

STATE OF FLORIDA
FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Order No. EO 20-26 Amendment 1

**Special Regulations for the
Everglades and Francis S. Taylor,
Holey Land, and Rotenberger
Wildlife Management Areas**

The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission of the State of Florida, acting under the authority of Article IV, Section 9, of the Florida Constitution hereby establishes, by order, special regulations for the Everglades and Francis S. Taylor, Holey Land, and Rotenberger Wildlife Management Areas. These special regulations are necessary due to excessively high water levels that have jeopardized wildlife. The special regulations are as follows:

- (1) The Everglades and Francis S. Taylor and Holey Land Wildlife Management Areas are re-opened to all normal public access, except Muzzleloading Gun Season remains canceled. Hunting will resume with General Gun-Walk, October 3. Rotenberger Wildlife Management Area remains closed to most public access.
- (2) The L4 North Levee, Manley Ditch Levee, Miami Canal Levee (West), and Powerline Levee roads within the Rotenberger Wildlife Management Area are closed to all public access.
- (3) Public access, including vehicles, airboats, ATVs, and all other public access, is prohibited in Rotenberger Wildlife Management Area, except:
 - a. The boat ramp located near the S-8 structure, that provides access into the Miami Canal, remains open. Vessels, other than airboats, may be operated in the established canal.
 - b. Licensed and permitted individuals may participate in the Statewide Alligator Harvest Program, waterfowl hunting, fishing, frogging, recreational boating, and non-native reptile removal. Access for these activities is limited to vessels, other than airboats, and participants shall maintain a minimum distance of 100 yards from any tree island to minimize disturbance to terrestrial wildlife.
- (4) The taking of wildlife in Rotenberger Wildlife Management Area is prohibited except light geese, ducks and coot may be taken pursuant to 68A-13.003, alligator may be taken pursuant to the Statewide Alligator Harvest Program, and frogging is allowed pursuant to 68A-15.004.
- (5) Any provisions of Rule 68A-15.064 or 68A-15.004, F.A.C., which are inconsistent herewith, are hereby superseded.

This order shall take effect at 8:00 AM, Thursday, September 10, 2020, and shall remain in effect until rescinded by subsequent order.

AUTHORITY: Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution
Rules 68-1.009 F.A.C. and 68A-14.001, F.A.C.

Law Implemented: Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution, §375.313 F.S.



GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF THE
FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION
COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA
THIS 9th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2020.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas Reinert".

Thomas Reinert, Regional Director
for Eric Sutton, Executive Director

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Julie Canfield".

Agency Clerk

APPROVED as to form and legality:

/s/ Anthony Pinzino

Commission Attorney