

**Background Report**  
**Final Rule 68A-15.062**  
**Agenda Item 5 C (1)**  
**June 27, 2012**

**FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**Freshwater Fish and Wildlife**

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

68A-15.062: Specific Regulations for Wildlife Management Areas – North Central Region

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose of the proposed amendment would revise specific area regulations on Big Bend Wildlife Management Area (WMA) – Spring Creek Unit to prohibit the take of wild hogs with dogs.

SUMMARY: The proposed rule amendment would prohibit the take of wild hog by the use of dogs on Big Bend WMA – Spring Creek Unit. Use of dogs is allowed during small game season and dogs are now being used to take hogs. This activity was not anticipated when hogs were made legal to take during small game season in 2010 and unintended consequences have been complaints regarding hog dog trespass onto private lands.

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE RATIFICATION:

The Agency has determined that this will not have an adverse impact on small business or likely increase directly or indirectly regulatory costs in excess of \$200,000 in the aggregate within one year after the implementation of the rule. A SERC has not been prepared by the agency.

The Agency has determined that the proposed rule is not expected to require legislative ratification based on the statement of estimated regulatory costs or if no SERC is required, the information expressly relied upon and described herein: the nature of the rule and the preliminary analysis conducted to determine whether a SERC was required.

Any person who wishes to provide information regarding a statement of estimated regulatory costs, or provide a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative must do so in writing within 21 days of this notice.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution n; Sections 379.2223, 375.313, Florida Statutes.

A HEARING WILL BE HELD AT THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE SHOWN BELOW:

DATE AND TIME: During the regular meeting of the Commission, June 27-28, 2012, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., each day.

PLACE: PGA National Resort & Spa, 400 Avenue of the Champions, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33418

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THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Diane R. Eggeman, Director, Division of Hunting and Game Management, Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, 620 South Meridian Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1600.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

**68A-15.062 Specific Regulations for Wildlife Management Areas – North Central Region.**

- (1) through (6) No change.
- (7) Big Bend Wildlife Management Area – Spring Creek Unit.
- (a) through (c) No change.
- (d) General regulations:
  - 1. through 7. No change.
  - 8. Taking wild hog by the use of dogs is prohibited.
- (8) through (41) No change.

**PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FOLLOWING COMMISSION ACTION.**

*Rulemaking Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. Law Implemented Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const., 379.2223, 375.313 FS. History—New 6-21-82, Amended 6-29-82, 7-1-83, 7-5-84, 10-1-84, 7-1-85, 5-7-86, 5-10-87, 5-1-88, 7-1-89, 12-19-89, 7-1-90, 7-1-91, 7-2-91, 7-2-92, 7-1-93, 7-1-94, 7-1-95, 7-1-96, 9-15-96, 6-1-97, 7-1-98, 7-2-98, 8-11-98, 12-28-98, 7-1-99, Formerly 39-15.065, Amended 12-20-99, 7-1-00, 12-26-00, 7-1-01, 6-2-02, 7-28-02, 5-1-03, 7-1-03, 10-12-03, 7-1-04, 7-1-05, 1-4-06, 7-1-06, 8-22-06, 7-1-07, 7-1-08, 7-1-09, 7-1-10, 7-1-11, 8-11-11, 7-1-12,\_\_\_\_\_.*

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