

**Background Report**  
**Big Cypress WMA – Stairsteps Unit - Draft Executive Order, 2012-2013**  
**Consent Agenda Item 3.**  
**June 27, 2012**

**Order Number: EO 12-06**

**Special regulations for the Stairsteps Unit of  
Big Cypress WMA**

The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission of the State of Florida, acting under the authority of Article IV, Section 9 of the Florida Constitution and as approved at the public meeting held on Wednesday June 27, 2012, hereby establishes special hunting regulations for the Stairsteps Unit of Big Cypress Wildlife Management Area for the 2012-2013 hunting season as follows:

- (1) The taking of white-tailed deer as referenced in Rule 68A-15.064 (5), F.A.C. is prohibited within Zone 4 of the Stairsteps Unit.
- (2) The bag limit for deer shall be 1 annually within Zone 3 of the Stairsteps Unit.
- (3) In Zone 3 of the Stairsteps Unit, the taking of deer not having at least one forked antler and having one or more antlers at least 5 inches in length visible above the hairline is prohibited. The forked antler shall have at least two points one inch or greater in length.
- (2) Any provisions of Rule 68A-15.064 (5), F.A.C., which are inconsistent herewith, are hereby superseded.

This order shall take effect upon signing and shall remain in effect until 11:59 p.m. on 30 June 2013 or until superseded by subsequent order or rule.

Specific Authority: Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution

Law Implemented: Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF THE  
FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION  
COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA,  
THIS \_\_\_\_ DAY OF JULY, 2012.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Nick Wiley  
Executive Director

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Agency Clerk