

EXECUTIVE ORDER
OF FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Order Number: EO 10-37

Special Regulations for the Big Cypress
Wildlife Management Area

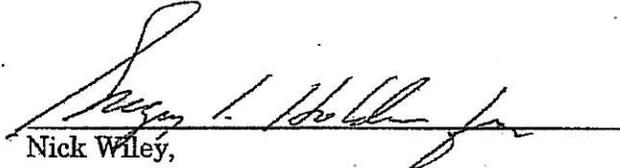
The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission of the State of Florida, acting under the authority of Article IV, Section 9, of the Florida Constitution, and acting through its Executive Director under Delegation of Authority Paragraph 22, hereby establishes, by order, special regulations for the Big Cypress Wildlife Management Area (WMA). These special regulations are necessary due to a decrease in the population estimates of white-tailed deer within the Stairsteps Unit zones 3 and 4 of the Big Cypress WMA, as supported by harvest data and observed in recent aerial surveys conducted by FWC and NPS staff. The special regulations are as follows:

- (1) The taking of white-tailed deer as referenced in Rule 68A-15.064(5), F.A.C. is prohibited within zones 3 and 4 of the Stairsteps Unit in the Big Cypress WMA.
- (2) Any provisions of Rule 68A-15.064(5), F.A.C., which are inconsistent herewith, are hereby superseded.

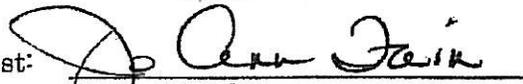
This order shall take effect upon signing and shall remain in effect until 12:00 a.m. on July 1st, 2011 or until superseded by subsequent order or rule.

Given under my hand and seal of the Fish
and Wildlife Conservation Commission of the
State of Florida this 21st day of July, 2010





Nick Wiley,
Executive Director

Attest: 

Agency Clerk

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.

Figure 1. Total deer counted during summer aerial surveys conducted in Stairsteps Unit's Zone 4 of the Big Cypress National Preserve from 1996 to 2009.

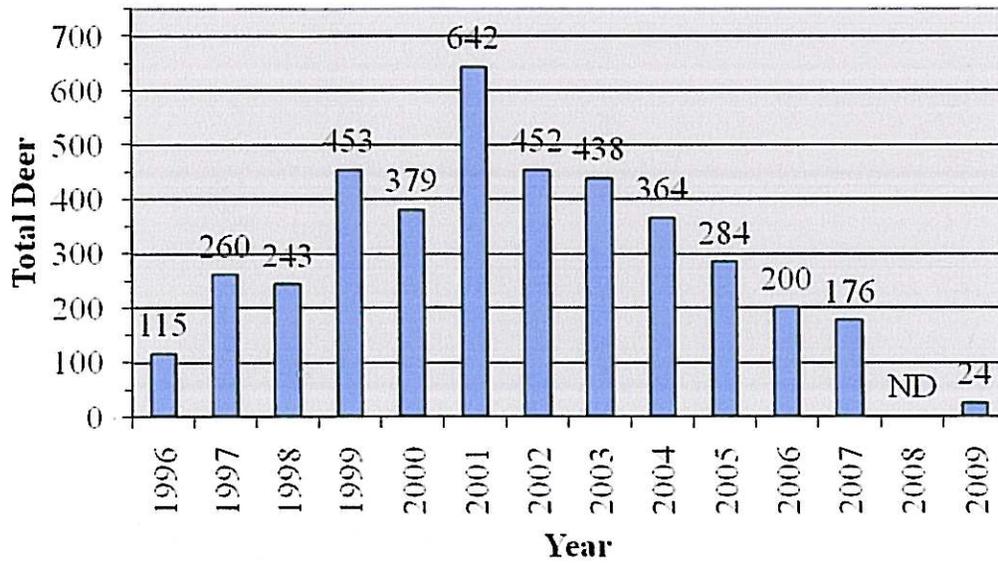


Figure 2. Total number of deer harvested in the Stairsteps Unit from the 1988-89 season to the 2008-09 season.

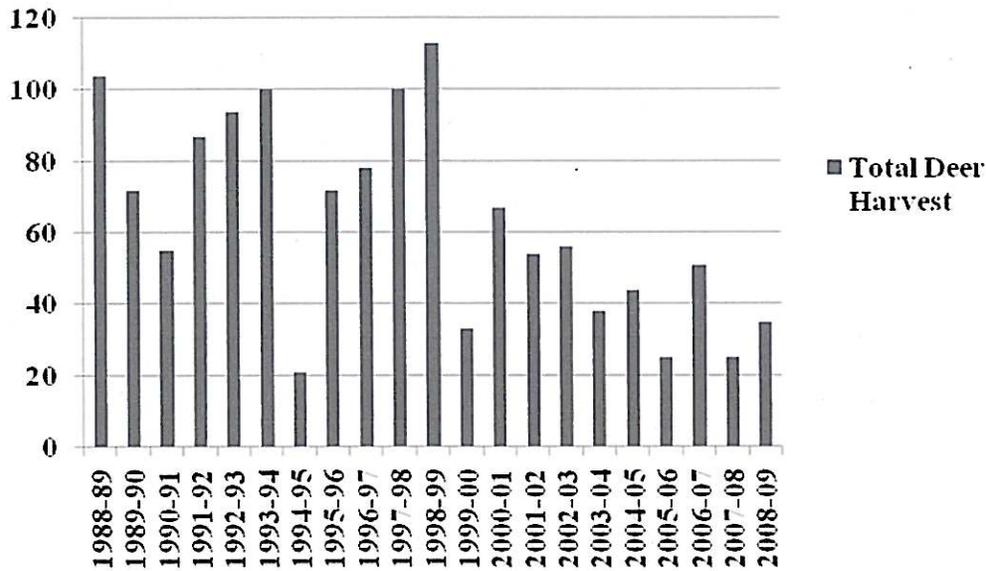


Figure 3: Area Map. Closure area in red.

