

**STATE OF FLORIDA**  
**FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 26-30**

**BEAR HARVEST PERMITS FOR THE  
EAST PANHANDLE, NORTH, CENTRAL,  
AND SOUTH BEAR HARVEST ZONES**

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 9, of the Florida Constitution, and Florida Administrative Code Rule 68A-12.012(1)(c), the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission hereby sets the maximum number of bear harvest permits for the East Panhandle, North, Central and South Bear Harvest Zones (BHZ) for the 2026 bear hunting season as follows, which shall supersede and replace any previous executive orders establishing the number of bear harvest permits.

- 1) The maximum number of bear harvest permits for the 2026 Bear Season are as follows:

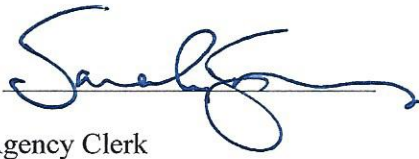
| Bear Harvest Zone | Statewide<br>Bear Hunt<br>Program | Private Lands Bear Harvest<br>Program | Total |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------|
| East Panhandle    | 78                                | 10                                    | 88    |
| North             | 31                                | 4                                     | 35    |
| Central           | 21                                | 4                                     | 25    |
| South             | 63                                | 4                                     | 67    |
| <b>Totals</b>     | 193                               | 22                                    | 215   |

- 2) The maximum number of permits for each program and harvest zone shall not be exceeded.
- 3) This order will expire on December 31, 2026.

**Specific Authority:** Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution  
**Law Implemented:** Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution  
Florida Administrative Code Rule 68A-12.012

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF  
THE FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION  
COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA  
THIS 26<sup>th</sup> DAY OF AUGUST 2026.

ATTEST:

  
Agency Clerk

  
Roger A. Young  
Executive Director

APPROVED as to form and legality:

/s/ Brooke Adams

Commission Attorney

