

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, pursuant to Article IV, Section 9, of Florida Constitution, hereby rescinds EO 09-18, and alters the quail quota permit issuance and establishment procedures as specified in 68A-15.061(3) and establishes the season quota for daily quail permits and the specific procedures for issuing the daily quail permits for the Fred C. Babcock/Cecil M. Webb Wildlife Management Area as follows:

Notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 68A-15.061(3), F.A.C., daily quail permits will be issued on Wednesdays and Saturdays only, the season quota for daily quail permits will be based on a 15% harvest rate, and quail hunting permits will be issued for zones E, F, G, and H in addition to zones A, B, C, and D.

Daily Quail Permit Quota:

The season quota for daily quail permits shall be **432**.

Daily Permit Issuance Procedures:

- 1) Daily quail permits will be issued at the check station upon request of hunters physically present. If multiple hunters are present at one time to request a permit, the hunters shall form a line to wait to request a permit.
- 2) The number of daily quail permits issued for each zone will be **54** (432/8). When the total number of daily quail permits is issued for any zone, that zone will be closed to quail hunting.
- 3) When the season quota for daily quail permits is reached, all zones will be closed to quail hunting. However, any hunters who are present at the check station prior to 8 a.m. on the day the season quota is reached will be issued daily quail permits to hunt quail on that final day.
- 4) There will be no fixed daily quota, so no hunters will be turned away until the zone quota is reached. However, to distribute hunting pressure as evenly as possible across Zones A, B, C, D, E, F, G, and H, a “soft” zone quota of 10 daily permits per zone per day is established. Hunters will be allowed to choose any of the eight zones until at least 10 daily quail permits have been issued for each of the eight zones.
- 5) A hunting party consisting of two to four hunters hunting from a single vehicle will be allowed to select a zone even if it results in exceeding the “soft” zone quota of 10 (e.g., the “soft” zone quota of 10 permits could be exceeded by up to three permits to avoid splitting up a hunting party).
- 6) When each of the eight zones has at least 10 daily quail permits issued, the next hunter in line will be permitted to choose any of the zones with the fewest number of daily quail permits issued. The second hunter in line will be permitted to choose any of the remaining zones with the fewest number of daily quail permits, etc. until all hunters are issued a daily quail permit.
- 7) Hunters will not be permitted to change zones during any hunt day once they have been issued a daily quail permit for a given zone even if any of the other zones have not reached the zone quota.

- 8) Youth hunters hunting with a permitted adult will not be counted toward the zone/season daily quail permit quota.

This order shall take effect upon execution and shall remain in effect until July 1, 2012 or until superseded by subsequent order or rule.

Authority: Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution
Rule 68A-15.061(3), F.A.C.

History: EO 07-05, EO 08-25, EO 09-18, EO 11-27

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF THE
FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION
COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA
THIS 28th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2011.

Nick Wiley
Executive Director

Attest: _____
Agency Clerk