

Executive Order Number: EO 17-55

**BLACKWATER WILDLIFE
MANAGEMENT AREA OPERATION
OUTDOOR FREEDOM GENERAL
GUN HUNT**

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, pursuant to Article IV, Section 9, of Florida Constitution, and Rule 68A-15.004(16), F.A.C., hereby authorizes the following special outdoor recreational opportunity to be administered by the Florida Forest Service (FFS) consistent with 589.19(4), Florida Statutes on closed to hunting portions of Blackwater Wildlife Management Area in Okaloosa and Santa Rosa Counties, Florida.

OPEN SEASON

Special general gun hunt – December 11 - 15, 2017.

LEGAL TO TAKE

Any deer (except spotted fawns), wild hog and coyote. The bag limit for deer shall be 2 antlered deer and 2 antlerless deer per Florida Forest Service permit. There is no bag limit for wild hog or coyote.

PERMITS

A FFS permit shall be required to hunt the area. A maximum of eight (8) permits shall be issued by the FFS for this hunt.

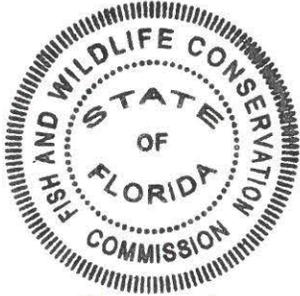
SPECIFIC AREA REGULATIONS

In addition to the regulations contained in Rules 68A-15.004 and 68A-15.063(4), F.A.C. the following regulations shall apply:

- 1) Only the Florida Forest Service permit holder may harvest wildlife.
- 2) Motorized vehicles may be operated only on named or numbered roads, except that the Florida Forest Service may authorize additional vehicle access as necessary for accommodation purposes.
- 3) Any provisions of Rules 68A-15.004 and 68A-15.063(4), F.A.C., which are inconsistent herewith, are hereby superseded.

This order shall take effect upon signing and shall remain in effect until 11:59 pm on December 15, 2017.

Specific Authority: Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution
Rule 68A-15.004(16), F.A.C



GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF
THE FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION
COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA
THIS 29th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2017.

Attest:

Agency Clerk

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Eric Sutton", written over a horizontal line.

Eric Sutton

Assistant Executive Director