ORDER
OF FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Order Number: EO 10-05

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, and acting through its Executive Director under Delegation of Authority Paragraph 22, 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 to aid in control of Reptiles of Concern listed in Rule 68A-6.007(1), F.A.C. which are a threat to native wildlife on these areas. The intent of this order is to allow hunters to take Reptiles of Concern after the close of small game season, during a period when the animals are likely to be encountered.

(1) Reptiles of concern as listed in Rule 68A-6.007(1)(a)-(f) may be taken March 8 through April 17 on these areas and only by persons properly licensed and permitted to take game animals or alligators pursuant to 379.354, F.S. All legal methods for taking game animals or alligators are allowed, except the use of centerfire rifles is prohibited.

(2) Reptiles of concern shall not be removed from the areas alive.

(3) Persons that take any reptile of concern shall report the take within 36 hours, and shall provide all data requested.

(4) Shooting hours are ½ hour before sunrise until ½ hour after sunset.

(5) Any provisions of Rule 68A-15.064, F.A.C., which are inconsistent herewith, are hereby superseded.

This order shall take effect upon signing and shall remain in effect until superseded by subsequent order or rule.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF THE FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION ~~OF THE~~ STATE OF FLORIDA THIS 4/8 DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2010.

ATTEST: [redacted]
Agency Clerk

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Nick Wiley,
Executive Director

Authority: Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution; Law Implemented: Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution, s. 120.81(5), Florida Statutes; Commission Delegations of Authority to the Executive Director adopted September 17, 2008.