

Background Report
68A-15.065
Agenda Item 11A
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PROPOSED FINAL RULE LANGUAGE

RULE NO: 68A-15.065 **RULE TITLE:** Specific Regulations for Wildlife Management Areas – Northeast Region.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose of the proposed rule amendment is to revise specific area regulations on Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) in the Northeast Region 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 WMAs.

SUMMARY: The proposed rule amendment would adjust season dates to conform to calendar year changes and revise specific area regulations on Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) in the Northeast Region as follows:

- Charles H. Bronson WMA – allow each youth turkey quota permit holder to bring 1 additional non-hunting guest.
- Little Big Econ WMA – allow each youth turkey quota permit holder to bring 1 additional non-hunting guest.
- Richloam WMA – allow limited fishing (hook and line only) in designated areas at the fish hatchery.
- Seminole Forest WMA – prohibit public access during the mobility-impaired hunts except for individuals participating in the hunts, their assistants and through-hikers on the Florida National Scenic Trail.
- Seminole Forest WMA - Lake Tracy Unit – allow each youth turkey quota permit holder to bring 1 additional non-hunting guest.
- Silver Springs Forest WMA – establish open seasons and regulations for a new WMA (4,900 acres) in Marion County as follows: one 16-day archery hunt (20 no-cost quota permits, no exemptions); one 3-day muzzleloading gun season (20 no-cost quota permits, no exemptions), one 9-day general gun hunt (quota of 20 no-cost quota permits, no exemptions); a 2-day youth turkey hunt (5 no-cost quota permits, no exemptions); two 4-day (Thurs – Sun) spring turkey hunts (5 no-cost quota permits, no exemptions); a small game season from the last weekend in November through the first weekend in January (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only, walk-in access only); each youth turkey quota permit holder may bring 1 additional non-hunting guest; fishing and frogging year round; allow the take of all legal game, wild turkey, fish, frogs and furbearers excluding bobcat and otter; prohibit the harvest of antlered deer not having at least one antler with three or more points or a 10-inch main beam; hunting wildlife with dogs, other than bird dogs or retrievers, is prohibited, except any dog may be used to take small game (quail, rabbit, squirrel and migratory game birds) during the small game season; allow the take of wild hogs during the small game season; allow access year round from 1.5 hours before sunrise until 1.5 hours after sunset; and allow vehicles only on designated roads, only during quota hunts and only for individuals participating in the hunt (and their guests).
- Three Lakes WMA – allow wild hog to be taken during small game season.
- Three Lakes WMA - Prairie Lakes Unit – allow wild hog to be taken during small game 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-15.065 Specific Regulations for Wildlife Management Areas – Northeast Region.

- (1) Herky Huffman/Bull Creek Wildlife Management Area.
 - (a) Open season:
 1. General Gun – November ~~7-8~~ ~~2-3~~ and November 9 ~~4~~ through January 3 ~~December 29~~.
 2. Small game – January 4 ~~December 30~~ through March 7 ~~1~~.
 3. Spring turkey – March 20 ~~21~~ through April 25 ~~26~~.
 4. Archery – September 19-20 ~~14-15~~ and September 21 ~~16~~ through October 18 ~~13~~.
 5. Muzzleloading gun – October 24-26 ~~19-21~~.
 6. Youth turkey hunt – March 13-14 ~~14-15~~.

7. No change.
- (b) through (d) No change.
- (2) Ocala Wildlife Management Area.
- (a) Open season:
1. General gun – November ~~14~~ ⁹ through January ~~10~~ ⁵ (Pipeline, Lake Delancy and Hopkins Prairie units only).
 2. General gun dog – November ~~14-22~~ ⁹ through ~~17~~ (Church Lake Unit only).
 3. General gun still – November ~~28~~ ²³ through December ~~6~~ ⁴ (Church Lake Unit only).
 4. Small game – December ~~7~~ ² through March ~~7~~ ⁴ (Church Lake Unit only) and January ~~11~~ ⁶ through March ~~7~~ ⁴ (Pipeline, Lake Delancy and Hopkins Prairie units only).
 5. Archery – September ~~26~~ ²⁴ through October ~~25~~ ²⁰.
 6. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~30~~ through November ~~1, 25-27~~, in the Church Lake, Hopkins Prairie and Lake Delancy units only.
 7. Fox, opossum, bobcat and raccoon – November ~~14~~ ⁹ through April ~~17~~ ¹².
 8. No change.
 9. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~13-14~~ ¹⁴⁻¹⁵.
 10. Spring turkey – March ~~25-28~~ ²⁶⁻²⁹, April ~~1-4~~ ²⁻⁵, ~~8-11~~ ⁹⁻¹² and ~~15-18~~ ¹⁶⁻¹⁹.
 11. through 14. No change.
- (b) Legal to take:
1. No change.
 2. Furbearing animals – During the November ~~14~~ ⁹ through March 1 period, hunting as specified in paragraph 68A-24.002(2)(b), F.A.C., is allowed only in the Pipeline and Church Lake units. Raccoons may also be hunted, with dogs only, from March 2 through April ~~17~~ ¹² only in that portion of the Pipeline Unit south of S.R. 40 and west of S.R. 19. The hunting of fox and bobcat by the use of dogs only shall be allowed from January ~~11~~ ⁶ through April ~~17~~ ¹², only in that portion of the Pipeline Unit south of S.R. 40 and west of S.R. 19.
- (c) No change.
- (d) General regulations:
1. through 4. No change.
 5. Dogs may be used to pursue rabbits from January ~~11~~ ⁶ through April ~~17~~ ¹² in that portion of the Pipeline Unit south of S.R. 40 and west of S.R. 19.
 6. No change.
- (e) No change.
- (3) Richloam Wildlife Management Area.
- (a) Open season:
1. General gun – November ~~21-29~~ ²³ through ~~December 1~~ and November ~~30~~ ^{December 2} through January ~~17~~ ¹⁹.
 2. Spring turkey – March ~~20-28~~ ²¹⁻²⁹ and March ~~29~~ ³⁰ through April ~~25~~ ²⁶.
 3. Archery – October ~~17~~ ¹⁹ through November ~~15~~ ¹⁷.
 4. Fishing and frogging – Throughout the year ~~except on the fish hatchery~~.
 5. Trapping – January ~~25~~ ²⁰ through March 1.
 6. Wild hog-dog – April 30 through May 2, May ~~1-3~~ and ~~28-30~~ ²⁹⁻³¹ and June ~~25-27~~ ²⁶⁻²⁸ (east of CR 471 only).
 7. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~13-14~~ ¹⁴⁻¹⁵.
 8. through 9. No change.
- (b) through (d) No change.
- (4) Richloam Wildlife Management Area – Baird Unit.
- (a) Open season:
1. Archery – October ~~31~~ through November ~~3~~ ²⁻⁵, November ~~4-8~~ ⁶⁻¹⁰ and ~~9-15~~ ¹¹⁻¹⁷.
 2. Muzzleloading gun – November ~~21-23~~ ²³⁻²⁵.
 3. General gun – January ~~17-20~~ ¹⁹⁻²² and ~~22-26~~ ²⁴⁻²⁸.
 4. Wild hog-still – January ~~28-30~~ ³⁰ through February 1.
 5. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~13-14~~ ¹⁴⁻¹⁵.

6. Spring turkey – March ~~20-22 21-23, 26-28 27-29~~ and April ~~2-4 3-5~~.

7. Small game – ~~January 31 through February 28, 1 through March 1.~~

8. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(5) Three Lakes Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~7-8 2-3~~ and November ~~9 4~~ through ~~January 3 December 29~~.

2. Small game – ~~January 4 December 30~~ through March ~~7 1~~.

3. Spring turkey – March ~~20 21~~ through April ~~25 26~~.

4. Archery – September ~~19-20 14-15~~ and September ~~21 16~~ through October ~~18 13~~.

5. No change.

6. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~24-26 19-21~~.

7. General gun for mobility impaired – October ~~30 through November 1 25-27~~.

8. General gun-dog – December ~~10-13 5-8~~ and ~~December 31 through January 3 26-29~~.

9. through 10. No change.

11. Raccoon – January ~~15-17 10-12, 22-24 17-19~~ and ~~29-31 24-26~~ (from 1.5 hours before sunset on Friday until 1.5 hours after sunrise on Sunday) in that area between the Florida Turnpike and US 441 only.

12. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~13-14 14-15~~.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, alligators as specified in rule 68A-25.042, F.A.C., frogs and furbearers. The take of wild hog is prohibited during ~~small game season and~~ general-gun dog season. Taking quail is prohibited on the quail enhancement area (that portion of the area lying east of the Florida Turnpike) except during quail season as established annually by order of the Executive Director, based on annual fall quail surveys. The daily bag limit for quail on the quail enhancement area is six (6) per person. Taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with three or more points or one antler with a main beam of ten inches or more in length is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. During the general gun for mobility-impaired season, the bag limit for antlerless deer is one per certified mobility-impaired hunter and only certified mobility-impaired hunters are allowed to take antlerless deer. The take of antlerless deer is prohibited during the archery season.

(c) through (e) No change.

(6) Three Lakes Wildlife Management Area – Prairie Lakes Unit.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – ~~September 27-29 and October 2-4 and 9-11 4-6~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~30 through November 1 25-27~~.

3. General gun – November ~~20-22 15-17 and 27-29 22-24~~.

4. Small game – December ~~12 7~~ through January ~~10 5~~.

5. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~13-14 14-15~~.

6. Spring turkey – March ~~20-22 21-23~~ and April ~~2-4 3-5~~ and ~~16-18 17-19~~.

7. No change.

8. Wild hog-still – ~~November 29 through December 4-6, 1 and January 15-17 and 10-12, 29-31 24-26~~ and February ~~26-28 21-23~~.

9. through 10. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers. Taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with three or more points or one antler with a main beam of ten inches or more in length is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. During the archery season, antlerless deer may be taken by antlerless deer permit only. The bag limit for deer shall be one antlered deer per person, but not more than two antlered deer per quota permit. ~~The take of wild hog is prohibited during small game season.~~ During the spring turkey season, one gobbler (or bearded turkey) may be taken per person, but not more than two per quota permit. Only wild hog may be taken during the wild hog-still season.

(c) through (d) No change.

(7) Tiger Bay Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~7-15 2-10~~ and November ~~16 11~~ through ~~January 3 December 29~~.

2. Archery – September 19 ~~14~~ through October 18 ~~13~~.
3. Muzzleloading gun – October 24-26 ~~19-21~~.
4. Small game – January 4 ~~December 30~~ through March 7 ~~1~~.
5. Youth turkey hunt – March 13-14 ~~14-15~~.
6. Spring turkey – March 20-23 ~~21-24~~, April 1-5 ~~2-6~~ and ~~April 15-18~~ ~~16-19~~.
7. through 8. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(8) Tiger Bay Wildlife Management Area – Rima Ridge Unit.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November 14-22 ~~9-17~~.
2. Archery – September 26 ~~21~~ through October 11 ~~6~~.
3. Muzzleloading gun – October 30 ~~through November 1~~ ~~25-27~~.
4. Small game – November 26 ~~21~~ through January 3 ~~December 29~~.
5. Youth turkey hunt – March 13-14 ~~14-15~~.
6. Spring turkey – March 20-22 ~~21-23~~, and April 2-4 ~~3-5~~ and 16-18 ~~17-19~~.
7. through 8. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(9) Tosohatchee Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – October 8-11 ~~3-6~~ and 15-18 ~~10-13~~.
2. Muzzleloading gun – October 29 ~~through November 1~~ ~~24-27~~ and ~~October 31~~ ~~through November 5-8~~ ~~3~~.
3. General gun – November 19-22 ~~14-17~~ and 27-29 ~~22-24~~.
4. Spring turkey – March 20-22 ~~21-23~~, and April 2-4 ~~3-5~~ and 16-18 ~~17-19~~.
5. Wild hog-dog – January 15-21 ~~10-16~~ and February 12-18 ~~7-13~~.
6. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(10) Seminole Ranch Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – October 9-11 ~~4-6~~ and 16-18 ~~11-13~~.
2. Muzzleloading gun – October 30 ~~through November 1~~ ~~25-27~~ and November 6-8 ~~1-3~~.
3. General gun – November 20-22 ~~15-17~~.
4. Small game – November 28-29 ~~23-24~~, ~~November 30~~ ~~through December 1~~, December 5-6 and 12-13 ~~7-8~~ and January 9-10 ~~4-~~

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5. Spring turkey – March 20-22 ~~21-23~~, 26-28 ~~27-29~~ and April 2-4 ~~3-5~~.
6. Wild hog-dog – January 30 ~~through February 5~~ ~~25-31~~.
7. Youth turkey hunt – March 13-14 ~~14-15~~.
8. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(11) Jumper Creek Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September 19 ~~14~~ through October 18 ~~13~~.
2. Muzzleloading gun – October 24-26 ~~19-21~~.
3. General gun – November 7-15 ~~2-10~~ and November 16 ~~11~~ through January 3 ~~December 29~~.
4. Small game – January 4 ~~December 30~~ through March 7 ~~1~~.
5. Youth turkey hunt – March 13-14 ~~14-15~~.
6. Spring turkey – March 20 ~~21~~ through April 25 ~~26~~.
7. through 8. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(12) Rock Springs Run Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – ~~September 27-29~~ and ~~October 2-4~~ and ~~9-11~~ 4-6.
2. Muzzleloading gun – ~~October 24-26~~ ~~19-21~~ and ~~October 30~~ through ~~November 1~~ 25-27.
3. General gun – ~~November 13-15~~ 8-10 and ~~20-22~~ 15-17.
4. Small game – ~~November 30~~ through ~~December 5-6~~ 4, ~~December 12-13~~ 7-8 and ~~January 9-10~~ 4-5.
5. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(13) Guana River Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – ~~November 20-22~~ 15-17 and ~~27-29~~ 22-24.
2. Muzzleloading gun – ~~October 24-26~~ ~~19-21~~ and ~~October 30~~ through ~~November 1~~ 25-27.
3. Archery – ~~October 9-11~~ 4-6 and ~~16-18~~ 11-13.
4. Small game – ~~November 29~~ through ~~December 4-6~~ and ~~11-13~~ 4, ~~December 6-8~~, ~~January 8-10~~ 3-5, ~~15-17~~ 10-12, ~~22-24~~ 17-19 and ~~29-31~~ 24-26.
5. Spring turkey – ~~March 20-22~~ 21-23, ~~26-28~~ 27-29 and ~~April 2-4~~ 3-5.
6. through 7. No change.

(b) through (e) No change.

(14) Half Moon Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – ~~October 9-11~~ 4-6 and ~~16-18~~ 11-13.
2. Muzzleloading gun – ~~October 30~~ through ~~November 1~~ 25-27.
3. General gun – ~~November 14-16~~ 9-11 and ~~20-22~~ 15-17.
4. Small game – ~~November 29~~ through ~~December 4-20~~ 15.
5. Wild hog-still – ~~January 15-17~~ 10-12, ~~22-24~~ 17-19 and ~~29-31~~ 24-26.
6. Youth turkey hunt – ~~March 13-14~~ 14-15.
7. Spring turkey – ~~March 20-22~~ 21-23, ~~26-28~~ 27-29 and ~~April 2-4~~ 3-5.
8. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(15) Caravelle Ranch Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – ~~September 26~~ through ~~October 4~~ 21-29.
2. Supervised small game – ~~October 10-18~~ 5-13.
3. Muzzleloading gun – ~~October 30~~ through ~~November 1~~ 25-27.
4. General gun – ~~November 11-15~~ 6-10 and ~~18-22~~ 13-17.
5. Small game – ~~November 26~~ 21 through ~~January 10~~ 5 (Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).
6. Youth turkey hunt – ~~March 13-14~~ 14-15 (south of the Cross Florida Barge Canal only).
7. Spring turkey – ~~March 24-28~~ 25-29 and ~~March 31~~ through ~~April 4~~ 4-5.
8. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(16) Lake George Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – ~~September 19~~ 14 through ~~October 18~~ 13.
2. Muzzleloading gun – ~~October 30~~ through ~~November 1~~ 25-27 and ~~November 6-8~~ 1-3.
3. General gun – ~~November 14-17~~ 9-12, ~~18-22~~ 13-17 and ~~23-29~~ 18-24.
4. Small game – ~~November 30~~ 25 through ~~March 7~~ 4.
5. Youth turkey hunt – ~~March 13-14~~ 14-15.
6. Spring turkey – ~~March 20-23~~ 21-24 and ~~April 1-4~~ 2-5 and ~~15-18~~ 16-19.
7. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(17) Lake George Wildlife Management Area – Dexter/Mary Farms Unit.

(a) Open season:

1. Small game – November ~~28 23~~ through December ~~13 8~~ and December ~~26 24~~ through January ~~10 5~~.
2. Special-opportunity spring turkey – March ~~20-26 21-27~~, April ~~3-9 4-10~~ and ~~17-23 18-24~~.
3. No change.
4. Archery – September ~~26 24~~ through October ~~11 6~~.
5. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~30~~ through ~~November 1 25-27~~.
6. General gun – November ~~14-22 9-17~~.

(b) through (e) No change.

(18) Seminole Forest Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~26-29 21-24~~ and ~~September 30 through October 4 25-29~~.
2. Muzzleloading gun – ~~October 30 through November 1 25-27~~.
3. General gun – ~~November 30 through December 5-8 3~~ and ~~9-13 4-8~~.
4. Small game – January ~~16-31 11-26~~ (Saturdays and Sundays only).
5. Spring turkey – March ~~20-24 21-25~~ and ~~March 27-31 28 through April 1~~.
6. General gun for mobility-impaired – October ~~23-25 18-20~~.
7. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 9. No change.

10. Public access during the mobility-impaired hunts is limited to only individuals participating in the hunts, their assistants and through-hikers on the Florida National Scenic Trail.

(19) Triple N Ranch Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Wild hog-still – January ~~29-31 24-26~~, ~~January 31 through February 5-7 2~~, ~~12-14 7-9~~ and ~~19-21 14-16~~.
2. Special-opportunity deer – October ~~17-23 12-18~~ and October ~~31 26~~ through November ~~6 4~~.
3. Special-opportunity muzzleloading gun – November ~~19-22 14-17~~.
4. Small game – November ~~28 23~~ through January ~~24 19~~.
5. Special-opportunity spring turkey – March ~~20-26 21-27~~, April ~~3-9 4-10~~ and ~~17-23 18-24~~.
6. through 7. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(20) Etoniah Creek Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~26 24~~ through October ~~11 6~~.
2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~24-26 19-21~~ and ~~October 30 through November 1 25-27~~.
3. General gun – November ~~12-15 7-10~~, ~~19-22 14-17~~ and ~~26-29 21-24~~.
4. Small game – November ~~30 25~~ through the first weekend in January.
5. Spring turkey – March ~~20-23 21-24~~, ~~26-29 27-30~~ and April ~~2-4 3-5~~.
6. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(21) Little Big Econ Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – ~~September 27 through October 2-8 3~~, ~~October 9-15 4-10~~ and ~~16-24 11-19~~.
2. Muzzleloading gun – November ~~6-8 1-3~~ and ~~13-15 8-10~~.
3. General gun – November ~~20-22 15-17~~, ~~27-29 22-24~~ and ~~November 29 through December 4-6 1~~.
4. Small game – December ~~12-27 7-22~~.
5. Spring turkey – March ~~20-23 21-24~~, ~~25-28 26-29~~ and April ~~1-4 2-5~~.
6. Youth turkey – March ~~13-14 14-15~~.

7. through 8. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. No change.

2. Vehicle access is prohibited except persons participating in a hunt are allowed vehicle access from 1.5 hours before sunrise until 1.5 hours after sunset during archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun, small game and spring turkey seasons and one day prior to and one day after each of these seasons. In addition, during the youth turkey hunt only individuals participating in a hunt and one non-hunting guest may access the area. Vehicles may be operated only on named and numbered roads and must be parked within 25 feet of a named or numbered road.

3. through 4. No change.

(22) Lake Panasoffkee Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Special-opportunity spring turkey – March ~~25-28~~ ~~26-29~~, April ~~6-9~~ ~~7-10~~ and ~~22-25~~ ~~23-26~~.

2. Special-opportunity archery – September ~~24-27~~ ~~19-22~~, October ~~6-9~~ ~~1-4~~, ~~15-18~~ ~~10-13~~, ~~27-30~~ ~~22-25~~, ~~October 31 through November 3~~, November ~~5-8~~ and ~~17-20~~ ~~12-15~~, December ~~8-11~~ ~~3-6~~ and ~~17-20~~ ~~12-15~~.

3. Wild hog-still – January ~~15-17~~ ~~10-12~~.

4. Wild hog-dog – January ~~29-31~~ ~~24-26~~ and February ~~26-28~~ ~~21-23~~.

5. Small game – ~~January 31 through February 5-7~~ ~~2~~, February ~~12-14~~ ~~7-9~~ and ~~February 28 through March 5-7~~ ~~1~~.

6. through 7. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(23) Ross Prairie Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~25-27~~ ~~20-22~~.

2. Supervised small game – October ~~17-23~~ ~~12-18~~, November ~~21-27~~ ~~16-22~~, December ~~19-25~~ ~~14-20~~ and January ~~16-22~~ ~~11-17~~.

3. Spring turkey – March ~~26-28~~ ~~27-29~~.

(b) through (d) No change.

(24) Buck Lake Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~26 through October 4~~ ~~21-29~~ and October ~~10-16~~ ~~5-11~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~30 through November 1~~ ~~25-27~~.

3. General gun – November ~~14-17~~ ~~9-12~~ and ~~19-23~~ ~~14-18~~.

4. Small game – ~~November 30 through December 5-20~~ ~~15~~.

5. Spring turkey – March ~~20-23~~ ~~21-24~~ and ~~25-29~~ ~~26-30~~.

6. Wild hog-still – ~~December 27 through January 1-31~~ ~~26~~.

7. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(25) Fort Drum Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Special-opportunity deer – October ~~31~~ ~~26~~ through November ~~6~~ ~~1~~.

2. Small game – December ~~12-27~~ ~~7-22~~.

3. Special-opportunity spring turkey – March ~~20-26~~ ~~21-27~~, April ~~3-9~~ ~~4-10~~ and ~~17-23~~ ~~18-24~~.

4. Wild hog-still – November ~~13-15~~ ~~8-10~~, ~~20-22~~ ~~15-17~~, ~~27-29~~ ~~22-24~~; ~~January 28-30~~ and February ~~2-4~~ and ~~9-11~~ ~~4-6~~.

5. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(26) Gores Landing Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~26~~ ~~24~~ through October ~~11~~ ~~6~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~30 through November 1~~ ~~25-27~~.

3. General gun – November ~~14-22~~ ~~9-17~~.

4. No change.

5. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~13-14~~ ~~14-15~~.

6. Spring turkey – March ~~20-23~~ ~~21-24~~ and ~~24-28~~ ~~25-29~~.

7. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(27) Seminole Forest Wildlife Management Area – Lake Tracy Unit.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~24-27~~ ~~19-22~~ and ~~October 1-4~~ ~~September 26-29~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~29~~ through ~~November 1~~ ~~24-27~~.

3. General gun – November ~~12-15~~ ~~7-10~~ and ~~19-22~~ ~~14-17~~.

4. Wild hog-still – December ~~11-13~~ ~~6-8~~, ~~18-20~~ ~~13-15~~ and January ~~15-17~~ ~~10-12~~.

5. Small game – January ~~8-10~~ ~~3-5~~, ~~22-24~~ ~~17-19~~, ~~29-31~~ ~~24-26~~ and ~~January 31~~ through ~~February 2~~ and February ~~5-7~~ and ~~12-14~~ ~~7-~~

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6. Spring turkey – March ~~20-22~~ ~~21-23~~ and ~~26-28~~ ~~27-29~~.

7. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~13-14~~ ~~14-15~~.

8. through 9. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 2. No change.

3. The use of tracked vehicles, airboats, or all-terrain vehicles is prohibited during periods when hunting is allowed. Vehicle access is prohibited except persons participating in a hunt are allowed vehicle access during archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun, wild hog-still and spring turkey seasons and from the Monday prior to through one day prior to their scheduled hunts. In addition, during the youth turkey hunt only individuals participating in a hunt and one non-hunting guest may access the area.

During small game and September duck seasons vehicle access is regulated by the Florida Forest Service.

4. through 6. No change.

(28) Upper St. Johns River Marsh Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~19~~ ~~14~~ through October ~~18~~ ~~13~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~24~~ through ~~November 1~~ ~~19-27~~.

3. General gun – November ~~7~~ ~~2~~ through January ~~17~~ ~~12~~.

4. Small game – January ~~18~~ ~~13~~ through March ~~7~~ ~~1~~.

5. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~13-14~~ ~~14-15~~.

6. Spring turkey – March ~~20~~ ~~21~~ through April ~~25~~ ~~26~~.

7. through 9. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, furbearers, fish, and frogs. Taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with three or more points or one antler with a main beam of ten inches or more in length is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. Antlerless deer may be taken during the period November ~~21-22~~ ~~16-17~~. Turkey of either sex may be taken during the muzzleloading gun season. Gobblers or bearded turkey may be taken during the general gun season only from November ~~7~~ ~~2~~ through January 3 ~~December 29~~.

(c) through (d) No change.

(29) Dunns Creek Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~26~~ ~~21~~ through October ~~11~~ ~~6~~ and November ~~21-29~~ ~~16-24~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~31~~ ~~26~~ through November ~~8~~ ~~3~~.

3. General gun – December ~~10-13~~ ~~5-8~~ and ~~17-20~~ ~~12-15~~.

4. Wild hog-still – January ~~23-31~~ ~~18-26~~.

5. Spring turkey – March ~~20-22~~ ~~21-23~~, April ~~2-4~~ ~~3-5~~ and ~~16-18~~ ~~17-19~~.

6. through 7. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(30) Salt Lake Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September 26 through October 4 and 21-29 and ~~September 30~~ through October 5-11 6.
2. Muzzleloading gun – October 30 through November 1 25-27.
3. General gun – November 14-17 ~~9-12~~ and 18-22 ~~13-17~~.
4. Small game – December 11-13 ~~6-8~~, 18-20 ~~13-15~~; January 8-10 ~~3-5~~, 15-17 ~~10-12~~, 29-31 ~~24-26~~ and; ~~January 31 through February 2~~, February 5-7, 12-14 ~~7-9~~, 19-21 ~~14-16~~, and 26-28 ~~21-23~~.
5. Wild hog-dog – January 21-24 ~~16-19~~.
6. Spring turkey – March 20-23 ~~21-24~~ and 24-28 ~~25-29~~.
7. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(31) Matanzas Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September 26 through October 2 21-27, ~~September 28 through October 6~~ and October 3-11 and 12-18 ~~7-13~~.
2. Muzzleloading gun – October 30 through November 1 25-27 and November 6-8 ~~1-3~~.
3. Family hunt – November 14-15 ~~9-10~~.
4. General gun – November 16-22 ~~11-17~~ and 24-30 ~~19-25~~.
5. Wild hog-still – ~~November 30 through~~ December 5-11 ~~6~~ and 12-20 ~~7-15~~.
6. Small game – ~~December 30 through~~ January 4-26 ~~21~~.
7. Spring turkey – March 20-23 ~~21-24~~, April 1-4 ~~2-5~~ and 8-11 ~~9-12~~.
8. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(32) No change.

(33) Charles H. Bronson Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – ~~September 27 through October 3~~, October 2-8, 9-15 ~~4-10~~ and 16-24 ~~11-19~~.
 2. Muzzleloading gun – October 30 through November 1 25-27 and November 6-8 ~~1-3~~.
 3. General gun – November 13-15 ~~8-10~~, 20-22 ~~15-17~~ and ~~November 29 through~~ December 4-6 ~~1~~.
 4. Small game – December 12-20 ~~7-15~~ and January 9-15 ~~4-10~~.
 5. Youth turkey hunt – March 13-14 ~~14-15~~.
 6. Spring turkey – March 20-23 ~~21-24~~, 26-29 ~~27-30~~ and April 2-5 ~~3-6~~.
 7. through 8. No change.
- (b) through (c) No change.
- (d) General regulations:
1. No change.
 2. Vehicle access is prohibited except persons participating in a hunt are allowed vehicle access from 1.5 hours before sunrise until 1.5 hours after sunset during archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun, small game and spring turkey seasons and one day prior to and one day after each of these seasons. In addition, during the youth turkey hunt only individuals participating in a hunt and one non-hunting guest may have vehicle access to the area. Vehicles may be operated only on named or numbered roads and must be parked within 25 feet of a named or numbered road.

3. through 5. No change.

(34) Marshall Swamp Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September 19-25 ~~14-20~~, September 26 through October 2 21-27, ~~September 28 through October 4~~, and October 3-9, 10-16 ~~5-11~~ and 17-25 ~~12-20~~.
2. Muzzleloading gun – November 6-8 ~~1-3~~.
3. General gun – November 20-22 ~~15-17~~, 27-29 ~~22-24~~ and ~~November 29 through~~ December 4-6 ~~1~~.
4. No change.
5. Spring turkey – March 20-22 ~~21-23~~, 26-28 ~~27-29~~ and April 2-4 ~~3-5~~.

6. through 7. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(35) Silver Springs Forest Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September 26 through October 11.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October 30 through November 1.

3. General gun – November 14-22.

4. Small game – Opening the Friday of the last weekend in November and closing the Sunday of the first weekend in January (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).

5. Youth turkey hunt – March 13-14.

6. Spring turkey – March 25-28 and April 1-4.

7. Fishing and frogging – Allowed throughout the year.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers (except bobcat and otter are prohibited). Taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with three or more points or one antler with a main beam of ten inches or more in length is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. During archery, muzzleloading gun, and general gun seasons, the bag limit for deer shall be one per person, but not more than two per quota permit. During the spring turkey season, one gobbler (or bearded turkey) may be taken per person, but not more than two per quota permit.

(c) Camping: Prohibited.

(d) General regulations:

1. Vehicle access is prohibited except persons participating in a hunt are allowed vehicle access from 1.5 hours before sunrise until 1.5 hours after sunset during archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun, youth turkey and spring turkey seasons and one day prior to and one day after each of these seasons. In addition, during the youth turkey hunt only individuals participating in a hunt and one non-hunting guest may have vehicle access in the area. During small game season motorized vehicles are prohibited except in designated parking areas. Horses and bicycles are allowed only on roads, firelines, and designated trails.

2. Vehicles may be operated only on named or numbered roads and must be parked within 25 feet of a named or numbered road.

3. Hunting with dogs other than bird dogs or retrievers is prohibited except any dog may be used to take small game during the small game season.

4. Taking wild hog with dogs is prohibited.

5. Hunters shall enter and exit the area at designated entrances.

6. The use of tracked vehicles, all-terrain vehicles and unlicensed and unregistered motorcycles is prohibited.

7. Fires are prohibited.

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