

MEMORANDUM:

November 17, 2016

TO:  Eric Sutton, Assistant Executive Director
FROM:  Diane Roth Eggeman, Director, Division of Hunting and Game Management
SUBJECT: Operation Outdoor Freedom Deer Hunt on Blackwater Wildlife Management Area

Attached is an order authorizing an Operation Outdoor Freedom (OOF) deer hunt to be administered by the Florida Forest Service (FFS) within Blackwater Wildlife Management Area on December 7 - 9, 2016 consistent with 589.19 (4), Florida Statutes. This hunt will be for deer, wild hogs and coyote only, and will take place on portions of the area currently closed to public hunting. The Blackwater Wildlife Management Area is located in Okaloosa and Santa Rosa counties, Florida. A total of seven (7) permits will be issued for this hunt.

If you have any questions or comments or would like to discuss these regulations further, please let me know.

Executive Order Number: 16-53

**Operation Outdoor Freedom Deer Hunt on
Blackwater Wildlife Management Area**

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, pursuant to Article IV, Section 9, of Florida Constitution, and Rule 68A-15.004(16), F.A.C, hereby authorizes the following special outdoor recreational opportunity to be administered by the Florida Forest Service (FFS) consistent with 589.19(4), Florida Statutes on the closed to hunting portions of Blackwater Wildlife Management Area in Okaloosa and Santa Rosa counties, Florida.

OPEN SEASON

Special deer hunt – December 7 - 9, 2016.

LEGAL TO TAKE

Any deer (except spotted fawns), wild hog and coyote. The bag limit for deer shall be 2 antlered deer and 2 antlerless deer per Florida Forest Service permit. There is no bag limit for wild hog or coyote.

PERMITS

A Florida Forest Service permit shall be required to hunt the area. A maximum of seven (7) permits shall be issued by the Florida Forest Service for this hunt.

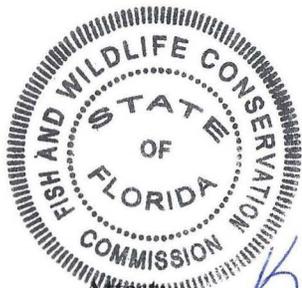
SPECIFIC AREA REGULATIONS

In addition to the regulations contained in Rules 68A-15.004 and 68A-15.063(4), F.A.C. the following regulations shall apply:

- 1) Only the Florida Forest Service permit holder may harvest wildlife.
- 2) Motorized vehicles may be operated only on named or numbered roads, except that the Florida Forest Service may authorize additional vehicle access as necessary for accommodation purposes.
- 3) Any provisions of Rules 68A-15.004 and 68A-15.063(4), F.A.C., which are inconsistent herewith, are hereby superseded.

This order shall take effect upon signing and shall remain in effect until 11:59 pm on 9 December 2016.

Specific Authority: Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution
Rule 68A-15.004(16), F.A.C



Attest: Krista Butler
Agency Clerk

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF THE
FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION
COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA
THIS 18th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2016.

Eric Sutton
Assistant Executive Director