

# MEMORANDUM



**To:** Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commissioners

**From:** Thomas Eason, Ph.D., Director, Division of Habitat and Species Conservation

**Date:** February 8, 2017

**Subject:** Consent Agenda – Revise Rule 68A-27.003(1), F.A.C. Florida’s Endangered and Threatened Species List

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**Purpose:**

Staff will propose revisions to Rule 68A-27.003, the Florida Endangered and Threatened Species List, to reflect recent changes to the status designations for federally-listed species which were made by the federal government.

**Summary:**

Rule 68A-27.0012(1), F.A.C. states “If a species native to Florida is added or reclassified under the ESA, and is a species within the Commission’s constitutional authority, the species shall be so listed or reclassified in the Florida Endangered and Threatened Species rule pursuant to the notice provisions on Subsection 120.54(6), F.S., relating to adoption of federal standards.” The U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service has recently added under the ESA the following species to the Federal List of Endangered and Threatened Species: Miami tiger beetle (*Cicindelida floridana*) as endangered and Suwannee moccasinshell (*Medionidus walkeri*) as threatened. These revisions keep the Federally-designation Endangered and Threatened Species component of the Florida Endangered and Threatened Species List consistent with current Federal designations.

**Staff Recommendation:**

Staff recommends noticing revisions to Rule 68A-27.003(1), F.A.C. to add these species to Federally-designated Endangered and Threatened component of Florida’s Endangered and Threatened Species List under the Adoption of Federal Standards provisions of Chapter 120.54(6), F.S., and adopting these revisions with no further public hearings.

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