

Executive Order Number: EO 18-11

**BLACKWATER WILDLIFE
MANAGEMENT AREA OPERATION
OUTDOOR FREEDOM TURKEY HUNT**

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, pursuant to Article IV, Section 9, of the 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 the closed to hunting portions of Blackwater Wildlife Management Area in Okaloosa and Santa Rosa counties, Florida.

OPEN SEASON

Special spring turkey hunt – March 22-23, 2018.

LEGAL TO TAKE

Gobblers or bearded turkeys only. The bag limit shall be two gobblers or bearded turkey per Florida Forest Service permit, but only one per day.

PERMITS

A Florida Forest Service permit shall be required to hunt the area. A maximum of two (2) permits shall be issued by the Florida Forest Service 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 turkey.
- 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- 3) Any provisions of Rules 68A-15.004 and 68A-15.063(4), F.A.C., which are inconsistent herewith, are hereby superseded.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 23 March 2018.

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 9th DAY OF MARCH, 2018.

Attest:

Agency Clerk

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Thomas H. Eason Ph.D.
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