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REGULATORY PLAN – OCTOBER 1, 2020

The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, pursuant to the requirements of section 120.74(1), Florida Statutes, hereby publishes its Regulatory Plan, due October 1, 2020.

**List of Laws Enacted or Amended During the Previous 12 Months which
Create or Modify the Duties or Authority of the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission**

In compliance with paragraph 120.74(1)(a), F.S., below is a list of laws enacted or amended during the 12 months prior to October 1, 2020, which create or modify the duties or authority of the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (Commission):

Fish and Wildlife Activities: Chapter 2020-123, Laws of Florida (SB 1414), which made the following changes to the law, effective July 1, 2020:

- Section 1 amends s. 379.105, F.S., relating to harassment of hunters, trappers, or fishers. The bill revises existing language to protect hunters, trappers, or fishers from harassment within or on any public lands, publicly or privately owned wildlife management areas or fish management areas, or public waters. The bill increases areas upon which hunters, trappers, or fishers are protected from harassment by expanding the protection to all public lands and all public waters (from wildlife management or fish management areas or a state-owned water body).

Rulemaking is not necessary to implement this law. Most components of the law will take effect pursuant to the language of the statute itself; the language does not require additional rule clarification or details. Moreover, the Commission is not making any programmatic changes where discretion has been authorized, so no changes to existing rules are necessary.

**List of Commission Rules under Statutory authority that the Fish and Wildlife Conservation
Commission
Commissioners Will Consider for Adoption Before July 1, 2021**

In compliance with section 120.74(1)(b), Florida Statutes, the following is a list of rules under statutory authority only that the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission will consider for adoption before July 1, 2021. For each rule listed below, a statement of whether the rulemaking is intended to simplify, clarify, increase

efficiency, improve coordination with other agencies, reduce regulatory costs, or delete obsolete, unnecessary, or redundant rules is provided.

Law Enforcement

1. Rule 68-1.003(9) (Florida Boating Improvement Program Grants) – The Commission intends to undertake rulemaking to clarify its grant guidelines and application procedures for Florida Boating Improvement Program Grants. This rulemaking effort is intended to clarify the rule and increase efficiencies.
2. Rule 68-1.003(12) (Boating Infrastructure Grant Program Grants) – The Commission intends to undertake rulemaking to clarify its grant guidelines and application procedures for Boating Infrastructure Grant Program Grants. This rulemaking effort is intended to clarify the rule and increase efficiencies.
3. New subsection in Rule 68-1.003 (NOAA Irma Marine Fisheries Disaster Grant Program) - The Commission intends to undertake new rulemaking to create grant guidelines for funds received from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in response to Hurricane Irma impacts. This rulemaking effort is intended to clarify and increase efficiency.
4. Rule number undetermined (Springs Protection Zones Rule) – The Commission intends to undertake new rulemaking related to the establishment of Protection Zones for Springs in accordance with section 327.45, Florida Statutes. This rulemaking is intended to clarify and improve coordination with other agencies.
5. Rules 68D-21.001 and 68D-21.004 (Requirements for Applications and Criteria for Approval of Ordinances) – The Commission intends to undertake rulemaking to provide additional clarity and guidance on how local governments may establish boating restricted areas pursuant to section 327.46(1)(c), Florida Statutes. This rulemaking effort is intended to clarify, increase efficiency, and improve coordination with other agencies.
6. Rule 68D-24.020 (Suwannee and Santa Fe River Boating Restricted Areas) – The Commission intends to undertake rulemaking to provide boating speed restrictions in the areas of blind corners on the Santa Fe River in the interest of public safety. This rulemaking effort is intended to clarify and increase efficiency.

Update of 2018-2019 Regulatory Plan

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission previously filed its List of Commission Rules Considered for Adoption for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2019, pursuant to section 120.74(2), Florida Statutes. In compliance with section 120.74(1)(c), F.S., the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission provides the following updates:

None.

CERTIFICATION

By way of this Certification, pursuant to section 120.74 (1)(d), Florida Statutes, the below signed agency head and principal legal advisor each verify that they have reviewed this regulatory plan, and that the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission regularly reviews all of its rules and identifies the period during which all rules have most recently been reviewed to determine if the rules remain consistent with the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's rulemaking authority and the laws implemented.



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