

**STATE OF FLORIDA
FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Order Number: EO 13-31

**Prohibition on the Importation of Live Cervids
into the State of Florida**

The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission of the State of Florida, acting under the authority of Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution and as approved at the public meeting held on Friday, September 6, 2013, hereby establishes prohibitions on the importation of live Cervids (animals in the family Cervidae) as follows to prevent the introduction of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD), a highly contagious and fatal disease of Cervids, into Florida's free-ranging white-tailed deer and captive Cervid populations:

1. No person shall receive, possess, transport, or carry into the state by any means any live deer, elk or other species of the family Cervidae originating from out-of-state except as authorized by Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services pursuant to Rule 5C-26.003, F.A.C. on or before the effective date of this order.
2. Zoos with a permit issued pursuant to Chapter 68A-6 and that meet or exceed all applicable Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) accreditation standards (2013 Edition -- available at www.dos.state.fl.us), which are adopted and incorporated herein by reference, are authorized to receive cervids from out-of-state (except for white-tailed deer which shall not be received from out-of-state) from another facility that meets or exceeds all applicable AZA accreditation standards, provided those cervids being moved are not commingled with cervids from other sources during the transfer.
3. Reindeer (*Rangifer tarandus*) are authorized to be brought into the state temporarily, for no longer than 90 days, with a permit issued pursuant to Chapter 68A-6, provided that the reindeer being moved: are not commingled with other species of the family Cervidae during the transfer, have not originated from or been possessed at a premises or facility located in a county or a county adjoining a county where CWD has been documented, and are not located at a premises or facility in Florida with other species of the family Cervidae.
4. No person shall violate Chapter 5C-26, F.A.C.
5. Any provisions of Rule 68A-4.0051, F.A.C., which are inconsistent herewith, are hereby superseded.
6. This order shall take effect upon signing and shall remain in effect until superseded by subsequent order or rule.

Specific Authority: Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution

Law Implemented: Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution



Attest: _____

Agency Clerk

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF THE
FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION
COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, THIS
6 DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2013.

Nick Wiley

Executive Director