

# 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 68-1.003 (11), F.A.C. Grants Program

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## **Purpose:**

Staff will propose updating Subsection 11 of the Commission's Grant Program Rule (68-1.003) which refers to Florida's State Wildlife Grant Program Guidelines as well as a Budget Form and an Application Form. These documents were last revised in 2014. The update is to change the dates of the referenced documents to 2017 and add a second budget form.

## **Summary:**

The proposed amendment would address revisions and reformatting to Florida's State Wildlife Grants Program Guidelines, Budget Forms, and Application Form. These revisions would remove obsolete language and references, provide updated language and references, clarify differences between and procedures of Florida's State Wildlife Grants program and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Competitive State Wildlife Grants Program, and include new requirements for complete proposals to address changes in 2 CFR 200 and the Federal Grants Tracking System.

The Notice of Development of Rulemaking was published on November 22, 2016. Stakeholders and partners that have shown interest in Florida's State Wildlife Grants Program were emailed with a summary of the proposed changes on November 29, 2016. The Program received one request for additional information on the proposed revisions. No significant concerns with the proposed revisions have been brought to the Program's attention.

## **Staff Recommendation:**

Staff recommends noticing revisions to Rule 68-1.003 (11), F.A.C. to remove obsolete language and reference updated language and documents, and adopting these revisions with no further public hearings.

## **Staff Contact and/or Presenter:**

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