

Background Information
Agenda Item 5A-1
June 27-28, 2012

Notice of Change

FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Freshwater Fish and Wildlife

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

68A-4.009: Florida Black Bear Conservation

Notice is hereby given that the following changes have been made to the proposed rule in accordance with Section 120.54(3)(d)1., F.S., published in Vol. 38, No.15, April 13, 2012, issue of the Florida Administrative Weekly.

Proposed rule 68A-4.009 has been changed as follows:

(1) No change.

(2) The Commission will ~~may~~ issue permits authorizing intentional take of bears when it determines such authorization furthers ~~for~~ scientific or conservation purposes which will benefit the survival potential of the species. For purposes of this rule, a scientific or conservation purpose shall mean activities that further the conservation or survival of the species, including:

(a) Collection of scientific data needed for conservation or management of the species; and

(b) Removing bears from situations that constitute a human safety risk or a risk to the well being of the bear.

(3) The Commission will provide technical assistance to land owners and comments to permitting agencies in order to minimize and avoid potential negative human-bear interactions or impacts of land modifications on the conservation and management of black bears. The Commission will base its comments and recommendations on the goals and objectives of the approved Florida Black Bear M~~m~~anagement P~~p~~lan. The plan can be obtained at <http://MyFWC.com/bear/>.

No other changes were made to the rule amendments as proposed.