

BACKGROUND REPORT
DRAFT RULE Rules Relating to Endangered and Threatened Species - 68A-27.003, F.A.C.
Agenda Item 8B
July 23, 2020

Summary of revised language: Updates the reference to the Florida Pine Snake Species Conservation Measures and Permitting Guidelines to July 2020.

Proposed changes to other sections of this rule are addressed in Agenda Item 8C (Gopher Tortoise Permitting Guidelines), and Consent Agenda Item C3 (Bryde's Whale).

**CHAPTER 68A-27
RULES RELATING TO ENDANGERED OR THREATENED SPECIES**

68A-27.003 Florida Endangered and Threatened Species List; Prohibitions.

(1) **For proposed changes to this section, please see Consent Agenda Item C3 (Bryde's Whale).**

(2) State-designated Threatened species:

(a) No change.

(b) The following Species Conservation Measures and Permitting Guidelines from the Commission are hereby incorporated by reference and can be found online at the following links:

1. through 12. No change.

13. Florida pine snake, *Pituophis melanoleucus mugitus*, effective July 2020 ~~February 2018~~

(<https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-10408>¹);

14. through 25. No change.

(c) through (e). No change.

(f) **For proposed changes to this section, please see Consent Agenda Item 8B (Gopher Tortoise Permitting Guidelines).**

Rulemaking Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. Law Implemented Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. History—New 8-1-79, Amended 6-22-80, 7-1-83, 7-1-84, 7-1-85, Formerly 39-27.03, Amended 6-1-86, 5-10-87, 4-27-89, 9-14-93, 6-23-99, Formerly 39-27.003. Amended 12-16-03, 7-20-09, 11-8-10, 11-14-11, 8-23-12, 9-19-12, 6-10-15, 1-11-17, 6-2-17, 7-20-18, 12-23-18, 6-25-19, 2-17-20, _____.

NOTE: Staff is requesting Commission approval to advertise the proposed amendment and file for adoption as soon as possible. If the rule amendment is approved for both advertisement and final adoption, Commission staff will file the rule for adoption as allowed by s. 120.54(3) Florida Statutes, without further public hearing.

¹The PDF of these draft guidelines can be found at <https://myfwc.com/wildlifehabitats/wildlife/species-guidelines/>. The hyperlink to the Commission approved guidelines will be inserted into the final rule.