

BACKGROUND REPORT
Draft Rules
Summary of Proposed Rule Changes
Advertised in September - October, 2012
With Public Comments
Agenda Item 11 A
December 6, 2012

(A) 68A-1.004 Definitions - The proposed rule amendment would amend the definition of steel trap to allow the use of mole and pocket gopher traps without a permit.

Summary of Comments Received:

12 individuals and 1 organization supported the rule amendment. 1 supported the rule amendment for moles only. 4 individuals did not support the rule amendment with 2 of those individuals citing the ecological importance of pocket gophers.

Total 17 individuals
1 organization: Feather Chasers

(B) 68A-9.004 Permits for Hunting or Other Recreational Use on Wildlife Management Areas - The proposed rule amendment would require a permit for special events on lands where the Commission is landowner or lead land manager; define a special event as one that is in violation of Commission rules, requires Commission resources (personnel or equipment), requires additional infrastructure, or would have significant impacts on cultural or natural resources; and would allow the Commission to impose such reasonable permit conditions to assure that the use or activity authorized will limit liability to the Commission and protect fish, wildlife, natural and cultural resources.

Summary of Comments Received:

6 individuals supported the initial rule amendment. 5 individuals supported the rule amendment with modifications and 23 individuals had concerns and did not support the rule amendment as first proposed, citing concerns about keeping regulations simple and not over regulating. Commission staff has revised the initial proposed rule amendment, clarified rule intent and has conducted outreach to organizations such as adventure racing, trail and equestrian groups likely to hold events that could require a permit under the proposed rule. Overall response to the proposal from these organizations has been supportive.

Total 34 individuals

(C) 68A-12.002 General Methods of Taking Game; Prohibitions - The proposed rule amendment would allow the use of airguns to take rabbit and squirrel.

Summary of Comments Received:

48 individuals supported the rule amendment. 18 individuals supported the rule amendment with modifications such as minimum muzzle velocity and caliber, assurance of ethical harvest and the addition of other wildlife such as quail, turkey, wild hogs and furbearers. 3 individuals and 1 organization did not support the rule amendment citing concerns about ethical harvest, potential for wounding, excessive harvest and illegal harvest.

Total 69 individuals
1 organization: Animal Rights Foundation of Florida

(D) 68A-13.004 Open Season for Taking and Bag Limits for Non-Migratory Game and Issuance of Antlerless Deer Permits. - The proposed rule amendment would adjust Zone D to include that portion of Wakulla County located south of U.S. Highway 98, east of Spring Creek and west of the Wakulla and St Marks rivers.

Summary of Comments Received:

4 individuals supported the rule amendment. 2 individuals supported the rule amendment with modifications to use Woodville Hwy as part of the boundary and to include all of the Apalachicola WMA in zone D. 5 individuals did not support the rule amendment or made unrelated comments.

Total 11 individuals

(E) 68A-15.004 General Regulations Relating to Wildlife Management Areas - The proposed rule amendments would allow permit conditions to be included as necessary (on areas where camping permits are required by specific area rule) to protect natural and historical resources in campgrounds, minimize conflicts among area users in the campground, maintain public safety, ensure compliance with health department county codes and offer a fair opportunity to obtain a campsite.

Note: An FWC camping issue team is working to improve the camping experience on wildlife management areas. The team has conducted a statewide survey of WMA permit holders and found that respondents identified late night noise, lack of access to campsites, crowding and safety (primarily theft) as problems on the campgrounds that the respondents used. Permit conditions could be used to address these issues. The use of permits to promote a family friendly atmosphere was supported by 85% of respondents (36% supported without qualification, 49% supported dependent on specific provisions of the permit) and 15% did not support. Total respondents: 2,183.

(F) 68A-15.005 Quota Permits; Antlerless Deer Permits; Special-Opportunity Permits - The proposed rule amendment would allow for a different guest to obtain a guest permit on different days of a single hunt, but continue to limit this to one guest per day; require unused permits to be returned 10 days prior to the hunt to receive reinstatement of preference points; allow returned permits be reissued on a weekly basis; allow some unused permits for mobility-impaired hunts to be reissued at the check station; and delete the sunset provision that provides for guest permits and non-transferable quota permits.

Summary of Comments Received:

29 individuals and 1 organization support the rule amendment. 12 individuals supported the rule amendment with modifications to allow two deer per quota permit, remove the ten day requirement to return permit, change the returned permits requirement from ten days to one week, keep the current requirement for returned permits, don't allow a guest permit, don't reissue quota permits on a weekly basis, decrease the quota application periods so permits can be issued sooner, allow the guest permittee to hunt without the quota permit holder on the area, and move the issuance of first-come, first-served permits from 10 a.m. to the evening hours. 4 individuals did not support the rule amendment citing a desire to return to transferable quota permits.

Total 45 individuals
1 organization: Fulltrack Conservation Club of Dade County

(G) 68A-15.061 Specific regulations for Wildlife Management Areas - Southwest Region. - The proposed rule changes would revise or establish specific area regulations on WMAs in the Southwest region as follows:

(1) **Fred C. Babcock/Cecil M. Webb WMA** - allow year-round use of vehicles on Tucker Grade, Tram Grade and road number 6; and establish a raccoon and opossum season during the month of February.

Summary of Comments Received:

7 individuals and 1 organization supported the rule amendment. 1 individual supported the addition of the raccoon season, but not opening the roads. 1 individual did not support the rule amendment. 1 individual did not support opening the roads.

Total 10 individuals
1 organization: Southwest Florida Outdoorsmen's Association

(2) **Fred C. Babcock/Cecil M. Webb WMA, Yucca Pens Unit** - establish a raccoon and opossum season during the months of February and March; and allow the use of horses year-round.

Summary of Comments Received:

2 individuals supported the rule amendment. 1 individual supported the rule amendment, but made unrelated comments.

Total 3 individuals

(3) **Green Swamp WMA** - issue quota permits for the wild hog-dog hunts at the check station; allow three hunters to hunt per each daily quota permit during wild hog-dog season; relocate the check station and campground during the wild-hog dog hunts from the Rock Ridge road entrance to the highway 471 entrance; and prohibit the use of dogs for hunting wild hog except during the wild hog-dog hunts.

Summary of Comments Received:

2 individual supported the proposed rule amendment. 1 individual did not support the rule amendment citing the potential for overcrowding during the hog hunts.

Total 3 individuals

(4) **Hickory Hammock WMA**- prohibit the use of dogs for hunting wild hog.

Summary of Comments Received:

2 individual supported the proposed rule amendment. 1 individual did not support the rule amendment.

Total 3 individuals
0 organizations

(5) **Hilochee WMA** - allow the use of horses year-round; and prohibit the use of dogs for hunting wild hog.

Summary of Comments Received:

1 individual supported the rule amendment. 5 individuals did not support year-round equestrian use. 2 individuals did not support the prohibition of hunting hogs with dogs. 1 individual supported equestrian use.

Total 8 individuals

(6) **Hilochee WMA, Osprey Unit** - convert the second archery hunt to a muzzleloading gun hunt; add antlered deer with at least 3 points on one side as legal to take during the archery and muzzleloading gun hunts; reduce the quota from 40 to 10 (no exemptions) for the archery and muzzleloading gun hunts; allow a bag limit of one antlered deer per quota permit during the archery and muzzleloading gun hunts; increase the length of all hunts, except youth turkey, from two days to three days; and allow the use of horses year-round except during wild hog-dog season.

Summary of Comments Received:

1 individual supported the rule amendment. 3 individuals supported the rule amendment with modifications to keep the quotas the same, prohibit horses during hunts and to add the muzzleloader hunt as an additional hunt. 2 individuals did not support the rule amendment and suggested the muzzleloading gun hunt should be added as an additional hunt and that horses should not be allowed during hunts.

Total 6 individuals

(7) **KICCO WMA** - limit vehicle access to those persons with authorization from the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD); require campers to obtain a permit from the SFWMD; prohibit campfires except within fire rings; and prohibit the use of dogs for hunting wild hog during small game season.

Summary of Comments Received:

2 individuals supported the rule amendment. 1 individual did not support the rule amendment. 2 individuals did not support the prohibition of hunting hogs with dogs. 1 individual did not support the camping permit requirement.

Total 6 individuals

(8) **Lake Marion Creek WMA** - limit vehicle access to those persons with authorization from the South Florida Water Management District; and prohibit the use of dogs for hunting wild hog.

Summary of Comments Received:

1 individual supported the rule amendment. 1 individual did not support the rule amendment. 2 individuals did not support the vehicle access amendment. 1 individual did not support the prohibition of hunting hogs with dogs.

Total 5 individuals

(9) **Lower Hillsborough WMA (new)** - establish a new wildlife management area (2,775 acres) with the following open seasons: four 3-day family hunts (quota of 5, no exemptions) and two 3-day youth turkey hunts (quota of 5, no exemptions); allow the take of deer, wild hog, turkey, small game, furbearers, fish and frogs; allow a bag limit of one antlered and one antlerless per family quota permit; allow a bag limit of one gobbler or bearded turkey per youth turkey quota permit; allow camping by permit only; prohibit hunting with dogs; prohibit vehicles except in parking areas and for access to the camping area by persons with a camping permit; prohibit the use of airboats, tracked vehicles, swamp buggies, all-terrain vehicles, and unlicensed and unregistered motorcycles; prohibit public access from 1.5 hours after sunset until 1.5 hours before sunrise unless camping; and prohibit fires except in the camping area.

Summary of Comments Received:

2 individual supported the rule amendment. 1 individual supported the rule amendments and suggested the addition of an archery hunt. 1 individual did not support the rule amendment.

Total 4 individuals

(10) **Upper Hillsborough WMA** - prohibit the use of dogs for hunting wild hog except during wild hog-dog season.

Summary of Comments Received:

2 individual supported the rule amendment. 2 individuals did not support the rule amendment.

Total 4 individuals

(11) **Walk-in-the-Water WMA** - prohibit the use of dogs for hunting wild hog during small game season.

Summary of Comments Received:

2 individuals supported the rule amendment. 1 individual did not support the rule amendment.

Total 3 individuals

(12) **Weekiwachee WMA (new)** - establish a new wildlife management area (2,850 acres) with the following open season: five 6-day archery hunts (quota of 10, no exemptions); allow the take of antlered deer, wild hog, small game, furbearers, fish and frogs; allow a bag limit of two antlered deer per quota permit; prohibit camping on the area; prohibit hunting with dogs; prohibit vehicles except in the parking area; prohibit the use of airboats, tracked vehicles, swamp buggies, all-terrain vehicles, unlicensed and unregistered motorcycles, and horses; prohibit public access from 1.5 hours after sunset until 1.5 hours before sunrise; and prohibit fires.

Summary of Comments Received:

5 individuals supported the rule amendment. 1 individual did not support the rule amendment.

Total 6 individuals

(H) 68A-15.062 Specific Regulations for Wildlife Management Areas – North Central Region –The proposed rule changes would revise or establish specific area regulations on WMAs in the North Central Region as follows:

(1) **Andrews WMA** - allow the take of furbearers during family hunts.

Summary of Comments Received:

Total No Comments

(2) **Cedar Key Scrub WMA** - allow the use of handguns for hunting.

Summary of Comments Received:

1 individual supported the rule proposal.

Total 1 individual

(3) **Citrus WMA** - add the special September duck season.

Summary of Comments Received:

Total No Comments

(4) **Devil’s Hammock WMA** - allow the take of frogs; allow the take of gray squirrel, rabbit, quail, armadillo and migratory birds in season during the family hunt; and allow the take of furbearers during the family hunt and archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun and small game seasons.

Summary of Comments Received:

Total No Comments

(5) **Grove Park WMA** - expand the general gun season from 58 to 65 days and begin on opening day of statewide antlered deer season (Zone C).

Summary of Comments Received:

2 individuals supported the rule proposal.

Total 2 individuals

(6) **Holton Creek WMA** - allow the take of furbearers during general gun mobility-impaired season.

Summary of Comments Received:

Total No Comments

(7) **Homosassa WMA** - group small game season dates from four hunts (23, 16, 4 and 4 days respectively) into two hunts (24 and 23 days respectively) with no change in the total of 47 days.

Summary of Comments Received:

Total No Comments

(8) **Little River WMA** - allow the take of furbearers.

Summary of Comments Received:

Total No Comments

(9) **Osceola WMA** - remove requirement to check harvested deer at a check station; expand the fox, raccoon, opossum and bobcat season from 53 days to 114 days and move from summer to the period concurrent with general gun and small game seasons.

Summary of Comments Received:

Total No Comments

(10) **Potts WMA** - prohibit vehicle operation from 1.5 hours after sunset until 1.5 hours before sunrise during periods open for hunting.

Summary of Comments Received:

1 individual supported the rule proposal.

Total 1 individual

(11) **Raiford WMA** - allow public access from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on the day preceding and the day following archery, muzzleloading gun and archery/muzzleloading gun seasons; and allow public access from 1.5 hours before sunrise until 1.5 hours after sunset on the day preceding youth spring turkey and spring turkey hunts.

Summary of Comments Received:

2 individuals supported the rule proposal; 1 of these individuals suggested changing the proposal to increase the period of additional public access to one week preceding and following these hunting seasons.

Total 2 individuals

(I) 68A-15.064 Specific Regulations for Wildlife Management Areas – South Region

(1) **Dinner Island Ranch WMA** - allow the take of wild hog during the entire small game season; start the small game season one week earlier and end the Sunday prior to the youth turkey hunt; and move the two hog-only family hunts from the first two weekends in December to the second and third weekends in October.

Summary of Comments Received:

6 individuals and 1 organization supported the rule amendments. 6 individuals and 1 organization supported the rule amendments with modifications to prohibit the take of wild-hog during small game season, limit take of wild-hog during small game season, allow the take of antlerless deer during the family hunts, and to close small game season two or three weeks prior to the youth turkey hunt. Two individuals did not support the rule amendments.

Total 14 individuals
2 organizations: Trail Lakes Conservationists, Florida Wildlife Federation

(2) **Everglades and Francis S. Taylor WMA** - allow bird dogs to be used for hunting when snipe is legal to take; and allow hunting equipment to be taken onto the area one day prior to archery season to one day following the close of general gun-vehicle season.

Summary of Comments Received:

4 individuals and 1 organization supported the rule amendments. 6 individuals and 2 organizations supported the rule amendments with modifications to allow more time for hunters to place and retrieve tree stands, allow more time for hunters to use all-terrain vehicles to place and retrieve tree stands, and prohibit the take of antlered deer not having at least one antler 5 inches or more in length. **Note: The proposed rule was modified to allow additional time for ATV use and removal of deer stands.**

Total 10 individuals
3 organizations: Trail Lake Conservationists, Florida Wildlife Federation, Fulltrack Conservation Club of Dade County

(3) **Holey Land WMA** - restrict the take of deer to only those with at least one antler having 2 or more points (each point 1-inch or more in length) and at least one antler 5 inches or more in length; allow bird dogs to be used for hunting when snipe is legal to take; and allow hunting equipment to be taken onto the area one day prior to archery season to one day following the close of general gun-vehicle season.

Summary of Comments Received:

4 individuals and 1 organization supported the rule amendments. 13 individuals and 2 organizations supported the rule amendments with modifications to allow more time for hunters to place and retrieve tree stands, allow more time for hunters to use all-terrain vehicles to place and retrieve tree stands, and prohibit the take of antlered deer not having at least one antler 5 inches or more in length. 2 individuals did not support the rule amendments. **Note: The proposed rule was modified to allow additional time for ATV use and removal of deer stands.**

Total 19 individuals

3 organizations: Trail Lake Conservationists, Florida Wildlife Federation, Fulltrack Conservation Club of Dade County

(4) **J.W. Corbett WMA** - allow the take of antlerless deer only during the last 9 days of archery season; and restrict the take of deer to only those with at least one antler having two or more points (each point 1 inch or more in length) and at least one antler 5 inches or more in length.

Summary of Comments Received:

16 individuals and 3 organizations supported the rule amendments. 5 individuals supported the rule amendments with modifications to limit take of antlerless deer per season to 15 by antlerless deer permit (45 permits in total), set a specific limit on antlerless deer take during archery season rather than limit the days, only allow youth to take antlerless deer, implement a 3-point antler restriction, and implement a 4-point antler restriction. 8 individuals supported the antlerless deer restriction for archery season but not the forked-antler restriction. 4 individuals supported the forked-antlerless restriction but not the antlerless deer restriction for archery season. 3 individuals did not support the rule amendments.

Total 36 individuals

3 organizations: Florida Wildlife Federation, Florida Sportsman's Conservation Association, Palm Beach County Airboat, Halftrack and Conservation Club

(5) **Picayune Strand WMA** - extend the small game season by 7 days and increase the bag limit for deer from one per quota permit to one per person, two per quota permit.

Summary of Comments Received:

3 individuals and 1 organization supported the rule amendments.

Total 3 individuals

1 organization: Florida Wildlife Federation

(6) **Rotenberger WMA** - restrict the take of deer to only those with at least one antler having 2 or more points (each point 1-inch or more in length) and at least one antler 5 inches or more in length; allow hunting equipment to be taken onto the area one day prior to archery season to one day following the close of general gun-vehicle season.

Summary of Comments Received:

4 individuals and 1 organization supported the rule amendments. 6 individuals and 2 organizations supported the rule amendments with modifications to allow more time for hunters to place and retrieve tree stands, allow more time for hunters to use all-terrain vehicles to place and retrieve tree stands, and prohibit the take of antlered deer not having at least one antler 5 inches or more in length. 1 individual did not support the rule amendments. **Note: The proposed rule was modified to allow additional time for ATV use and removal of deer stands.**

Total 11 individuals

3 organizations: Trail Lake Conservationists, Florida Wildlife Federation, Fulltrack Conservation Club of Dade County

(7) **Spirit-of-the-Wild WMA** - allow the take of wild hog during the entire small game season; and start the small game season one week earlier and end the Sunday prior to the youth turkey hunt.

Summary of Comments Received:

4 individuals and 1 organization supported the rule amendments. 1 individual supported the rule amendment with the modification to prohibit the take of wild hog during the small game season.

Total 5 individuals
1 organization: Florida Wildlife Federation

(J) 68A-15.065 Specific Regulations for Wildlife Management Areas - Northeast Region – The proposed rule changes would revise or establish specific area regulations on WMAs in the Northeast region as follows:

(1) **Buck Lake WMA** - allow the hunting of wild hog during small game season; remove the quota requirement from the two 4-day wild hog-still hunts; add an 18-day small game hunt in January; and allow the use of horses during small game season.

Summary of Comments Received:

1 individual supported the rule amendment. 1 individual did not support the rule amendment.

Total 2 individuals

(2) **Fort Drum WMA** - allow camping by permit only from St. Johns River Water Management District during non-hunting periods; allow the use of horses on named and numbered roads; and allow horses during small game season.

Summary of Comments Received:

1 individual supported the rule amendment. 1 individual supported the camping portion of the rule amendment, but did not support the horse portion of the rule amendment because he does not want to allow horses on the area. 1 individual did not support the rule amendment because he does not think horse use on the area is compatible with hunting.

Total 3 individuals

(3) **Guana River WMA** - reduce the quota during the archery, muzzleloading gun and general gun seasons from 100 to 60 due to overcrowding concerns; prohibit the use of cast nets or gigs within 50 yards of the water control structure located on the Guana Dam (instead of within 50 yards of the Guana Dam) to open up more area to cast netting.

Summary of Comments Received:

3 individuals supported the rule amendment, 1 citing that the quota reduction would improve the hunting quality on the area. 1 individual does not support this rule amendment because it reduces hunting opportunity and he prefers that we increase hunting opportunities available on the area.

Total 4 individuals

(4) **Lake George WMA** - allow the use of beagles to take small game during small game season.

Summary of Comments Received:

14 individuals supported the rule amendment. 1 individual does not support the rule amendment because he says it will impact the quality of his hunting experience.

Total 15 individuals

(5) **Lake Panasoffkee WMA** - allow the use of horses during small game season.

Summary of Comments Received:

1 individual supported the rule amendment. 1 individual does not support the rule amendment.

Total 2 individuals

(6) **Little Big Econ WMA** - add the special September duck season.

Summary of Comments Received:

2 individuals supported the rule amendment.

Total 2 individuals

(7) **Ocklawaha River WMA, Gores Landing Unit** - change the name of the management area to Gores Landing Wildlife Management Area.

Summary of Comments Received:

1 individual did not support the rule amendment.

Total 1 individual

(8) **Relay WMA** - remove the size and bag limits for wild hog.

Summary of Comments Received:

1 individual supported the rule amendment.

Total 1 individual

(9) **Richloam WMA** - add the special September duck season.

Summary of Comments Received:

2 individual supported the rule amendment.

Total 2 individuals

(10) **Richloam WMA, Baird Unit** - prohibit the use of dogs for hunting wild hog and start the general gun season two days later than it currently starts.

Summary of Comments Received:

1 individual supported the rule amendment. 1 individual supported the prohibition on the use of dogs for hunting wild hog, but did not support starting the general gun season two days later than it currently starts. 1 individual did not support the rule amendment citing concerns that dogs might chase hogs when they should be running deer and there is no way to prevent this unintended consequence from occurring.

Total 3 individuals

(11) **Rock Springs WMA** - allow the use of handguns for hunting.

Summary of Comments Received:

1 individual supported the rule amendment.

Total 1 individual

(12) **Salt Lake WMA** - allow the use of horses during small game season.

Summary of Comments Received:

1 individual supported the rule amendment.

Total 1 individual

(13) **Seminole Forest WMA, Lake Tracy Unit** - allow hunting of small game with bird dogs and dogs with a shoulder height of 15 inches or less during small game season; and add the special September duck season.

Summary of Comments Received:

4 individuals supported the rule amendment.

Total 4 individuals

(14) **Seminole Ranch WMA** - allow three hunters to hunt per each daily quota permit during wild hog-dog season.

Summary of Comments Received:

1 individual supported the rule amendment.

Total 1 individual

(15) **Tiger Bay WMA, Rima Ridge Unit** - allow the take of wild hog during small game season.

Summary of Comments Received:

2 individuals supported the rule amendment. 1 individual did not support the rule amendment stating that the area is overhunted and its deer and hog populations have been depleted.

Total 3 individuals

(16) **Tosohatchee WMA** - allow three hunters to hunt per each daily quota permit during wild hog-dog season.

Summary of Comments Received:

4 individuals supported the rule amendment.

Total 4 individuals

(17) **Twelve Mile Swamp WMA** - schedule the ending date of general gun season to always occur on the first Sunday in January.

Summary of Comments Received:

1 individual supported the rule amendment.

Total 1 individual

(18) **Upper St. Johns River Marsh WMA** - allow camping from 8 a.m. one day prior to archery season until 6 p.m. seven days after the close of spring turkey season; clarify that during periods closed to hunting, the St. Johns River Water Management District will regulate camping; and allow the use of dogs to take wild hog during the first 14 days of the small game season.

Summary of Comments Received:

3 individuals supported the rule amendment. 1 individual supported the rule amendment, but would like to be able to set up camp the weekend before archery season. 1 individual supported the rule amendment, but would like to have more hog hunting and camping opportunities. 1 individual supported the rule amendment, with the caveat that camping should be allowed during gator season and one week prior to archery season. 1 individual did not support the rule amendment.

Total 7 individuals

(K) 68A-17.004 General Regulations Relating to Wildlife and Environmental Areas - The proposed rule amendments would allow permit conditions to be included as necessary (on areas where camping permits are required by specific area rule) to protect natural and historical resources in campgrounds, minimize conflicts among area users in the campground, maintain public safety, ensure compliance with health department county codes and offer a fair opportunity to obtain a campsite.

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(L) 68A-17.005 Specific regulations for Wildlife and Environmental Areas - The proposed rule changes would revise or establish specific area regulations on WEAs as follows:

Southwest Region

(1) **Lake Wales Ridge WEA, Royce Unit** - allow persons to enter and exit the area at a designated entrances only; and allow public access from 1.5 hours before sunrise until 1.5 hours after sunset only.

Summary of Comments Received:

Total No Comments

North Central Region

(2) **Suwannee Ridge WEA** - allow the take of furbearers.

Summary of Comments Received:

Total No Comments

Northwest Region

(3) **L. Kirk Edwards WEA** - limit access to the WMA in the area east of Chaires Cross Road to only those authorized to participate in the hunt from ½ hour before sunrise to 1:00pm during spring turkey and youth turkey seasons.

Summary of Comments Received:

Total No Comments

South Region.

(4) **John G. and Susan H. Dupuis WEA** - Move the four 3-day wild hog-still weekend hunts (Friday-Sunday) back to weekdays (Tuesdays-Thursdays); add wild hog as legal to take during small game season; and allow small game and wild hog-still hunters to camp at Gate 3.

Summary of Comments Received:

5 individuals supported the rule amendments. 8 individuals supported the rule amendments with modifications to leave the wild hog-still hunts on the weekends and prohibit the take of wild hog during small game season. 3 individuals did not support the rule amendments.

Total 16 individuals