

Background Report
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RULE NO.: 68A-15.065

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

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose of the proposed rule amendment is to revise specific area regulations on wildlife management areas (WMAs) in the Northeast Region and conform date changes to calendar year. 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 amendments would adjust season dates to conform to calendar year and revise specific area regulations on wildlife management areas (WMAs) in the Northeast Region.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

68A-15.065 Specific Regulations for Wildlife Management Areas – Northeast Region.

(1) Herky Huffman/Bull Creek Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~3-4~~ 4-5 and November ~~5~~ 6 through December ~~30~~ 31.
2. Small game – ~~December 31~~ January 1 through March ~~3~~ 4.
3. Spring turkey – March ~~16~~ 17 through April ~~21~~ 22.
4. Archery – September ~~15-16~~ 16-17 and September ~~17~~ 18 through October ~~14~~ 15.
5. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~20-22~~ 21-23.
6. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~9-10~~ 10-11.
7. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. Hunters shall enter and exit at a designated entrance, check in and out at a check station and check all game taken. ~~During small game season, hunters shall check in and out using self check boxes located at each designated entrance and record all game taken.~~ Persons hunting and entering via the designated walk-in entrances on the Crabgrass Road Creek portion of the area shall have a daily permit issued from the check station in their possession (except during the small game season). Persons engaging in recreational activities other than hunting shall enter and exit at a designated entrance and register at the check station upon entering and exiting the area, except persons hiking through on the Florida National Scenic Trail.

2. through 5. No change.

6. Hunting equipment may be taken onto the area until 8 a.m. seven days prior to the opening of the season and shall be removed from the WMA before 6 p.m. seven days following the close of the season.

(2) Ocala Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~10~~ 11 through January ~~6~~ 7 (Pipeline, Lake Delancy and Hopkins Prairie units only-);

2. General gun dog – November ~~10~~ 11 through ~~18~~ 19 (Church Lake Unit only-);

3. General gun still – November ~~24~~ 25 through December ~~2~~ 3 (Church Lake Unit only-);

4. Small game – December ~~3~~ 4 through March ~~3~~ 4 (Church Lake Unit only) and January ~~7~~ 8 through March ~~3~~ 4 (Pipeline, Lake Delancy and Hopkins Prairie units only-);

5. Archery – September ~~22~~ 23 through October ~~21~~ 22.

6. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~26-28~~ 27-29, in the Church Lake, Hopkins Prairie and Lake Delancy units only.

7. Fox, opossum, bobcat and raccoon – November ~~10~~ 11 through April ~~14~~ 15.

8. No change.

9. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~9-10, 10-11~~ (~~Lake Delaney Unit only.~~)

10. Spring turkey – March ~~21-24 22-25~~, March ~~28-31 29~~ through April ~~1~~, April ~~4-7 5-8~~ and ~~11-14 12-15~~.

11. through 14. No change.

(b) Legal to take:

1. No change.

2. Furbearing animals – During the November ~~10 11~~ through March 1 period, hunting as specified in paragraph 68A-24.002(2)(b), F.A.C., is allowed only in the Pipeline and Church Lake units. Raccoons may also be hunted, with dogs only, from March ~~4 5~~ through April ~~14 15~~ only in that portion of the Pipeline Unit south of S.R. 40 and west of S.R. 19. The hunting of fox and bobcat by the use of dogs only shall be allowed from January ~~7 8~~ through April ~~14 15~~, only in that portion of the Pipeline Unit south of S.R. 40 and west of S.R. 19.

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 4. No change.

5. Dogs may be used to pursue rabbits from January ~~7 8~~ through April ~~14 15~~ in that portion of the Pipeline Unit south of S.R. 40 and west of S.R. 19.

6. No change.

(e) No change.

(3) Richloam Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~17-25 18-26~~ and November ~~26 27~~ through January ~~13 14~~.

2. Spring turkey – March ~~16-24 17-25~~ and March ~~25 26~~ through April ~~21 22~~.

3. Archery – October ~~13 14~~ through November ~~11 12~~.

4. No change.

5. Trapping – January ~~14 15~~ through March 1.

6. Wild hog-dog – April ~~26-28, May 24-26~~ and June ~~21-23~~ (east of CR 471 only) ~~27-29~~.

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

8. through 9. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 5. No change.

6. Wild hog-dog hunts shall begin at 12:01 a.m. on the first day of the hunt and end at 11:59 p.m. on the last day of the hunt.

7. Wild hog may be taken during wild hog-dog hunts at night by the aid of a light with a firearm provided that no wild hog shall be shot until bayed by dogs. The hunting of wild hog by display or use of a light from a moving vehicle, boat or animal is prohibited.

6. through 8. renumbered 8. through 10. No change.

(4) Richloam Wildlife Management Area – Baird Unit.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – October ~~27-30, 28-31~~ and October 31 through November ~~4 1-5~~ and November 5-11 6-12.

2. Muzzleloading gun – November ~~17-19 18-20~~.

3. General gun – January ~~13-16 15-18~~ and 18-22 19-23.

4. No change.

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

6. Spring turkey – March ~~16-18 17-19, 22-24 23-25~~ and ~~29-31~~ March 30 through April 1.

7. Small game – February ~~2 3~~ through March ~~3 4~~.

8. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(5) Three Lakes Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~3-4 4-5~~ and November ~~5 6~~ through December ~~30 31~~.

2. Small game – December 31 ~~January 1~~ through March ~~3 4~~.

3. Spring turkey – March ~~16-17~~ through April ~~21-22~~.
4. Archery – September ~~15-16~~ ~~16-17~~ and September ~~17-18~~ through October ~~14-15~~.
5. No change.
6. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~20-22~~ ~~21-23~~.
7. General gun for mobility impaired – October ~~26-28~~ ~~27-29~~.
8. General gun-dog – December ~~6-9~~ ~~7-10~~ and ~~27-30~~ ~~28-31~~.
9. through 10. No change.

11. Raccoon – January ~~11-13~~ ~~12-14~~, ~~18-20~~ ~~19-21~~ and ~~25-27~~ ~~26-28~~ (from 1.5 hours before sunset on Friday until 1.5 hours after sunrise on Sunday) in that area between the Florida Turnpike and US 441 only.

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

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, alligators as specified in Rule 68A-25.042, F.A.C., frogs and furbearers. The take of wild hog is prohibited during small game season and general-gun dog season. Taking quail is prohibited on the quail enhancement area (that portion of the area lying east of the Florida Turnpike) 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. 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, except by persons less than 16 years of age. During the general gun for mobility-impaired season, the bag limit for antlerless deer is one per certified mobility-impaired hunter and only certified mobility-impaired hunters are allowed to take antlerless deer. The take of antlerless deer is prohibited during the archery season.

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 11. No change.

12. Hunting equipment may be taken onto the area after 8 a.m. seven days prior to the opening of the season and shall be removed from the area by 6 p.m. seven days following the close of the season.

(e) No change.

(6) Three Lakes Wildlife Management Area – Prairie Lakes Unit.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~28-30~~ ~~29~~ through October ~~1~~ and October ~~5-7~~ ~~6-8~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~26-28~~ ~~27-29~~.

3. General gun – November ~~16-18~~ ~~17-19~~ and ~~23-25~~ ~~24-26~~.

4. Small game – December ~~8~~ ~~9~~ through January ~~6~~ ~~7~~.

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

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

7. No change.

8. Wild hog-still – November 30 through December ~~2~~ ~~1-3~~ and January ~~11-13~~ ~~12-14~~, ~~25-27~~ ~~26-28~~ and February ~~22-24~~ ~~23-25~~.

9. through 10. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(7) Tiger Bay Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~3-11~~ ~~4-12~~ and November ~~12~~ ~~13~~ through December ~~30~~ ~~31~~.

2. Archery – September ~~15~~ ~~16~~ through October ~~14~~ ~~15~~.

3. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~20-22~~ ~~21-23~~.

4. Small game – ~~December 31~~ ~~January 1~~ through March ~~3~~ ~~4~~.

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

6. Spring turkey – March ~~16-19~~ ~~17-20~~, March ~~28~~ ~~29~~ through April ~~1~~ ~~2~~ and April ~~11-14~~ ~~12-15~~.

7. through 8. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(8) Tiger Bay Wildlife Management Area – Rima Ridge Unit.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~10-18~~ ~~11-19~~.

2. Archery – September ~~22 23~~ through October ~~7~~ 8.
3. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~26-28 27-29~~.
4. Small game – November ~~22 23~~ through December ~~30 31~~.
5. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~9-10 40-41~~.
6. Spring turkey – March ~~16-18 47-49~~, ~~March 29-31 30~~ through April ~~1~~ and April ~~12-14 43-45~~.
7. through 8. No change.
- (b) through (d) No change.
- (9) Tosohatchee Wildlife Management Area.
- (a) Open season:
 1. Archery – October ~~4-7 5-8~~ and ~~11-14 42-45~~.
 2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~25-28 26-29~~ and November ~~1-4 2-5~~.
 3. General gun – November ~~15-18 46-49~~ and ~~23-25 24-26~~.
 4. Spring turkey – March ~~16-18 47-49~~, ~~March 29-31 30~~ through April ~~1~~ and April ~~12-14 43-45~~.
 5. Wild hog-dog – January ~~11-17 42-48~~ and February ~~8-14 9-15~~.
 6. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(10) Seminole Ranch Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – October ~~5-7 6-8~~ and ~~12-14 43-45~~.
2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~26-28 27-29~~ and November ~~2-4 3-5~~.
3. General gun – November ~~16-18 47-49~~.
4. Small game – November ~~24-25 25-26~~, December ~~1-2 2-3~~, ~~8-9 9-10~~ and January ~~5-6 6-7~~.
5. Spring turkey – March ~~16-18 47-49~~, ~~22-24 23-25~~ and ~~March 29-31 30~~ through April ~~1~~.
6. Wild hog-dog – January ~~26-27 27-28~~ and January ~~28 29~~ through February ~~1 2~~.
7. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~9-10~~.

7. renumbered 8. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 5. No change.

~~6. During the spring turkey season only shotguns are allowed for the taking of turkey.~~

7. through 10. renumbered 6. through 9. No change.

(11) Jumper Creek Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~15 46~~ through October ~~14 45~~.
2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~20-22 21-23~~.
3. General gun – November ~~3-11 4-12~~ and November ~~12 43~~ through December ~~30 31~~.
4. Small game – ~~December 31 January 1~~ through March ~~3 4~~.
5. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~9-10 40-41~~.
6. Spring turkey – March ~~16 47~~ through April ~~21 22~~.

7. through 8. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(12) Rock Springs Run Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~28-30 29~~ through October ~~1~~ and October ~~5-7 6-8~~.
2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~20-22 21-23~~ and ~~26-28 27-29~~.
3. General gun – November ~~9-11 40-42~~ and ~~16-18 47-49~~.
4. Small game – December ~~1-2 2-3~~, ~~8-9 9-10~~ and January ~~5-6 6-7~~.
5. No change.

(b) Legal to take: Only deer, ~~and~~ wild hog ~~and~~ coyote may be taken during the archery, general gun and muzzleloading gun seasons, except bear may be taken during those portions of the muzzleloading gun season that coincide with the open season established for the Central BMU in Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C. 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, except by persons less than 16 years of age. Only rabbit, gray squirrel, wild hog, coyote and bobwhite quail may be taken during the small game season. The bag limit for deer shall be one antlered and one antlerless deer per quota permit. During the muzzleloading gun and general gun seasons, antlerless deer may be taken only by antlerless deer permit.

(c) through (d) No change.

(13) Guana River Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~16-18~~ ~~17-19~~ and ~~23-25~~ ~~24-26~~.
2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~20-22~~ ~~21-23~~ and ~~26-28~~ ~~27-29~~.
3. Archery – October ~~5-7~~ ~~6-8~~ and ~~12-14~~ ~~13-15~~.
4. Small game – November 30 through December ~~2~~ ~~1-3~~, December 7-9 ~~8-10~~, January ~~4-6~~ ~~5-7~~, ~~11-13~~ ~~12-14~~, ~~18-20~~ ~~19-21~~ and ~~25-27~~ ~~26-28~~.
5. Spring turkey – March ~~16-18~~, ~~22-24~~ ~~23-25~~ and ~~March 29-31~~ ~~30 through April 1~~.
6. through 7. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers. One antlered and one antlerless deer may be taken per quota permit or per exempt hunter during the archery season. One antlered deer may be taken per quota permit or per exempt hunter during the muzzleloading gun and general gun seasons. 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, except by persons less than 16 years of age. Gobblers or bearded turkeys may be taken during the spring turkey season from one-half hour before sunrise until sunset. ~~Taking wild hog during the last two weekends of the small game season is prohibited.~~ Legal shooting hours for duck, light goose and coot: From the beginning of legal shooting hours established pursuant to Rule 68A-13.003, F.A.C., until noon. Turkey may only be taken during the spring turkey season. Only one turkey may be taken per quota permit.

(c) through (e) No change.

(14) Half Moon Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – October ~~5-7~~ ~~6-8~~ and ~~12-14~~ ~~13-15~~.
2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~26-28~~ ~~27-29~~.
3. General gun – November ~~10-12~~ ~~11-13~~ and ~~16-18~~ ~~17-19~~.
4. Small game – November 30 through December ~~16~~ ~~1-17~~.
5. Wild hog-still – January ~~11-13~~ ~~12-14~~, ~~18-20~~ ~~19-21~~ and ~~25-27~~ ~~26-28~~.
6. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~9-10~~ ~~10-11~~.
7. Spring turkey – March ~~16-18~~ ~~17-19~~, ~~22-24~~ ~~23-25~~ and ~~March 29-31~~ ~~30 through April 1~~.
8. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(15) Caravelle Ranch Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~22-30~~ ~~23 through October 1~~.
2. Supervised small game – October ~~6-14~~ ~~7-15~~.
3. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~26-28~~ ~~27-29~~.
4. General gun – November ~~7-11~~ ~~11-14~~ and ~~14-18~~ ~~15-19~~.
5. No change.
6. Small game – November ~~22~~ ~~23~~ through January ~~6~~ ~~7~~ (Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).
7. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~9-10~~ ~~10-11~~ (south of the Cross Florida Barge Canal only).
8. Spring turkey – March ~~20-24~~ ~~17-20~~ and ~~27-31~~ ~~24-25~~.
9. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 3. No change.
4. Hunters shall check in and out at the check station when entering and exiting the portion of the wildlife

management area south of C.R. 310 and west of S.R. 19 and the portion of the wildlife management area east of S.R. 19 within the WMA boundary area and shall check all game taken.

5. through 8. No change.

(16) Lake George Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~15~~ ~~16~~ through October ~~14~~ ~~15~~.
2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~26-28~~ ~~27-29~~ and November ~~2-4~~ ~~3-5~~.
3. General gun – November ~~10-13~~ ~~11-14~~, ~~14-18~~ ~~15-19~~ and ~~19-25~~ ~~20-26~~.
4. Small game – November ~~26~~ ~~27~~ through March ~~3~~ ~~4~~.
5. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~9-10~~ ~~10-11~~.
6. Spring turkey – March ~~16-19~~ ~~17-20~~, ~~March 28-31~~ ~~29~~ through ~~April 1~~ and April ~~11-14~~ ~~12-15~~.
7. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(17) Lake George Wildlife Management Area – Dexter/Mary Farms Unit.

(a) Open season:

1. Small game – November ~~24~~ ~~25~~ through December ~~9~~ ~~10~~ and December ~~22~~ ~~23~~ through January ~~6~~ ~~7~~.
2. Special-opportunity spring turkey – March ~~16-22~~ ~~17-23~~, March ~~30~~ ~~31~~ through April ~~5~~ ~~6~~ and April ~~13-19~~ ~~14-20~~.

3. No change.

4. Archery – September ~~22~~ ~~23~~ through October ~~7~~ ~~8~~.

5. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~26-28~~ ~~27-29~~.

6. General gun – November ~~10-18~~ ~~11-19~~.

(b) through (e) No change.

(18) Seminole Forest Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~22-25~~ ~~23-26~~ and ~~September 26-30~~ ~~27~~ through ~~October 1~~.
2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~26-28~~ ~~27-29~~.
3. General gun – December ~~1-4~~ ~~2-5~~ and ~~5-9~~ ~~6-10~~.
4. Small game – January ~~12-27~~ ~~13-28~~ (Saturdays and Sundays only).
5. Spring turkey – March ~~16-20~~ ~~17-21~~ and March ~~23-27~~ ~~24-28~~.
6. General gun for mobility-impaired – October ~~19-21~~ ~~20-22~~.
7. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(19) Triple N Ranch Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Wild hog-still – January ~~25-27~~ ~~26-28~~, February ~~1-3~~ ~~2-4~~, ~~8-10~~ ~~9-11~~ and ~~15-17~~ ~~16-18~~.
2. Special-opportunity deer – October ~~13-19~~ ~~14-20~~ and October ~~27~~ ~~28~~ through November ~~2~~ ~~3~~.
3. Special-opportunity muzzleloading gun – November 15-18.
4. ~~3.~~ Small game – November ~~24~~ ~~25~~ through January ~~20~~ ~~21~~.
5. ~~4.~~ Special-opportunity spring turkey – March ~~16-22~~ ~~17-23~~, March ~~30~~ ~~31~~ through April ~~5~~ ~~6~~ and April ~~13-19~~ ~~14-20~~.

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

(b) Legal to take: Antlered deer, wild hog and antlerless deer (by antlerless deer permit only) during the special-opportunity deer and special-opportunity muzzleloading gun seasons ~~season~~. One antlered deer may be taken per special-opportunity deer permit. Taking antlered deer not having at least one antler with four or more points is prohibited. Only wild hog may be taken during the wild hog-still season. The take of wild hog is prohibited during small game season. All legal small game and furbearers may be taken during the small game season. One gobbler (or bearded turkey) may be taken per special-opportunity spring turkey permit. Gobblers or bearded turkeys may be taken during the spring turkey season from one-half hour before sunrise until sunset.

(c) Camping: Allowed only at designated campsites and only during periods open to hunting and scouting. Camping equipment may be taken onto the area beginning at 2 p.m. on the day before the first scout day for the

season and shall be removed from the area before 6 p.m. one day following the close of the season. Only tents, trailers or self-propelled camping vehicles may be used for camping.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 5. No change.

6. Only individuals in possession of a special-opportunity fall permit may have vehicle access to the area on the Friday (only if camping), Saturday, Sunday the weekend prior to the hunt, and the Friday immediately preceding the hunt and one day after the hunt and only from sunrise to sunset on those days. Only individuals in possession of a special-opportunity spring turkey permit may have vehicle access to the area on the Wednesday (only if camping), Thursday and Friday preceding the hunt and only from 5:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Authorized hunting equipment may be taken onto the area during these times. During special-opportunity deer, small game and wild hog-still seasons, vehicle access is only allowed from 5:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m., except vehicle access after 8:00 p.m. is also allowed by hunters camping, but only to directly access campsites. One day prior to each small game and wild hog-still hunt, only individuals participating in the hunt are allowed vehicle access and only from sunrise to sunset. During special-opportunity spring turkey season, vehicle access is only allowed from 4:30 a.m. until 9:00 p.m., except vehicle access is also allowed by hunters camping, but only to directly access campsites.

7. through 8. No change.

(20) Etoniah Creek Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~22 23~~ through October ~~7 8~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~20-22 21-23~~ and October ~~26-28 27-29~~.

3. General gun – November ~~8-11 9-12, 15-18 16-19~~ and ~~22-25 23-26~~.

4. Small game – November ~~26 27~~ through the first weekend in January.

5. Spring turkey – March ~~16-19 17-20, 22-25 23-26~~ and ~~March 29-31 30~~ through ~~April 1~~.

6. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(21) Little Big Econ Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~28 29~~ through October ~~4 5~~, October ~~5-11 6-12~~ and ~~12-20 13-21~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – November ~~2-4 3-5~~ and ~~9-11 10-12~~.

3. General gun – November ~~16-18 17-19, 23-25 24-26~~ and November 30 through December 2 1-3.

4. Small game – December ~~8-23 9-24~~.

5. Spring turkey – March ~~16-19 17-20, 21-24 22-25~~ and ~~March 28-31 29~~ through ~~April 1~~.

6. Youth turkey – March 9-10.

6. through 7. renumbered 7. through 8. No change.

(b) No change.

(c) Camping: Prohibited except as authorized by the Florida Forest Service.

(d) No change.

(22) Lake Panasoffkee Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Special-opportunity spring turkey – March ~~21-24 22-25~~, April ~~2-5 3-6~~ and ~~18-21 19-22~~.

2. Special-opportunity archery – September ~~20-23 21-24~~, October ~~2-5 3-6, 11-14 12-15, 23-26 24-27~~, November ~~1-4 2-5, 13-16 14-17~~, December ~~4-7 5-8~~ and ~~13-16 14-17~~.

3. Wild hog-still – January ~~11-13 12-14~~.

4. Wild hog-dog – January ~~25-27 26-28~~ and February ~~22-24 23-25~~.

5. Small game – February ~~1-3, 2-4~~ and ~~8-10 9-11~~ and March 1-3.

6. through 7. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(23) Ross Prairie Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~21-23 22-24~~.

2. Supervised small game – October ~~13-19 14-20~~, November ~~17-23 18-24~~, December ~~15-21 16-22~~ and January

12-18 13-19.

3. Spring turkey – March 22-24 23-25.

(b) through (d) No change.

(24) Buck Lake Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September 22-30 23 through ~~October 1~~ and October 6-12 7-13.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October 26-28 27-29.

3. General gun – November 10-13 11-14 and 15-19 16-20.

4. Small game – December 1-16 2-17.

5. Spring turkey – March 16-19 17-20 and 21-25 22-26.

6. Wild hog-still – December 28 29 through January 27 28.

7. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(25) Fort Drum Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Special-opportunity deer – October 27 28 through November 2 3.

2. Small game – December 8-23 9-24.

3. Special-opportunity spring turkey – March 16-22 17-23, March 30 31 through April 5 6 and April 13-19 14-20.

4. Wild hog-still – November 9-11 10-12, 16-18 17-19, 23-25 24-26; January 29-31 30 through ~~February 1~~ and February 5-7 6-8.

5. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(26) Gores Landing Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September 22 23 through October 7 8.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October 26-28 27-29.

3. General gun – November 10-18 11-19.

4. Small game – December 1-31 2-17.

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

6. Spring turkey – March 16-19 17-20 and 20-24 21-25.

7. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers. 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, except by persons less than 16 years of age. During archery, muzzleloading gun, and general gun seasons, the bag limit for deer shall be one per person, but not more than two per quota permit. ~~The take of wild hog is prohibited during small game season.~~ During the spring turkey season, one gobbler (or bearded turkey) may be taken per person, but not more than two per quota permit.

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. No change.

2. Hunting with dogs is prohibited except any dog may be used to take small ~~small~~ game during the small game season.

3. through 4. No change.

(27) Seminole Forest Wildlife Management Area – Lake Tracy Unit.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September 20-23 21-24 and September 27-30 28 through ~~October 1.~~

2. Muzzleloading gun – October 25-28 26-29.

3. General gun – November 8-11 and 15-18 9-12.

4. Wild hog-still – ~~November 17-19,~~ December 7-9, 14-16 15-17 and January 11-13 12-14.

5. Small game – January 4-6 5-7, 18-20 19-21 and 25-27 and February 1-3 and 8-10 26-28.

6. Spring turkey – March ~~16-18 17-19~~ and ~~22-24 23-25~~.

7. Youth turkey hunt – March 9-10.

7. through 8. renumbered 8. through 9. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(28) Upper St. Johns River Marsh Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~15 16~~ through October ~~14 15~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~20-28 21-29~~.

3. General gun – November ~~3 4~~ through January ~~13 14~~.

4. Small game – January ~~14 15~~ through March ~~3 4~~.

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

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

7. through 9. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, furbearers, fish, and frogs. 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, except by persons less than 16 years of age. Antlerless deer may be taken during the period November ~~17-18 18-19~~. Turkey of either sex may be taken during the muzzleloading gun season. Gobblers or bearded turkey may be taken during the general gun season only from November ~~3 4~~ through December ~~30 31~~.

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 5. No change.

6. Hunting with dogs is prohibited except bird dogs may be used during the ~~small game~~, duck and coot seasons, and dogs may be used for small game during the small game season and wild hog hunting during the first 14 days of the small game season.

7. through 11. No change.

(29) Dunns Creek Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~22 23~~ through October ~~7 8~~ and November ~~17-25 18-26~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~27 28~~ through November ~~4 5~~.

3. General gun – December ~~6-9 and 13-16 7-10~~.

4. Wild hog-still – January ~~19-27 20-28~~.

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.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs, and furbearers. 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, except by persons less than 16 years of age. During archery season, the bag limit for deer shall be one antlered and one antlerless deer per quota permit. During muzzleloading gun and general gun seasons ~~season~~, the bag limit for deer shall be one antlered deer per person, but not more than two antlered deer per quota permit. Only wild hogs may be taken during the wild hog-still season.

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 8. No change.

~~9. Taking wildlife with rimfire or centerfire rifles or pistols is prohibited during the wild hog still season.~~

10. renumbered 9. No change.

(30) Salt Lake Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~22-30 23~~ through October ~~1~~ and October ~~1-7 2-8~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~26-28 27-29~~.

3. General gun – November ~~10-13 11-14~~ and ~~14-18 15-19~~.

4. Small game – December ~~7-9 8-10~~, ~~14-16 15-17~~; January ~~4-6 5-7~~, ~~11-13 12-14~~, ~~25-27 26-28~~; February ~~1-3 2-4~~, ~~8-10 9-11~~, ~~15-17 16-18~~, ~~22-24 23-25~~.

5. Wild hog-dog – January ~~17-20~~ ~~18-21~~.
6. Spring turkey – March ~~16-19~~ ~~17-20~~ and ~~20-24~~ ~~21-25~~.
7. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(31) Matanzas Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~22-28~~ ~~23-29~~, September ~~29~~ ~~30~~ through October ~~7~~ ~~8~~ and October ~~8-14~~ ~~9-15~~.
2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~26-28~~ ~~27-29~~ and November ~~2-4~~ ~~3-5~~.
3. Family hunt – November ~~10-11~~ ~~11-12~~.
4. General gun – November ~~12-18~~ and ~~20-26~~ ~~13-19~~.
5. Wild hog-still – December ~~1-7~~ ~~2-8~~ and ~~8-16~~ ~~9-17~~.
6. Small game – December 31 through January ~~22~~ ~~8-23~~.
7. Spring turkey – March ~~16-19~~ ~~17-20~~, ~~March 28-31~~ ~~29 through April 1~~ and April ~~4-7~~ ~~5-8~~.
8. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(32) Lake Monroe Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. through 2. No change.
3. Furbearers – During the zonal antlered deer season only except that bobcat and otter may be taken only after November 30~~December 1~~.
4. through 5. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(33) Charles H. Bronson Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~28~~ ~~29~~ through October ~~4~~ ~~5~~, October ~~5-11~~ ~~6-12~~ and ~~12-20~~ ~~13-21~~.
2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~26-28~~ ~~27-29~~ and November ~~2-4~~ ~~3-5~~.
3. General gun – November ~~9-11~~ ~~10-12~~, ~~16-18~~ ~~17-19~~ and November 30 through December ~~2~~ ~~1-3~~.
4. Small game – December ~~8-16~~ ~~9-17~~ and January ~~5-11~~ ~~6-12~~.
5. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~9-10~~ ~~10-11~~.
6. Spring turkey – March ~~16-19~~ ~~17-20~~, ~~22-25~~ ~~23-26~~ and March ~~29~~ ~~30~~ through April ~~1~~ ~~2~~.
7. through 8. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers. 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, except by persons less than 16 years of age. During the archery season, the bag limit for deer shall be two deer per quota permit, only one of which may be an one antlered and one antlerless deer, per quota permit. During the muzzleloading gun and general gun seasons, the bag limit for deer shall be two antlered deer per quota permit. During the spring turkey season, one gobbler (or bearded turkey) may be taken per quota hunt permit.

(c) through (d) No change.

(34) Marshall Swamp Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~15-21~~ ~~16-22~~, ~~22-28~~ ~~23-29~~, September ~~29~~ ~~30~~ through October ~~5~~ ~~6~~, and October ~~6-12~~ ~~7-13~~ and ~~13-21~~ ~~14-22~~.
2. Muzzleloading gun – November ~~2-4~~ ~~3-5~~.
3. General gun – November ~~16-18~~ ~~17-19~~, ~~23-25~~ ~~24-26~~ and November 30 through December ~~2~~ ~~1-3~~.
4. No change.
5. Spring turkey – March ~~16-18~~ ~~17-19~~, ~~22-24~~ ~~23-25~~ and ~~March 29-31~~ ~~30 through April 1~~.
6. through 7. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

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