

**Background Report
Draft Rule 68A-9.007
Agenda Item 12.C.
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DRAFT RULE

RULE NO: 68A-9.007

RULE TITLE: Special-use Permits; Short-term Use Permits; Fees;
Special-Opportunity Hunting and Fishing.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose of the proposed rule amendment is to revise regulations pertaining to special-use permits and special-opportunity hunting and fishing. The effect of the proposed rule amendment will be to enable the agency to better manage fish and wildlife resources.

SUMMARY: The proposed rule amendment would change the \$35 special-opportunity dove hunt permit to allow for a host hunter and youth hunter to each take a daily bag limit of doves. The \$45 special-opportunity dove hunt combination permit would then no longer need to be issued. And revise area specific regulations as follows:

Tosohatchee WMA – Technical Correction: correct the daily use fee for Tosohatchee WMA. The proposed rule amendment would list the daily use fee as \$3 instead of the \$4 that is currently stated.

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-9.007 Special-use Permits; Short-term Use Permits; Fees; Special-Opportunity Hunting and Fishing.

Special-use permits, short-term use permits, and fees for such permits are hereby established as follows:

(1) No change.

(2) The Commission establishes fees for special-use permits and non-refundable application fees for limited entry (special hunting and fishing) opportunities as follows:

(a) Special-opportunity hunting and fishing permits:

1. through 2. No change.

3. The fee for a special-opportunity dove hunt permit is \$35 per day. Under a special-opportunity dove hunt permit, one minor under 16 years of age may accompany an adult permittee and may hunt under the supervision and in the presence of the permittee as specified in Section 790.22, F.S., provided that the permittee and minor may each take one daily bag limit of doves ~~collectively may take only one daily bag limit~~. Notwithstanding other provisions in this chapter, the minor shall be considered to be in possession of a permit for the purpose of access to the special-opportunity dove hunt.

~~4. The fee for a special-opportunity dove hunt combination permit is \$45 per day. Under the combination permit, one minor under 16 years of age may accompany an adult permittee and may hunt under the supervision and in the presence of the permittee as specified in Section 790.22, F.S., provided that the permittee and the minor may each take one daily bag limit of doves. Notwithstanding other provisions of this chapter, the minor shall be considered to be in the possession of a permit for the purpose of access to the special-opportunity dove hunt.~~

5. through 9. renumbered 4. through 8. No change.

(b) No change.

(3) No change.

(4) The Commission establishes short-term permits and fees as follows:

(a) through (b) No change.

(c) Tosohatchee WMA.

1. A daily-use permit for all outdoor recreational activities (including camping) other than hunting is ~~\$3~~ \$4 per person.

2. through 7. No change.

(d) No change.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2018

Rulemaking Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. Law Implemented Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const., 379.354 FS. History—New 9-15-96, Amended 1-9-97, 6-1-97, 4-12-98, 4-15-99, Formerly 39-9.007, Amended 7-1-00, 5-13-02, 7-1-06, 8-22-06, 7-1-07, 7-1-08, 7-1-10, 4-1-15, 7-29-15, 7-1-17, 7-1-18.