The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission of the State of Florida, acting under the authority of Article IV, Section 9, of the Florida Constitution, 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 due to inordinately high water levels associated with recent storm events that have jeopardized wildlife. The special regulations are as follows:

1. The taking of game as defined in section 68A-1.004, F.A.C. is prohibited except ducks and coot may be taken in accordance with 68A-13.003, snipe may be taken in accordance with 68A-13.008, and frogging is allowed in accordance with 68A-15.004.

2. Vehicles, airboats, ATVs and other public access are prohibited, except Conservation Area 2A from the L-35B levee north to the east-west airboat trail, except that portion of Conservation Area 3A South east of the Miami Canal between I-75 and the L-67A levee.

3. This order shall not apply to persons permitted to participate in migratory bird hunts, frogging, or persons operating boats (other than airboats) within the established canal system. Access for these activities is limited to vessels only and participants must maintain a minimum distance of 100 yards from any tree island to minimize disturbance to terrestrial wildlife jeopardized by high water conditions.

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 Any provisions of Rule 68A-15.064, F.A.C., which are inconsistent herewith, are hereby superseded.

This order shall take effect at 12:00 a.m. on February 25, 2016 and shall remain in effect until rescinded by subsequent order.

Specific Authority: Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution.
Law Implemented: Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution.


Nick Wiley,
Executive Director

ATTEST:
Agency Clerk