

Executive Order Number: EO 17-53

**FRED C. BABCOCK / CECIL M. WEBB
WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA DAILY
QUAIL PERMIT SEASON QUOTA AND
PROCEDURES FOR ISSUANCE**

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, pursuant to Article IV, Section 9, of Florida Constitution, and Rule 68A-15.061(3), F.A.C., hereby rescinds EO 15-32 and re-establishes the season quota for daily quail permits and the specific procedures for issuing the daily quail permits for the Fred C. Babcock/Cecil M. Webb Wildlife Management Area as follows:

DAILY QUAIL PERMIT QUOTA:

The season quota for daily quail permits shall be **320**.

DAILY PERMIT ISSUANCE PROCEDURES:

- 1) Daily quail permits will be issued at the check station upon request of hunters physically present. If multiple hunters are present at one time to request a permit, the hunters shall form a line to wait to request a permit.
- 2) The number of daily quail permits issued for each zone will be **40** (320/8), hereinafter referred to as the "Zone Quota." When the Zone Quota is reached for any zone, that zone will be closed to quail hunting. The Zone Quota will not be exceeded for any zone except as provided by 8) below.
- 3) There will be no fixed daily quota, so no hunters will be turned away from any zone until the Zone Quota is reached. However, to distribute hunting pressure as evenly as possible across all zones, on the opening day of the quail season hunters will be allowed to choose any of the zones until at least 10 daily quail permits have been issued for each of the zones. Once each of the zones has at least 10 daily quail permits issued, the next hunter in line will be issued a permit for the zone with the fewest number of daily quail permits or any zone that is within one daily permit of the zone with the fewest number of daily quail permits. The permit issuance process will continue until the total number of daily quail permits is issued for each zone. On the second and subsequent days of the quail season the process (issuing permits for the zone with the fewest number of daily quail permits or any zone that is within one daily quail permit of the zone with the fewest number of daily quail permits) will resume from where it left off the previous hunt day.
- 4) A hunting party consisting of two to four hunters hunting from a single vehicle will be allowed to select a zone even if it results in exceeding the "soft" Zone Quota of 10 (e.g., the "soft" Zone Quota of 10 permits could be exceeded by up to three permits to avoid splitting up a hunting party).

- 5) Hunters will not be permitted to change zones during any hunt day once they have been issued a daily quail permit for a given zone even if any of the other zones have not reached the Zone Quota.
- 6) Youth hunters 15 years of age or younger hunting with a permitted adult hunter will not be counted toward the Zone Quota but youth hunters will be considered part of a hunting party.
- 7) Individuals only working dogs with a permitted hunter will not be counted toward the Zone Quota.
- 8) When the season Zone Quota is reached, all zones will be closed to quail hunting. However, any hunters who are present at the check station prior to 8 a.m. on the day the season quota is reached will be issued a permit for the zone with the fewest number of daily quail permits until all hunters in line are issued a daily quail permit on the final day.

This order shall take effect upon execution and shall remain in effect until superseded by subsequent order or rule.

SPECIFIC AUTHORITY: Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution
Rule 68A-15.061(3), F.A.C.

HISTORY: EO 07-05, EO 08-25, EO 09-18, EO 11-27, EO 12-26, EO 13-43,
EO 15-32, EO 17-53



GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF
THE FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION
COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA
THIS 21 DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2017.

Attest:

Agency Clerk

Nick Wiley

Executive Director