

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
Executive Order: 16-38 Amendment-1

**Emergency Closure of Wildlife Management
Areas, Fish Management Areas, Public Use
Areas and Wildlife and Environmental
Areas in the Southwest Region in,
Highlands, Pasco, and Polk Counties**

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 Rule 68-1.009, F.A.C., hereby establishes, by order, an emergency closure of the Platt Branch, Lake Wales Ridge, and Crooked Lake Wildlife and Environmental Areas; Hilochee, KICCO, Hickory Hammock, and Lake Marion Creek Wildlife Management Areas; Tenoroc Fish Management Area; the Green Swamp Wildlife Management Area, Polk County Portion; the Mosaic Fish Management Area; and the Kissimmee River Public Use Area. These closures are necessary to ensure public safety during an extreme weather event (Hurricane Matthew).

This order shall take effect at 7:00 p.m. on October 5, 2016 and shall remain in effect until rescinded by subsequent order on all areas except the Green Swamp WMA where it will remain in effect until October 10, 2016.

The follow additional emergency closures are effective on October 6, 2016 at 7:00 p.m., the Green Swamp West Wildlife Management Area, Pasco County. This area closure will remain in effect until rescinded.

The above closures include the following provisions:

1. All listed areas are closed to all public access.
2. Any provisions of Title 68A, F.A.C., which are inconsistent herewith, are hereby superseded.

AUTHORITY: Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution Rule; EO16-230 of the Executive Office of the Governor; 68-1.009 F.A.C.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF THE
FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION
COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA
THIS 6th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2016.

Southwest Regional Director *Thomas Graef*
for Nick Wiley, Executive Director