The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, acting under the authority of Art. IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution, and acting through its Executive Director under Delegation of Authority Paragraph 22, hereby alters the established bag limit and length limit for black bass on Orange Lake, Alachua County; bag limits for black crappie on Orange Lake; and bag limits for panfish for Orange Lake as follows:

1. Orange Lake is located adjacent to Township 12S, Range 22E; Township 11S, Range 21E; and Township 12S, Range 21E.

2. Notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 68A-23.002, F.A.C., a person may possess a hand or dip net not over 3 feet in diameter on Orange Lake and may take game fish on Orange Lake by hand or dip net not over 3 feet in diameter provided a vessel is not used to access the lake.

3. Notwithstanding anything in 68A-20 or 68A-23 to the contrary, there shall be no bag or length limit on black bass, black crappie, or panfish harvested from Orange Lake provided the fish are caught by hook and line, hand, or dip net, and no vessel is used to access the lake.

4. All other provisions regarding the harvest of freshwater fish remain in effect, specifically including 68A-20.004(1), which requires any person fishing on a Fish Management Area to be licensed unless exempt by law.

5. This order shall take effect upon execution and shall expire at 12:01 AM, June 1, 2012 unless sooner repealed by subsequent order.

Specific Authority: Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution

Law Implemented: Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution and 120.81(5), Florida Statutes

Given under my hand and seal of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission on this 4th day of January, 2012.

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Nick Wiley
Executive Director

Attest ______________________________
Agency Clerk