

Executive Order Number: 17-03

**Operation Outdoor Freedom Hunt on
Econfina Creek Wildlife Management Area**

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, pursuant to Article IV, Section 9, of Florida Constitution, and Rule 68A-14.001(2), F.A.C., hereby authorizes the following special outdoor recreational opportunity to be administered by the Northwest Florida Water Management District on the area posted as closed to hunting on that portion of Econfina Creek Wildlife Management Area east of Strickland Road.

OPEN SEASON

Special Deer Hunt – opening the first Friday in February and ending 2 days thereafter each year.

LEGAL TO TAKE

Any deer (except spotted fawns) and wild hog. The bag limit for deer shall be 1 antlered and 1 antlerless deer per Northwest Florida Water Management District permit.

PERMITS

A Northwest Florida Water Management District permit shall be required to hunt the area. A maximum of six (6) permits shall be issued by the Northwest Florida Water Management District for this hunt to those who meet the requirements found in 589.19(4)(b), Florida Statutes.

SPECIFIC AREA REGULATIONS

In addition to the regulations contained in Rules 68A-15.004 and 68A-15.063(22), F.A.C. the following regulations shall apply:

- 1) Rules 68A-12.002(7)(d) and 68A-15.004(10), F.A.C shall not apply to the special deer hunt area from 1 month prior to the hunt until the last day of the hunt each year.
- 2) One non-hunting assistant and one hunting guest are allowed to accompany each Northwest Florida Water Management District permit holder.
- 3) Only the Northwest Florida Water Management District permit holder and hunting guest may take wildlife, and must share the bag limit of a single person.
- 4) Motorized vehicles may be operated only on named or numbered roads, except that the Northwest Florida Water Management District may authorize additional vehicle access as necessary for accommodation purposes.
- 5) All-terrain vehicles are allowed but only for the purpose of hunting during the open season specified above.

