

**Background Report
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DRAFT RULE

RULE NO: 68A-15.063

RULE TITLE: Specific Regulations for Wildlife Management Areas – Northwest Region.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose of the proposed rule amendment is to revise specific area regulations on Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) in the Northwest Region and conform to calendar year date changes. The effect of the proposed rule amendment will be to enable the agency to better manage fish and wildlife resources and public use on WMAs.

SUMMARY: The proposed rule amendment would adjust season dates to conform to calendar year changes and revise specific area regulations on Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) in the Northwest Region as follows:

Apalachee WMA – allow hunting in Zone A during spring turkey season (quota across all zones remains at 5, no exemptions); and waive the requirement to check in/out and check harvested game at the check station when hunting turkeys in Zone A.

Apalachicola WMA – limit camping to 14 days within any consecutive 30-day period on that portion of the area owned by the Northwest Florida Water Management District.

Blackwater WMA, Carr Unit – discontinue the special-opportunity released quail season and permit requirements; and allow northern bobwhite to be released and taken by shotgun during the small game season. A daily no-cost permit and proof that northern bobwhite were purchased within the past 90 days from a game farm licensed by the Commission or another state would be required for each individual or group participating.

Blackwater WMA, Hutton Unit – shift the 4 existing November quail hunts to February; and expand dove hunting from 4 to 8 days by adding 4 additional days of dove hunts during the second phase of the statewide dove season.

Chipola River WMA, Altha Tract – expand small game season from 18 to 26 days.

Chipola River WMA – limit camping to 14 days within any consecutive 30-day period; and limit camping to tents, trailers or self-propelled camping vehicles only, prohibit kitchen stoves, refrigerators and freezers (unless contained in mobile campers), lumber, sheet metal or other building materials.

Choctawhatchee River WMA – limit camping to 14 days within any consecutive 30-day period.

Econfina Creek WMA – establish a 14-day small game season in the Mobility-Impaired Area open to mobility-impaired hunters only; expand small game season in the Cat Creek Area from 16 to 98 days; limit camping to 14 days within any consecutive 30-day period; limit camping to tents, trailers or self-propelled camping vehicles only, prohibit kitchen stoves, refrigerators and freezers (unless contained in mobile campers), lumber, sheet metal or other building materials; and allow northern bobwhite to be released and taken by shotgun during the small game season. A daily no-cost permit and proof that northern bobwhite were purchased within the past 90 days from a game farm licensed by the Commission or another state would be required for each individual or group participating. Allow release of northern bobwhite only on that portion of the area north of State Road 20.

Eglin WMA – establish a wild hog-dog season during dates and in areas specified by the Installation Commander; and require the use of remote tracking and behavioral correction devices when using dogs to hunt deer, fox or coyote.

Escambia River WMA – allow raccoon to be hunted year-round in the still and dog hunt areas, except during the spring turkey season; and limit camping to 14 days within any consecutive 30-day period.

Escribano Point WMA – expand general gun season from 13 days (3 periods) to 17 days (4 periods) by adding a 4-day hunt in February (10 no-cost quota permits, no exemptions); and establish a 3-day archery/muzzleloading gun hunt in February (10 no-cost quota permits, no exemptions).

Flint Rock WMA – establish three 7-day summertime wild hog-still hunts (one each during May, June, and August); and prohibit the use of dogs for hunting wild hog during small game season.

Lafayette Creek WMA – expand small game season from 18 to 70 days; allow the take of furbearers and small game during the wild hog-still season; and allow northern bobwhite to be released and taken by shotgun during the small game season. A daily no-cost permit and proof that northern bobwhite were purchased within the past 90 days

from a game farm licensed by the Commission or another state would be required for each individual or group participating.

Ochlockonee River WMA – allow the use of crossbows during spring turkey season.

Perdido River WMA – expand small game season from 30 to 68 days; limit camping to 14 days within any consecutive 30-day period; and limit camping to tents, trailers or self-propelled camping vehicles only, prohibit kitchen stoves, refrigerators and freezers (unless contained in mobile campers), lumber, sheet metal or other building materials.

Pine Log WMA – allow northern bobwhite to be released and taken by shotgun during the small game season. A daily no-cost permit and proof that northern bobwhite were purchased within the past 90 days from a game farm licensed by the Commission or another state would be required for each individual or group participating. Allow release of northern bobwhite only on that portion of the area west of Highway 79 and south of Pine Log Creek.

Plank Road WMA – establish a new WMA (≈ 8,000 acres) in Leon and Jefferson counties. This includes establishing the following seasons and regulations: four 3-day archery hunts (quota of 30, no exemptions); two 3-day and one 4-day general gun hunts (quota of 30, no exemptions); a 2-day family hunt (quota of 15, no exemptions); a 3-day muzzleloading gun season (quota of 30, no exemptions); a 4-day mobility-impaired hunt (quota of 30, no exemptions); a 2-day youth turkey hunt (quota of 10, no exemptions); three 3-day spring turkey hunts (quota of 15, no exemptions); an 84-day small game season; fishing and frogging year round; allow the take of all legal game, fish, frog and furbearers; prohibit the harvest of antlered deer not having at least one antler with two or more points, except by persons less than 16 years of age; hunting wildlife with dogs, other than bird dogs or retrievers, is prohibited, except any dog may be used to take small game (quail, rabbit, squirrel and migratory birds) during the small game season; during mobility-impaired hunts, only one non-hunting assistant and a guest permit holder are allowed to accompany each mobility-impaired quota permit holder as provided in Rule 68A-15.005 F.A.C.; prohibit the use of airboats, tracked vehicles or all-terrain vehicles on the area, except as authorized by the Florida Forest Service; mobility-impaired hunters may use all-terrain vehicles on established roads, trails, and firebreaks during the mobility-impaired general gun season without obtaining separate authorization from the Florida Forest Service; allow access year round from 1.5 hours before sunset until 1.5 hours after sunset; vehicles shall enter and exit at designated entrances; and allow vehicles only on designated roads (except by mobility-impaired hunters during mobility-impaired hunts).

Tate's Hell WMA, Womack Creek Unit – expand small game season from 56 to 87 days (overlapping February trapping season).

Wakulla WMA – allow the use of crossbows during the spring turkey season.

Yellow River WMA – establish five 3-day wild hog-still hunts (1 per month from May through September); close Haiseal and Cotton Creek roads to vehicular access May through September; and limit camping to 14 days within any consecutive 30-day period.

Additionally, the proposed rule amendment would provide non-substantive technical changes, such as grammatical corrections, language standardization, or clarification of an existing rule.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS AS FOLLOWS:

68A-15.063 Specific Regulations for Wildlife Management Areas – Northwest Region.

(1) Apalachee Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~22-25~~ ~~23-26~~ and December ~~8~~ ~~9~~ through February ~~10~~ ~~11~~ (Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays closed to hunting in Zones A and B, except hunting is allowed the Friday after Thanksgiving).

2. Archery – October ~~20~~ ~~21~~ through November ~~18~~ ~~19~~.

3. No change.

4. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~1-3~~ ~~2-4~~.

5. through 7. No change.

8. Quail (Zone A) – December ~~18~~ ~~19~~ through February ~~10~~ ~~11~~ (Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays closed to hunting).

9. Spring turkey (Zones ~~A~~, B and C) – March ~~16~~ ~~17~~ through April ~~21~~ ~~22~~ (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).

10. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 3. No change.
4. Hunters shall check in and out at a check station when entering and exiting Zone A and shall check all game taken when hunting in Zone A (except during spring turkey hunts).

5. through 7. No change.

(2) Apalachicola Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open seasons:

1. General gun – November ~~22-25~~ 23-26 and December ~~8~~ 9 through January ~~30~~ 31.

2. Small game – November ~~10-21~~ 11-22, November ~~26~~ 27 through December ~~7~~ 8 and ~~January 31~~ February 1 through March ~~3~~ 4.

3. No change.

4. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~9-10~~ 10-11.

5. Spring turkey – March ~~16~~ 17 through April ~~21~~ 22.

6. Archery – October ~~20~~ 21 through November ~~18~~ 19.

7. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~1-3~~ 2-4.

8. Muzzleloading gun and archery – ~~January 31~~ through February 10 ~~1-11~~.

9. No change.

10. Fox, raccoon, opossum and bobcat – October 1 through March ~~3~~ 4 in that portion of the area in Liberty County lying west of State Road 65 (except in that portion of the area lying north and east of the Florida River and Larkins Slough) and in that portion in Leon County and Wakulla County south of State Road 267 bounded on the east by Forest Roads 313, F.H. 13 and 356, on the south by Forest Roads 349 and 357, on the west by Forest Roads 348 and F.H. 13, 309, 314 and 344.

11. Trapping – ~~January 31~~ February 1 through March 1.

12. through 13. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, bear (only during the bear season), fish, frogs and furbearers. Taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with two or more points is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. Bearded turkeys or gobblers may be taken during the muzzleloading gun season, and during the periods of November ~~22-25~~ 23-26 and December ~~8-19~~ 9-20. Taking quail is prohibited on the quail enhancement area (that portion of the area lying north of Oak Ridge Road, east of State Road 61 and US Highway 319, south of State Road 263 and west of State Road 363) except during quail season as established annually by order of the Executive Director, based on annual fall quail surveys. The daily bag limit for quail on the quail enhancement area is six (6) per person.

(c) Camping: Throughout the year. However, on that portion of the area designated as National Forest lands, camping is allowed only in designated campsites during the general gun season. On Northwest Florida Water Management District lands, camping is allowed throughout the area (except where posted as no camping), not to exceed 14 days within any consecutive 30-day period. Camping is limited to tents, trailers or self-propelled camping vehicles only. Lumber, sheet metal or other building materials, kitchen stoves, refrigerators and freezers are prohibited unless contained in mobile campers. Camping within designated campgrounds requires a permit from the Northwest Florida Water Management District ~~Camping is allowed only in designated campsites during general gun season, except on Northwest Florida Water Management District lands where camping within designated campgrounds is allowed year round only by permit from the Northwest Florida Water Management District. In the remainder of the area posted as Northwest Florida Water Management District lands, camping is allowed throughout the area (except where posted as no camping), but for no more than 14 consecutive days at a time and limited to tents, trailers or self-propelled camping vehicles only. Kitchen stoves, refrigerators and freezers are prohibited on Northwest Florida Water Management District lands, unless contained in mobile campers; lumber, sheet metal or other building materials are prohibited.~~

(d) General regulations:

1. Bird dogs may be trained from June 1 through March ~~3~~ 4, except on the quail enhancement area where bird dogs may be trained November 1 through December 31. Deer dogs may be trained from October ~~27~~ 28 through November ~~15~~ 16 in that portion of the area open to hunting fox, raccoon, opossum and bobcats.

2. through 7. No change.

(3) Apalachicola Wildlife Management Area – Bradwell Unit.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~22-25~~ ~~23-26~~ and December ~~8-12~~ ~~9-13~~.

2. Archery – October ~~20-26~~ ~~24-27~~ and October ~~28~~ ~~29~~ through November ~~5~~ ~~6~~.

3. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~1-3~~ ~~2-4~~.

4. Family hunt – December 22-24, January ~~18-20~~ ~~19-21~~ and February ~~1-3~~ ~~2-4~~.

5. Small game – Opening 12 days prior to the zonal antlered deer season and closing 8:00 days thereafter, and reopening on the first Saturday following the close of the first family hunt and closing 8 days thereafter.

6. Spring turkey – March ~~16-17~~ ~~17-18~~ and March ~~29-31~~ ~~30~~ through April ~~1~~.

7. Wild hog-dog – July ~~13-15~~ ~~14-16~~, August ~~3-5~~ ~~4-6~~ and September ~~7-9~~ ~~1-3~~, ~~2018~~ ~~2017~~, and May ~~3-5~~ ~~4-6~~ and June ~~7-9~~ ~~1-3~~, ~~2019~~ ~~2018~~.

8. Wild hog-still – July ~~20-22~~ ~~21-23~~, August ~~17-19~~ ~~18-20~~ and September ~~21-23~~ ~~15-17~~, ~~2018~~ ~~2017~~, and May ~~17-19~~ ~~18-20~~ and June ~~21-23~~ ~~15-17~~, ~~2019~~ ~~2018~~.

9. No change.

10. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~9-10~~ ~~10-11~~.

11. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(4) Blackwater Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open seasons in the still hunt area (which includes that portion of the area south of State Road 4, except for the field trial area, and that portion of the area north of State Road 4, except for the dog hunt area).

1. General gun – November ~~22-25~~ ~~23-26~~ and December ~~15~~ ~~16~~ through February ~~6~~ ~~7~~.

2. Family still hunt – December ~~8-9~~ ~~9-10~~.

3. Small game – November ~~10-21~~ ~~11-22~~, November ~~26~~ ~~27~~ through December ~~14~~ ~~15~~ and February ~~7~~ ~~8~~ through March ~~3~~ ~~4~~.

4. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~9-10~~ ~~10-11~~.

5. Spring turkey – March ~~16~~ ~~17~~ through April ~~21~~ ~~22~~.

6. Archery – October ~~20~~ ~~21~~ through November ~~18~~ ~~19~~.

7. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~1-3~~ ~~2-4~~.

8. Muzzleloading gun and archery – February ~~14-24~~ ~~15-25~~.

9. Wild hog-dog – July ~~6-8~~ ~~7-9~~, ~~20-22~~ ~~21-23~~, August ~~3-5~~ ~~4-6~~, ~~17-19~~ ~~18-20~~, September ~~7-9~~ ~~1-3~~, ~~21-23~~ ~~15-17~~, ~~2018~~ ~~2017~~, and May ~~3-5~~ ~~4-6~~, ~~17-19~~ ~~18-20~~, June ~~7-9~~ ~~1-3~~ and ~~21-23~~ ~~15-17~~, ~~2019~~ ~~2018~~.

10. through 14. No change.

(b) Open seasons in the dog hunt area (which includes that portion of the area north of State Road 4 and west of Three Notch Road, east of Mason West Road, and north of Camp Henderson Road; and that portion of the area north of State Road 4, west of Beaver Creek Highway and Hurricane Lake Road, and east of Belandville Road; and that portion of the area north of Forest Road R47, north of Eadie Cotton Road and Peaden Bridge Road, west of Sherman Kennedy Road, south of Mattie Kennedy Road and Kennedy Bridge Road, west of Bullard Church Road, and east of Beaver Creek Highway and Hurricane Lake Road):

1. General gun dog – November ~~22-25~~ ~~23-26~~, December ~~15-30~~ ~~16~~ through ~~December 31~~ and January ~~14~~ ~~15~~ through February ~~6~~ ~~7~~.

2. General gun still – ~~December 31~~ through January ~~13~~ ~~14~~.

3. Family still hunt – December ~~8-9~~ ~~9-10~~.

4. Small game – November ~~10-21~~ ~~11-22~~, November ~~26~~ ~~27~~ through December ~~14~~ ~~15~~ and February ~~7~~ ~~8~~ through March ~~3~~ ~~4~~.

5. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~9-10~~ ~~10-11~~.

6. Spring turkey – March ~~16~~ ~~17~~ through April ~~21~~ ~~22~~.

7. Archery – October ~~20~~ ~~21~~ through November ~~18~~ ~~19~~.

8. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~1-3~~ ~~2-4~~.

9. Muzzleloading gun and archery – February ~~14-24~~ 15-25.

10. Fox, raccoon, opossum and bobcat – May 1 through March ~~3~~ 4, in that portion of the dog hunt area east of Belandville Road.

11. Wild hog-dog – July ~~6-8~~ 7-9, ~~20-22~~ 21-23, August ~~3-5~~ 4-6, ~~17-19~~ 18-20, September ~~7-9~~ 1-3, ~~21-23~~ 15-17, ~~2018~~ 2017, and May ~~3-5~~ 4-6, ~~17-19~~ 18-20, June ~~7-9~~ 1-3 and ~~21-23~~ 15-17, ~~2019~~ 2018.

12. through 15. No change.

(c) Open seasons in the field trial area (which includes that portion of the area bounded by Coldwater Creek on the northwest, the western boundary of Blackwater State Forest to the west and south, County Road 191 on the southeast, and on a line running west 3/4 mile from the intersection of County Road 191 and Coldwater Horse Trail, then north one mile and then three miles west to Coldwater Creek at a point 1/2 mile northeast of the Coldwater Recreation Area):

1. Archery – October ~~20~~ 21 through November ~~18~~ 19.

2. Family still hunt – December ~~8-9~~ 9-10.

3. Muzzleloading gun and archery – January ~~18-20~~ 19-21.

4. through 6. No change.

7. Quail – February ~~4-5~~ 5-6, ~~6-7~~ 7-8, ~~18-19~~ 19-20 and ~~20-21~~ 21-22.

8. Wild hog-dog – July ~~6-8~~ 7-9, ~~20-22~~ 21-23, August ~~3-5~~ 4-6, ~~17-19~~ 18-20, September ~~7-9~~ 1-3, ~~21-23~~ 15-17, ~~2018~~ 2017, and May ~~3-5~~ 4-6, ~~17-19~~ 18-20, June ~~7-9~~ 1-3 and ~~21-23~~ 15-17, ~~2019~~ 2018.

9. No change.

(d) through (f) No change.

(5) Blackwater Wildlife Management Area – Hutton Unit.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – October ~~20-23~~ 21-24 and ~~24-28~~ 25-29.

2. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~1-3~~ 2-4.

3. Quail – November ~~21-22~~ 11-12, ~~18-19~~ 22-23, December ~~10-11~~, ~~15-16~~, ~~24-25~~ 11-12, ~~16-17~~, ~~25-26~~ and ~~December 29-30~~, and February ~~16-17~~ and ~~23-24~~ 30-31.

4. General gun – January ~~12-15~~ 13-16 and ~~16-20~~ 17-21.

5. Mobility-impaired general gun – January ~~25-27~~ 26-28 and February ~~1-3~~ 2-4.

6. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~9-10~~ 10-11.

7. Spring turkey – March ~~16-18~~ 17-19, ~~29-31~~ March 30 through April 1 and April ~~12-14~~ 13-15.

8. Wild hog-dog – July ~~20-22~~ 21-23, August ~~17-19~~ 18-20 and September ~~21-23~~ 15-17, ~~2018~~ 2017, and May ~~17-19~~ 18-20 and June ~~21-23~~ 15-17, ~~2019~~ 2018.

9. through 10. No change.

11. Dove (on fields posted as open to dove hunting) – During the first 2 weekends of the first and second phases ~~phase~~ of the mourning dove and white-winged dove season established by Rule 68A-13.008, F.A.C.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 2. No change.

3. Taking wildlife with dogs other than bird dogs or retrievers is prohibited, except during the wild hog-dog season ~~and any dog may be used to take small game during the small game season~~, or as specifically authorized by permit. ~~The take of wild hog with dogs during small game season is prohibited.~~

4. through 10. No change.

(6) Blackwater Wildlife Management Area – Carr Unit.

(a) Open season: Small game – Opening the second Saturday of November and closing 113 days thereafter
~~Special opportunity released quail – November 11-17, 18-24, November 25 through December 1, December 2-8, 9-15, 16-22, 23-29, December 30 through January 5, January 6-12, 13-19, 20-26, January 27 through February 2, February 3-9, 10-16, 17-23, and February 24 through March 2.~~

(b) Legal to take: Quail. ~~The daily bag limit is 12 quail per person. For each hunt, one group consisting of no more than four members may release and take quail.~~

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. A special opportunity released quail permit (no exemptions) as provided in Rule 68A 9.007, F.A.C., shall be required for each group entering the area to release or take quail.

2. ~~Each group may release pen raised quail within the designated boundaries, as indicated on the hunt map. Release of quail is prohibited, except during each day of the hunt. Released quail shall be purchased from a licensed game farm and transported as provided in subsection 68A 12.006(3), F.A.C.~~

3. through 7. renumbered 1. through 5. No change.

6. Northern bobwhite may be released and taken by shotgun during the small game season provided each individual or group participating possesses a daily permit and proof (including the name and address of the vendor and date of purchase) that the northern bobwhite were purchased within the past 90 days from a game farm licensed by the Commission or another state. The release of northern bobwhite is allowed only on that portion of the area as designated on the brochure map.

(7) Joe Budd Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – December 7 8 through January 6 7 (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).

2. Archery and muzzleloading gun – January 11-27 12-28 (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).

3. Small game – October 6 7 through December 2 3 (Saturdays and Sundays only).

4. Youth turkey hunt – March 9-10 10-11.

5. Spring turkey – March 16 17 through April 21 22 (Saturdays and Sundays only).

6. through 7. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 4. No change.

5. Only bows or muzzleloading guns, ~~and shotguns~~ are allowed for taking turkey during spring turkey season, except shotguns may be used during the youth turkey hunt.

6. through 12. No change.

(8) Point Washington Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November 22-25 23-26 and December 8 9 through January 30 31.

2. Small game – November 10-21 11-22, November 26 27 through December 7 8 and January 31 February 1 through March 3 4.

3. Spring turkey – March 16 17 through April 21 22.

4. Archery – October 20 21 through November 18 19.

5. Muzzleloading gun – December 1-3 2-4.

6. Archery and muzzleloading gun – January 31 through February 10 11.

7. through 9. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 2. No change.

3. Taking wildlife with dogs other than bird dogs or retrievers is prohibited, except any dog may be used to take small game during the small game season.

4. through 7. No change.

(9) Talquin Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November 23-25 24-26 and December 8-30 9-31 (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).

2. Small game – January 4 5 through March 3 4 (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).

3. Archery – October 20 21 through November 18 19 (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).

4. Youth turkey hunt – March 9-10 10-11.

5. Spring turkey – March ~~16~~ ¹⁷ through April ~~21~~ ²² (Saturdays and Sundays only).
6. through 8. No change.
9. Wild hog-still – July ~~13-15~~ ¹⁴⁻¹⁶, August ~~10-12~~ ¹¹⁻¹³ and September ~~14-16~~ ⁸⁻¹⁰, ~~2018~~ ²⁰¹⁷, and May ~~10-12~~ ¹¹⁻¹³ and June ~~14-16~~ ⁸⁻¹⁰, ~~2019~~ ²⁰¹⁸.
 - (b) through (d) No change.
- (10) Ochlockonee River Wildlife Management Area.
 - (a) Open season:
 1. Archery and muzzleloading gun – November ~~23-25~~ ²⁴⁻²⁶ and December ~~8-30~~ ⁹⁻³¹ (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).
 2. Small game – January ~~4~~ ⁵ through March ~~3~~ ⁴ (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).
 3. Archery – October ~~20~~ ²¹ through November ~~18~~ ¹⁹ (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).
 4. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~9-10~~ ¹⁰⁻¹¹.
 5. Spring turkey – March ~~16~~ ¹⁷ through April ~~21~~ ²² (Saturdays and Sundays only).
 6. No change.
 7. Wild hog-still – July ~~6-8~~ ⁷⁻⁹, August ~~3-5~~ ⁴⁻⁶ and September ~~7-9~~ ¹⁻³, ~~2018~~ ²⁰¹⁷, and May ~~3-5~~ ⁴⁻⁶ and June ~~7-9~~ ¹⁻³, ~~2019~~ ²⁰¹⁸.
 - (b) through (c) No change.
 - (d) General regulations:
 1. through 2. No change.
 - ~~3. Only shotguns and bows are allowed for taking turkey during the spring turkey season.~~
 4. through 6. renumbered 3. through 5. No change.
 - (11) Tate’s Hell Wildlife Management Area.
 - (a) Open season:
 1. General gun – November ~~22-25~~ ²³⁻²⁶ and December ~~8~~ ⁹ through January ~~30~~ ³¹.
 2. Small game – November ~~10-21~~ ¹¹⁻²², November ~~26~~ ²⁷ through December ~~7~~ ⁸ and ~~January 31~~ ^{February 1} through March ~~3~~ ⁴.
 3. Archery – October ~~20~~ ²¹ through November ~~18~~ ¹⁹.
 4. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~1-3~~ ²⁻⁴.
 5. Muzzleloading gun and archery – ~~January 31 through~~ ^{February 10} ~~1-11~~.
 6. through 7. No change.
 8. Spring turkey – March ~~16~~ ¹⁷ through April ~~21~~ ²².
 9. through 12. No change.
 - (b) through (c) No change.
 - (d) General regulations:
 1. Deer dogs may be trained from October ~~27~~ ²⁸ through November ~~15~~ ¹⁶.
 2. through 6. No change.
 - (12) Tate’s Hell Wildlife Management Area – Womack Creek Unit.
 - (a) Open season:
 1. Archery – October ~~20-28~~ ²¹⁻²⁹.
 2. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~1-3~~ ²⁻⁴.
 3. Small game – November ~~10-21~~ ¹¹⁻²², November ~~26~~ ²⁷ through December ~~7~~ ⁸, December ~~17-23~~ ¹⁸⁻²² and January ~~6 through March 3~~ ⁵⁻³¹.
 4. General gun still – November ~~22-25~~ ²³⁻²⁶ and December ~~8-16~~ ⁹⁻¹⁷.
 5. through 6. No change.
 7. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~9-10~~ ¹⁰⁻¹¹.
 8. Spring turkey – March ~~16-19~~ ¹⁷⁻²⁰, ~~March 28-31, and 29 through~~ ^{April 4-7} ~~1 and 5-8~~.
 9. through 10. No change.
 - (b) through (d) No change.
 - (13) Aucilla Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~3~~ 4 through December ~~30~~ 31, except in the Pinhook still hunt area. November ~~3-9~~ 4-10, ~~10-16~~ 11-17, and ~~17-25~~ 18-26 in the Pinhook still hunt area.
2. Small game – November ~~26~~ 27 through December ~~14~~ 15 (Pinhook still hunt area only), and ~~December 31~~ ~~January 1~~ through March ~~3~~ 4.
3. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~9-10~~ 10-11.
4. Spring turkey – March ~~16~~ 17 through April ~~21~~ 22.
5. Archery – September ~~15~~ 16 through October ~~14~~ 15, except in the Pinhook still hunt area. September ~~15-23~~ 16-24 and October ~~6-14~~ 7-15 in the Pinhook still hunt area.
6. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~20-22~~ 21-23.
7. Family hunt – October ~~27-28~~ 28-29, in the Pinhook still hunt area only.
8. Wild hog-still – December ~~15-30~~ 16-31, in the Pinhook still hunt area only.
9. Wild hog-dog – July ~~13-15~~ 14-16, August ~~10-12~~ 11-13, and September ~~7-9~~ 1-3, ~~2018~~ 2017, and May ~~10-12~~ 11-13 and June ~~14-16~~ 8-10, ~~2019~~ 2018.
10. through 12. No change.
13. Trapping – ~~December 31~~ ~~January 1~~ through March 1.
14. No change.

(b) No change.

(c) Camping: Prohibited, except ~~primitive camping (tents only) is allowed at designated sites along the Florida Trail and primitive camping is allowed~~ by permit from the Suwannee River Water Management District on District managed lands. Hikers using the Florida National Scenic Trail may camp at designated hike-in campsites along the trail without obtaining a camping permit.

(d) No change.

(14) Flint Rock Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~20~~ 21 through November ~~2~~ 3.
2. General gun – November ~~3~~ 4 through January ~~20~~ 21.
3. Small game – January ~~21~~ 22 through March ~~3~~ 4.
4. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~9-10~~ 10-11.
5. Spring turkey – March ~~16~~ 17 through April ~~21~~ 22.
6. Archery – September ~~15~~ 16 through October ~~14~~ 15.
7. through 9. No change.
10. Trapping – January ~~21~~ 22 through March 1.
11. Wild hog-still – August 24-30, 2018, and May 24-30 and June 21-27, 2019.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. Taking wildlife with dogs other than waterfowl retrievers and bird dogs is prohibited, ~~except that any dog may be used to take wild hog during the small game season.~~
2. Access is allowed only by individuals possessing a valid recreational user permit except as provided by Section 379.354, F.S., and only during periods open to hunting and 7 days before each open hunting season (except access for the wild hog-still season is restricted to hunt dates only).
3. through 6. No change.

(15) Pine Log Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – October ~~20~~ 21 through November ~~11~~ 12.
2. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~1-3~~ 2-4.
3. General gun – November ~~22-25~~ 23-26, January ~~19-22~~ 20-23 and January ~~23-27~~ 24-28.
4. Small game – November ~~10-21~~ 11-22, November ~~26~~ 27 through January ~~18~~ 19 and January ~~28~~ 29 through March ~~3~~ 4.

5. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~9-10~~ ~~40-44~~.

6. Spring turkey – March ~~16~~ ~~47~~ through April ~~7~~ ~~8~~.

7. Raccoon – November ~~10~~ ~~41~~ through March ~~3~~ ~~4~~.

8. through 11. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 5. No change.

6. Taking wildlife with firearms, air guns and crossbows is prohibited in the archery-only area, delineated as that portion of the area lying north of Pine Log Creek, south of Environmental Road, and west of State Road 79.

7. No change.

8. Northern bobwhite may be released and taken by shotgun during the small game season provided each individual or group participating possesses a daily permit and proof (including the name and address of the vendor and date of purchase) that the northern bobwhite were purchased within the past 90 days from a game farm licensed by the Commission or another state. The release of northern bobwhite is allowed only on that portion of the area west of Highway 79 and south of Pine Log Creek.

(16) Eglin AFB Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – October ~~20~~ ~~24~~ through November ~~21~~ ~~22~~ in areas and during days specified by the Installation Commander.

2. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~1-7~~ ~~2-8~~ in areas specified by the Installation Commander.

3. General gun – November ~~22-25~~ ~~23-26~~, December ~~8~~ ~~9~~ through February ~~17~~ ~~48~~ in areas and during days specified by the Installation Commander.

4. Archery and muzzleloading gun – February ~~18-24~~ ~~49-25~~ in areas and during days specified by the Installation Commander.

5. Small game – November ~~10~~ ~~44~~ through March ~~3~~ ~~4~~ in areas and during days specified by the Installation Commander.

6. No change.

7. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~9-10~~ ~~40-44~~ in areas specified by the Installation Commander.

8. Spring turkey – March ~~16~~ ~~47~~ through April ~~21~~ ~~22~~ in areas and during days specified by the Installation Commander.

9. through 11. No change.

12. Wild hog-dog – Throughout the year in areas and at times specified by the Installation Commander.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish (except as provided below), frogs and furbearers. Taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with two or more points is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age in areas specified by the Installation Commander. The Installation Commander may specify areas and days where taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with three or more points or one antler with a main beam of ten inches or more in length is prohibited and where persons less than 16 years of age may harvest antlered deer not meeting antler point criteria. Antlerless deer may be taken during established seasons only by permit from the Installation Commander. The take of wild hog is prohibited during small game season. Only wild hog may be taken during the wild hog-dog season.

1. through 2. No change.

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. Possession of or taking wildlife with dogs other than bird dogs or retrievers is prohibited in areas specified by the Installation Commander. The taking or pursuing of deer, fox or coyote with dogs is prohibited unless each dog is equipped and monitored with devices that allow remote tracking and behavior correction. The device(s) must be attached by a collar or similar means and must be used to prevent dog egress into unauthorized areas. The remote tracking device(s) would include Global Positioning System (GPS) or telemetry tracking.

2. through 11. No change.

(17) Escambia River Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~22-25~~ 23-26 and December ~~8~~ 9 through January ~~30~~ 31.
2. Archery – October ~~20~~ 21 through November ~~18~~ 19.
3. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~1-3~~ 2-4.
4. Archery and muzzleloading gun – January 31 through February 10 ~~1-11~~.
5. Small game – November ~~10-21~~ 11-22, November ~~26~~ 27 through December ~~7~~ 8 and January 31 ~~February 1~~ through March ~~3~~ 4.
6. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~9-10~~ 10-11.
7. Spring turkey – March ~~16~~ 17 through April ~~21~~ 22.
8. Fox, ~~raccoon~~, opossum and bobcat – November 1 through July 31 except during spring turkey season.
9. No change.
10. Wild hog-dog – July ~~13-15~~ 14-16, August ~~10-12~~ 11-13 and September ~~14-16~~ 8-10, ~~2018~~ 2017, and May ~~10-12~~ 11-13 and June ~~14-16~~ 8-10, ~~2019~~ 2018.
11. No change.
12. Raccoon – Throughout the year except during the spring turkey season.

(b) No change.

(c) Camping: Allowed throughout the area (except where posted as no camping), but not to exceed 14 days within any consecutive 30-day period. A permit from the Northwest Florida Water Management District is required if camping within any designated campground. ~~In the remainder of the area, camping is limited to 14 consecutive days and prohibited where posted as no camping.~~ Camping is limited to tents, trailers or self-propelled camping vehicles only. Kitchen stoves, refrigerators and freezers are prohibited, unless contained in mobile campers. Lumber, sheet metal or other building materials are prohibited.

(d) General regulations:

1. No change.
2. Taking wildlife with dogs, other than bird dogs or retrievers, is prohibited in that portion of the area north of State Road 184 in Santa Rosa County, and north of Cedartown Road and Daffin Road in Escambia County, except that dogs may be used ~~on Parker and Morgan islands~~ at night to take raccoon and any dog may be used to take wild hog during the wild hog-dog season.
3. through 4. No change.
5. Hunting raccoon as specified by paragraph 68A-24.002(2)(b), F.A.C., is allowed during the raccoon season ~~Raccoon may be taken by the use of firearms from November 1 through March 1 only.~~
6. through 8. No change.

(18) Tyndall AFB Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – October ~~20~~ 21 through November ~~21~~ 22 during days specified by the Installation Commander.
2. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~1-7~~ 2-8.
3. General gun – November ~~22-25~~ 23-26 and December ~~8~~ 9 through February ~~17~~ 18 during days specified by the Installation Commander.
4. Supervised youth – October ~~20~~ 21 through December 31 (only in areas and during days designated by the Installation Commander).
5. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~9-10~~ 10-11 in areas specified by the Installation Commander.
6. Spring turkey – March ~~16~~ 17 through April ~~21~~ 22 during days specified by the Installation Commander.
7. Small game – November ~~10~~ 11 through March ~~3~~ 4 during days specified by the Installation Commander.
8. through 10. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(19) Choctawhatchee River Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – October ~~20~~ 21 through November ~~18~~ 19.
2. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~1-3~~ 2-4.

3. General gun – November ~~22-25~~ ~~23-26~~ and December ~~8~~ ~~9~~ through January ~~30~~ ~~31~~ except Holmes Creek Unit and East River Island.

4. Small game – November ~~10-21~~ ~~11-22~~, November ~~26~~ ~~27~~ through December ~~7~~ ~~8~~ and ~~January 31~~ ~~February 1~~ through March ~~3~~ ~~4~~.

5. Archery and muzzleloading gun – ~~January 31 through~~ February ~~10~~ ~~1-11~~. Holmes Creek Unit and East River Island November ~~22-25~~ ~~23-26~~ and December ~~8~~ ~~9~~ through February ~~10~~ ~~11~~.

6. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~9-10~~ ~~10-11~~.

7. Spring turkey – March ~~16~~ ~~17~~ through April ~~21~~ ~~22~~ only in that portion of the area south of the pipeline right-of-way located up river (north) of Cedar Log Landing (Walton County) and Billy Lee Landing (Washington County). March ~~16-18~~ ~~17-19~~ and March ~~29-31~~ ~~30 through April 1~~ in that portion of the area north of the pipeline right-of-way.

8. through 9. No change.

10. Trapping – December 1 through March 1 in still hunt areas and ~~January 31~~ ~~February 1~~ through March 1 in dog hunt areas.

(b) No change.

(c) Camping: Allowed throughout the area (except where posted as no camping), but not to exceed 14 days within any consecutive 30-day period. A permit from the Northwest Florida Water Management District is required if camping within any designated campground. ~~In the remainder of the area, camping is limited to 14 consecutive days and prohibited where posted as no camping.~~ Camping is and limited to tents, trailers or self-propelled camping vehicles only. Kitchen stoves, refrigerators and freezers are prohibited, unless contained in mobile campers. Lumber, sheet metal or other building materials are prohibited.

(d) No change.

(20) Chipola River Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open seasons, except in the Altha Tract:

1. Archery – October ~~20~~ ~~21~~ through November ~~18~~ ~~19~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~1-3~~ ~~2-4~~.

3. General gun – November ~~22-25~~ ~~23-26~~ and December ~~8~~ ~~9~~ through January 1.

4. Small game – November ~~10-21~~ ~~11-22~~, November ~~26~~ ~~27~~ through December ~~7~~ ~~8~~ and January ~~9~~ ~~2~~ through March ~~3~~ ~~4~~.

5. Archery and muzzleloading gun – January ~~5-6~~ ~~6-7~~ and ~~12-13~~ ~~13-14~~.

6. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~9-10~~ ~~10-11~~.

7. Spring turkey – March ~~16~~ ~~17~~ through April ~~21~~ ~~22~~.

8. through 11. No change.

12. Wild hog-still – July ~~13-15~~ ~~14-16~~, August ~~10-12~~ ~~11-13~~ and September ~~14-16~~ ~~8-10~~, ~~2018~~ ~~2017~~, and May ~~10-12~~ ~~11-13~~ and June ~~14-16~~ ~~8-10~~, ~~2019~~ ~~2018~~.

(b) Open seasons in the Altha Tract:

1. Archery – October ~~20-26~~ ~~21-27~~ and October ~~27~~ ~~28~~ through November ~~4~~ ~~5~~.

2. Family hunt – November ~~22-25~~ ~~23-26~~.

3. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~1-3~~ ~~2-4~~.

4. Small game – ~~December 8~~ ~~January 6~~ through March ~~3~~ ~~4~~ (Saturdays and Sundays only).

5. Spring turkey – March ~~16-18~~ ~~17-19~~, March ~~29-31~~ ~~30 through April 1~~ and April ~~12-14~~ ~~13-15~~.

6. through 7. No change.

(c) No change.

(d) Camping: Prohibited, except at designated campsites by permit from the Northwest Florida Water Management District, but not to exceed 14 days within any consecutive 30-day period. Camping is limited to tents, trailers or self-propelled camping vehicles only. Kitchen stoves, refrigerators and freezers are prohibited, unless contained in mobile campers. Lumber, sheet metal or other building materials are prohibited.

(e) No change.

(21) Yellow River Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open seasons:

1. Archery – October ~~20-24~~ through November ~~18-19~~.
2. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~1-3-2-4~~.
3. General gun – November ~~22-25-23-26~~ and December ~~8-9~~ through January ~~30-31~~.
4. Small game – November ~~10-21-11-22~~, November ~~26-27~~ through December ~~7-8~~ and ~~January 31~~ ~~February 1~~ through March ~~3-4~~.
5. Archery and muzzleloading gun – ~~January 31 through~~ February ~~10-11~~.
6. Spring turkey – March ~~16-17~~ through April ~~21-22~~.
7. through 8. No change.
9. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~9-10-10-11~~.
10. Trapping – December 1 through March 1.
11. Wild hog-still – July 13-15, August 10-12, and September 7-9, 2018, and May 10-12 and June 7-9, 2019.

(b) No change.

(c) Camping: Allowed throughout the area (except where posted as no camping), but ~~for no more than 14 consecutive days at a time and~~ not to exceed 14 days within any consecutive 30-day period. Camping is limited to tents, trailers or self-propelled camping vehicles only. Kitchen stoves, refrigerators and freezers are prohibited, unless contained in mobile campers. Lumber, sheet metal or other building materials are prohibited.

(d) General regulations:

1. Vehicles may be operated only on named or numbered roads except vehicular access is prohibited from May through September on Holt Enhancement Road, North Holt Cross Road, ~~and~~ South Holt Cross Road, ~~Haiseal Road~~ and Cotton Creek Road.

2. Taking wildlife with dogs, other than bird dogs or retrievers, is prohibited, except that dogs may be used to hunt raccoon and opossum during the general gun and small game seasons and any dog may be used to take small game during the small game season. The take of wild hog with dogs is prohibited. Only wild hog may be taken during the wild hog-still season.

3. through 5. No change.

(22) Econfina Creek Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season except in the mobility-impaired, Cat Creek and Fitzhugh Carter areas.

1. Archery – October ~~20-24~~ through November ~~18-19~~.
2. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~1-3-2-4~~.
3. General gun – November ~~22-25-23-26~~ and December ~~8-9~~ through January ~~30-31~~.
4. Small game – November ~~10-21-11-22~~, November ~~26-27~~ through December ~~7-8~~ and ~~January 31~~ ~~February 1~~ through March ~~3-4~~.
5. Archery and muzzleloading gun – ~~January 31 through~~ February ~~10-11~~.
6. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~9-10-10-11~~.
7. Spring turkey – March ~~16-17~~ through April ~~21-22~~.
8. Raccoon – November ~~10-11~~ through March ~~8-9~~ and April ~~22-23~~ through July 31.
9. through 11. No change.

(b) Open seasons in the mobility-impaired hunt area (area south of County Road 388):

1. General gun – November ~~23-25-24-26~~, January ~~11-13-12-14~~, ~~18-20-19-21~~, ~~January 25-27-26-28~~ and January ~~30-31~~ through February ~~1-2~~.
2. Spring turkey – March ~~16-17-17-18~~, ~~22-24-23-25~~, ~~March 29-31-30~~ through ~~April 1~~, and April ~~5-7-6-8~~, ~~12-14-13-15~~ and ~~19-21-20-22~~.
3. No change.
4. Small game – February 2-3, 8-10, 15-17, 22-24, and March 1-3.

(c) Open seasons in the Cat Creek (area south of State Road 20 and north of County Road 388) and Fitzhugh Carter (area west of State Road 77) areas:

1. Archery – October ~~20-26-24-27~~ and October ~~27-28~~ through November ~~4-5~~.
2. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~1-3-2-4~~.

3. General gun – November ~~22-25~~ ~~23-26~~, January ~~19-22~~ ~~20-23~~ and January ~~23-27~~ ~~24-28~~.

4. Small game – November 10-21, 26-30, December 4 through January 18, and January 28 through March 3 (Cat Creek area) and December ~~8-23~~ ~~9-24~~ (Fitzhugh Carter area).

5. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~9-10~~ ~~10-11~~.

6. Spring turkey – March ~~16-18~~ ~~17-19~~, March ~~29-31~~ ~~30~~ through April 4 and April ~~12-14~~ ~~13-15~~.

7. through 8. No change.

(d) No change.

(e) Camping: Prohibited, except at designated campsites by permit from the Northwest Florida Water Management District, but not to exceed 14 days within any consecutive 30-day period. Camping is limited to tents, trailers or self-propelled camping vehicles only. Kitchen stoves, refrigerators and freezers are prohibited, unless contained in mobile campers. Lumber, sheet metal or other building materials are prohibited. Through hikers Hikers using the Florida National Scenic Trail may camp at designated hike-in campsites along the trail without obtaining a camping permit.

(f) General regulations:

1. through 11. No change.

12. Northern bobwhite may be released and taken by shotgun during the small game season provided each individual or group participating possesses a daily permit and proof (including the name and address of the vendor and date of purchase) that the northern bobwhite were purchased within the past 90 days from a game farm licensed by the Commission or another state. The release of northern bobwhite is allowed only on that portion of the area north of State Road 20 and east of Highway 77.

12. renumbered 13. No change.

(23) Box-R Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – October ~~20-26~~ ~~21-27~~ and October ~~27~~ ~~28~~ through November 4 ~~5~~.

2. Small game – November ~~10-18~~ ~~11-19~~.

3. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~1-3~~ ~~2-4~~.

4. General gun – November ~~22-25~~ ~~23-26~~, January ~~10-13~~ ~~11-14~~, ~~17-20~~ ~~18-21~~ and ~~24-27~~ ~~25-28~~.

5. Wild hog-still – December ~~8-14~~ ~~9-15~~.

6. Wild hog-dog – July ~~13-15~~ ~~14-16~~, August ~~10-12~~ ~~11-13~~ and September ~~14-16~~ ~~8-10~~, ~~2018~~ ~~2017~~, and May ~~10-12~~ ~~11-13~~ and June ~~14-16~~ ~~8-10~~, ~~2019~~ ~~2018~~.

7. Spring turkey – March ~~16-19~~ ~~17-20~~, March ~~28-31~~ ~~29~~ through April 4 and April ~~11-14~~ ~~12-15~~.

8. through 9. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(24) Lafayette Creek Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – October ~~20-26~~ ~~21-27~~ and October ~~27~~ ~~28~~ through November 4 ~~5~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~1-3~~ ~~2-4~~.

3. Family hunt – November ~~22-25~~ ~~23-26~~.

4. General gun – January ~~19-22~~ ~~20-23~~ and ~~23-27~~ ~~24-28~~.

5. Small game – November 10-21, 26-30, December 4 through January 18, January 28-31, and March 1-3 ~~December 8 through January 14 (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).~~

6. Spring turkey – March ~~16-18~~ ~~17-19~~ and March ~~22~~ ~~23~~ through April ~~21~~ ~~22~~ (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).

7. through 10. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers, except that deer and turkey may not be taken during the wild hog-still season. Taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with two or more points is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. ~~Only wild hog may be taken during wild hog-still season.~~

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 6. No change.

7. Northern bobwhite may be released and taken by shotgun during the small game season provided each individual or group participating possesses a daily permit and proof (including the name and address of the vendor and date of purchase) that the northern bobwhite were purchased within the past 90 days from a game farm licensed by the Commission or another state.

(25) Wakulla Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – October ~~13-15 14-16, 19-21 20-22, 26-28 27-29~~, and November ~~2-4 3-5 and 9-11 10-12~~.

2. Archery and muzzleloading gun – November ~~23-25 24-26~~, December ~~7-9 8-10, 21-23 22-24~~, January ~~4-6 5-7 and 18-20 19-21~~.

3. Small game – January ~~21 22~~ through February ~~17 18~~.

4. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~9-10 10-11~~.

5. Spring turkey – March ~~16 17~~ through April ~~21 22~~ (Saturdays and Sundays only).

6. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 3. No change.

~~4. Only shotguns and bows are allowed for taking turkey during the spring turkey season.~~

5. through 7. renumbered 4. through 6. No change.

(26) Perdido River Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – October ~~20 21~~ through November ~~18 19~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~1-3 2-4~~.

3. Family hunt – November ~~22-25 23-26~~ and January ~~4-6 5-7~~.

4. General gun – January ~~12-18 13-19 and 19-27 20-28~~.

5. Archery and muzzleloading gun – January 31 through February 10 11.

6. Small game – November 19-21, 26-30, December 4 through January 3, January 7-11, 28-30, February 11 through March 3 ~~December 5 through January 3~~.

7. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~9-10 10-11~~.

8. Spring turkey – March ~~16-24 17-25~~ and March ~~25 26~~ through April ~~7 8~~.

9. through 11. No change.

(b) No change.

(c) Camping: Prohibited, except at designated campsites by permit from the Northwest Florida Water Management District, but not to exceed 14 days within any consecutive 30-day period. Camping is limited to tents, trailers or self-propelled camping vehicles only. Kitchen stoves, refrigerators and freezers are prohibited, unless contained in mobile campers. Lumber, sheet metal or other building materials are prohibited.

(d) No change.

(27) Juniper Creek Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Family hunt – November ~~23-25 24-26~~, December 24-26, December 31 through January 2, January ~~18-20 19-21~~ and February ~~1-3 2-4~~.

2. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~9-10 10-11, 23-24 24-25~~ and April ~~6-7 7-8~~.

3. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(28) Beaverdam Creek Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – October ~~20 21~~ through November ~~18 19~~.

2. Small game – November ~~10-21 11-22~~, November ~~26 27~~ through December ~~7 8~~ and January 31 ~~February 1 through March 3 4~~.

3. Family hunt – November ~~22-25~~ 23-26.
4. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~1-3~~ 2-4.
5. General gun – December ~~8~~ 9 through January ~~30~~ 31.
6. Archery and muzzleloading gun – January ~~31~~ through February ~~10~~ 1-11.
7. Spring turkey – March ~~16-19~~ 17-20 and March ~~27-31~~ 28 through ~~April 1~~.
8. Wild hog-dog – July ~~13-15~~ 14-16, August ~~10-12~~ 11-13 and September ~~14-16~~ 8-10, ~~2018~~ 2017, and May ~~10-12~~ 11-13 and June ~~14-16~~ 8-10, ~~2019~~ 2018.

9. through 11. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(29) Escribano Point Wildlife Management Area

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~22-25~~ 23-26, January ~~19-22~~ 20-23, and January ~~23-27~~ 24-28 and February ~~1-4~~.
2. Archery – October ~~20-26~~ 21-27 and October ~~27~~ 28 through November ~~4~~ 5.
3. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~1-3~~ 2-4.
4. Archery and muzzleloading gun – February ~~9-11~~.
- ~~5.4.~~ Spring turkey – March ~~16-18~~ 17-19, March ~~29-31~~ 30 through ~~April 1~~, and April ~~5-7~~ 6-8 and ~~19-21~~ 20-22.
- ~~6.5.~~ Small game – November ~~10-21~~ 11-22, November ~~26~~ 27 through ~~November 30~~ December 1, December ~~4~~ 5 through January ~~18~~ 19, and January ~~28-31~~, February ~~5-8~~, and February ~~12~~ 29 through March ~~3~~ 4.

6. renumbered 7. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(30) Plank Road Wildlife Management Area

(a) Open season:

1. September duck – In the September seasons established by Rule 68A-13.003, F.A.C.
2. Archery – September 28-30, October 5-7, 12-14, and 19-21.
3. Muzzleloading gun – October 27-29.
4. Family hunt – November 17-18.
5. General gun – November 3-5, 22-25, and December 7-9.
6. Mobility-impaired general gun – November 30 through December 3.
7. Small game – December 10 through March 3.
8. Youth turkey – March 9-10.
9. Spring turkey – March 16-18 and April 5-6, and 19-21.
10. Fishing and frogging – Throughout the year.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, wild turkey (bearded turkey or gobblers only), fish, frogs and furbearers. Taking antlered deer not having at least one antler with two or more points is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. During the family hunt, the bag limit shall be two deer per permit, only one of which may be antlerless.

(c) Camping: Prohibited except at designated campsites.

(d) General regulations:

1. Public access allowed year round but only from 1.5 hours before sunrise until 1.5 hours after sunset.
2. Taking wildlife with dogs, other than bird dogs or retrievers, is prohibited, except any dog may be used to take small game during the small game season.
3. Vehicles may be operated only on designated roads, except by mobility-impaired hunters during mobility-impaired hunts, and shall enter and exit only at designated entrances.
4. The use of airboats, tracked vehicles or all-terrain vehicles on the area is prohibited, except as authorized by the Florida Forest Service. However, mobility-impaired hunters may use all-terrain vehicles on established roads, trails, and firebreaks during the mobility-impaired general gun season without obtaining separate authorization from the Florida Forest Service.
5. On mobility-impaired hunts, only one non-hunting assistant and a guest permit holder are allowed to accompany each mobility-impaired quota permit holder as provided in Rule 68A-15.005, F.A.C.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2018

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