

Expanding Small Game Opportunities on FWC-Managed Areas

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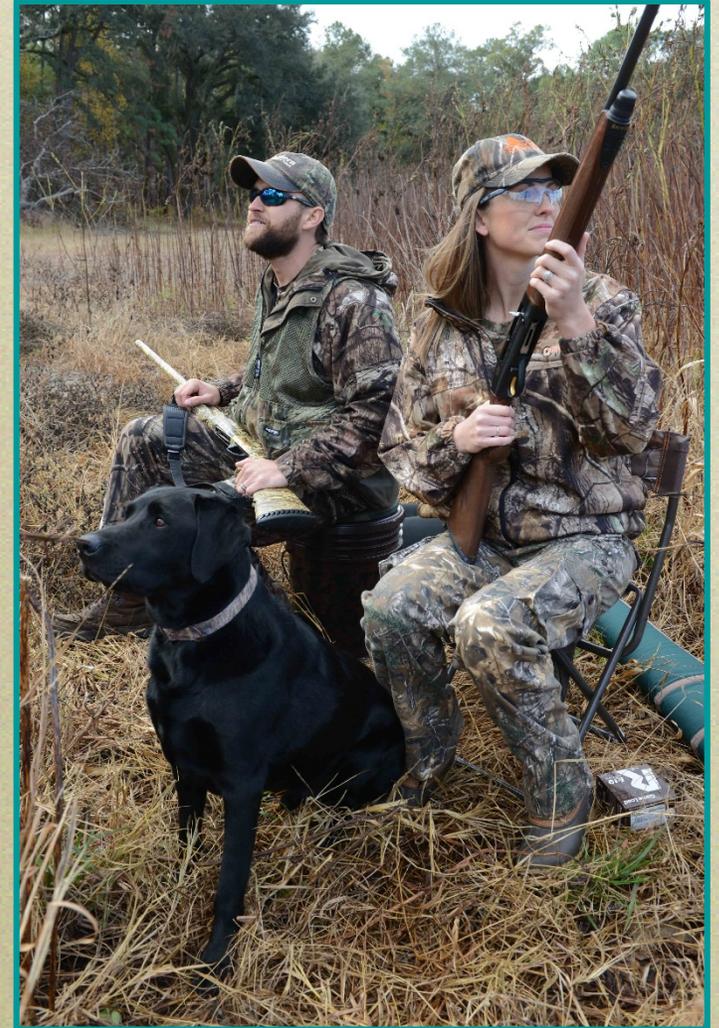
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Why Small Game Hunting?

Enhances Participation in Conservation

- Recruitment Gateway
 - Broad appeal
 - Great for new hunters
 - High chance of success
 - “Spur-of-the-moment” opportunity
- Keep Tradition Alive
 - Reactivate lapsed hunters
 - Share heritage and knowledge



Expand Small Game Season on 18 Areas

- 703 additional days of small game hunting
 - 86% increase in hunting opportunity



New Northern Bobwhite Opportunities

- Allow bird dog training with release of northern bobwhite during small game season on 9 areas
 - Shotgun only
 - No-cost permit
 - Acquired from licensed vendor



Public Input

- Online poll for receiving public comments
- Stakeholders notified through email and social media
 - Sent to more than 140,000 email addresses

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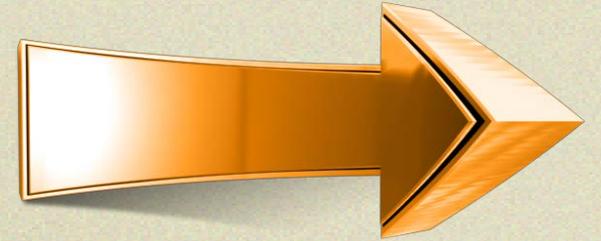
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Staff Recommendation



- Approve proposed rule amendments for advertising in the Florida Administrative Register
- Provide direction or guidance to staff as we continue working with the public
- Consider for final adoption at July 2017 Commission meeting

