

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, acting under the authority of Article IV, Section 9 of the Florida Constitution and Rule 68A-15.005(4), Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), hereby re-establishes the Rolling Meadows Mitigation Area (Unit) in Polk County, Florida to the Kissimmee Chain of Lakes Area as established by EO 12-27. The Unit contains 1,873 acres, more or less, as described in South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) Resolution #2017-0508 and within boundaries demarked by and as managed by SFWMD.

The following regulations shall apply to the Unit notwithstanding the regulations contained in 68A-15.006(4), F.A.C.:

OPEN SEASON:

1. Non-migratory game – During zonal seasons established under Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., except deer and turkey shall only be taken during those seasons established for Zone B and crossbow season shall be the last 5 days of the Zone B crossbow season only.
2. Migratory birds – Statewide regulations established under Rules 68A-13.003 and 68A-13.008, F.A.C., except that open season for crow shall be during the first phase of crow season only.
3. Furbearers – During zonal antlered deer season established for Zone B only.
4. Fishing and Frogging – Allowed throughout the year.

LEGAL TO TAKE:

All legal game, wild turkey (bearded turkey or gobbler only), wild hog, furbearers (except bobcat and otter), non-protected mammals, fish and frogs. The take of antlerless deer is prohibited. Taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with three or more points or one antler with a main beam of ten inches or more in length is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. The daily bag limit for wild turkey shall be one per day.

GENERAL REGULATIONS:

1. Public access to the area is allowed only by boat from Lake Hatchineha.
2. Motorized vehicles and motorized vessels are prohibited within the boundaries of the unit.
3. Taking wildlife is prohibited on, from or across the levees.
4. Fires are prohibited.
5. Construction or use of permanent blinds or structures is prohibited.
6. Tampering with or destruction of equipment, improvements, and water control structures is prohibited.
7. Releasing wildlife of any species is prohibited unless authorized by permit from the Executive Director.
8. All provisions of Title 68A not in conflict with this order shall remain in effect.

This order shall take effect upon execution and shall remain in effect until 11:59 p.m. on June 30, 2018 unless superseded by subsequent order or rule.

AUTHORITY: Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution
Rule 68A-14.001(2) and 68A-15.006(4), F.A.C.

HISTORY: EO 12-13, EO 13-25, EO 14-05, EO 17-41



Attest: *Houston Butler*
Agency Clerk

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF
THE FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION
COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA
THIS 15th DAY OF September, 2017.

Eric Sutton
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Assistant Executive Director