

STATE OF FLORIDA  
FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Order No. EO 17-28

**Temporary Suspension of Karick Lake  
Bag and Length Limits for all Freshwater Game Fish**

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, acting under the authority of Art. IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution, and acting through its Executive Director under Delegation of Authority Paragraph 22, and due to the dewatering, renovation, and resulting anticipated mortality of fish species in Karick Lake Fish Management Area, hereby suspends Rule 68A-23.005(6)(a), (b), and (c), F.A.C., the established minimum size and bag limit for freshwater game fish and modify methods of taking freshwater fish Rule 68A-23.002 in Karick Lake, Okaloosa County located in the Blackwater River State Forest in Northwestern Okaloosa County off County Road 189; 8 miles north of Baker, Florida, Okaloosa County, in accordance with the following:

1. Notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 68A-23.005(6)(a), (b), and (c), F.A.C., size limits and bag limits for black bass, black crappie and panfish are hereby suspended for Karick Lake, Okaloosa County, for the term of this order.
2. Notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 68A-23.002, F.A.C., general methods of taking freshwater fish are modified on, Karick Lake, Okaloosa County to allow the following methods: dip net not over 3-feet in diameter, and by hand (exclusive of any device) for the term of this order.
3. This order shall not have the effect of authorizing the illegal possession or transportation of freshwater game fish in excess of commercial quantities in violation of 379.406, Florida Statutes.
4. All persons taking freshwater fish shall be required to possess a valid Florida freshwater fishing license unless exempt under 379.353, Florida Statutes
5. This order shall take effect upon execution and shall expire when repealed by subsequent order.

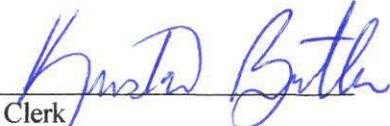
Specific Authority: Article IV, Section 9, Florida Commission

Law Implemented: Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution  
and Section 120.81(5), Florida Statutes



Given under my hand and seal of the Florida  
Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission  
on this 27<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2017.

  
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Nick Wiley  
Executive Director

Attest:   
Agency Clerk