ ~~7-9~~.

5. General gun – September ~~26-28~~ ~~28-30~~, October ~~3-5~~ ~~5-7~~ and December ~~12-14~~ ~~14-16~~.

6. Small game – January ~~9-24~~ ~~11-26~~ and February ~~6-7~~ ~~8-9~~ (Saturdays and Sundays only).

7. Spring turkey – March ~~6-8~~ ~~7-9~~ and ~~13-15~~ ~~14-16~~.

8. through 9. No change.

(b) No change.

(c) Regulations controlling activities within the Tier I hunt area:

1. through 11. No change.

12. Public access during the open seasons described in paragraph (a), is limited to those persons participating in the hunt, except that during the family hunt each quota permit will allow for 1 or 2 youth hunters, a supervising adult hunter, and 1 additional supervisor that may participate in the hunt to assist the youth hunters but may not harvest game, and except as provided by the Florida Forest Service.

13. through 14. No change.

(d) Regulations controlling activities in the Tier II hunt areas:

1. through 3. No change.

4. The take of wild turkey is prohibited except during the archery season, crossbow season, muzzleloading gun season, that portion of the general gun season that overlaps with Zone A fall turkey season, and spring turkey season.

5. through 12. No change.

- (e) through (f) No change.
- (4) through (6) No change

**PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE:** July 1, 2020

*Rulemaking Authority Art. IV, Sec 9, Fla. Const. Law Implemented Art IV, Sec 9, Fla. Const. History—New 12-9-99, Amended 5-13-02, 5-1-03, 5-23-04, 7-1-06, 7-1-08, 7-1-09, 7-1-10, 11-9-10, 7-1-11, 7-1-12, 8-1-13, 7-1-14, 7-1-15, 7-1-16, 7-1-17, 7-1-18, 7-1-19, 7-1-20.*