

Background Report
68A-12.007 Notice of Change
Agenda Item 11A
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NOTICE OF CHANGE

FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Freshwater Fish and Wildlife

RULE NO: 68A-12.007

RULE TITLE: Hunting Dogs; Molesting Game in Closed Season; Training; Field Trials; Prohibited for Certain Hunting.

Notice is hereby given that the following changes have been made to the proposed rule in accordance with subparagraph 120.54(3)(d)1., F.S., published in Vol. 46 No. 14, January 22, 2020 issue of the Florida Administrative Register.

Proposed amendment to Rule 68A-12.007, F.A.C. has been changed to include the following amended subparagraph:

68A-12.007 Hunting Dogs; Molesting Game in Closed Season; Training; Field Trials; Prohibited for Certain Hunting.

(1) All dogs used for taking or attempting to take, trailing, pursuing, or molesting wildlife shall wear a collar or tag which shall legibly display the name and address of the owner of the dog. No person shall use any dog to take or attempt to take, trail, pursue or molest wildlife unless such dog is wearing a collar or tag displaying the information required above. Removing, tampering, or otherwise interfering with any collar or tag (including remote tracking and behavior correction devices) of a dog used for hunting without the owner's permission is prohibited.

(a) All dogs not under physical restraint that are used for pursuing deer, wild hog, fox, or coyote must be equipped and monitored with devices that allow remote tracking and behavior correction, except dogs used to pursue wild hog, fox or coyote during sanctioned mounted field trial events. The device(s) must be attached by a collar or similar means and must be used to deter dog egress from authorized areas or ingress into unauthorized areas. The remote tracking device(s) must include Global Positioning System (GPS) or telemetry tracking and the behavior correction device(s) must be designed to remotely correct dog behavior through auditory or physical stimulation. Effective Dates: The remote tracking device requirement in this paragraph shall not take effect until July 1, 2021 and the behavior correction device requirement in this paragraph shall not take effect until July 1, 2022.

(2) through (11) No change.