STATE OF FLORIDA
FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Order No. EO 17-48
Amendment 2

Special Regulations for the Everglades and Francis S. Taylor Wildlife Management Area

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 68A-14.001(2), F.A.C., hereby establishes, by order, special regulations for the Everglades and Francis S. Taylor Wildlife Management Area. These special regulations are necessary due to inordinately high water levels associated with recent storm events that have jeopardized wildlife. The special regulations are as follows:

(1) The L4 and L5 levees are closed to all public access.

(2) Public access is prohibited in the remainder of these areas except:

a. Motor vehicles, swamp buggies, tracked vehicles, airboats, and ATVs are prohibited, except airboats may be operated in Conservation Area 2A from the L-35B levee north to the East-West Airboat Trail and in that portion of Conservation Area 3A South located east of the Miami Canal between 1-75 and the L-67A levee.

b. Vessels, other than airboats, may be operated only in established canals (except for those canals adjacent to or accessible from the L4 and L5 levees which remain closed to public access).

c. Licensed and permitted individuals may participate in the Statewide Alligator Harvest Program, waterfowl hunting, fishing, frogging, and non-native reptile removal. Persons participating in these activities may operate vessels, other than airboats, to access the area but shall maintain a minimum distance of 100 yards from any tree island or levee to minimize disturbance to terrestrial wildlife.

(3) The taking of wildlife is prohibited except light geese, ducks and coot may be taken pursuant to 68A-13.003, alligator may be taken pursuant to the Statewide Alligator Harvest Program, frogging is allowed pursuant to 68A-15.004, and non-native reptile removal is allowed pursuant to FWC Executive Order 17-11.

(4) Any provisions of Rule 68A-15.064 or 68A- 15.004, F.A.C., which are inconsistent herewith, are hereby superseded.

This order shall take effect upon signing, and shall remain in effect until rescinded by subsequent order.

Specific Authority: Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution Rules 68-1.009 F.A.C. and 68A-14.001 , F.A.C.

Law Implemented: IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution, §375.313 F.S.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF THE FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA THIS 14th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2017.

Thomas Reinert

Thomas Reinert, Regional Director
for Nick Wiley, Executive Director

ATTEST:

Agency Clerk