

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE
FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

DIVISION: Freshwater Fish and Wildlife

RULE NO: 68A-15.063

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

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose of the proposed rule amendment is to revise specific area regulations on Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) in the Northwest Region and conform to calendar year date changes. 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 amendment would adjust season dates to conform to calendar year changes and revise specific area regulations on Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) in the Northwest Region as follows:

Apalachicola WMA – Bradwell Unit – change the bag limit for deer from one antlered deer per quota permit to one antlered deer per person, but no more than two per quota permit during muzzleloading gun and general gun hunts; and change the bag limit for turkey from one gobbler (or bearded turkey) per quota permit to one gobbler (or bearded turkey) per person, but no more than two per quota permit during spring turkey hunts.

Aucilla WMA – change the bag limit for deer from one antlered deer per quota permit to one antlered deer per person, but no more than two per quota permit during muzzleloading gun and general gun hunts in the Pinhook still hunt area.

Beaverdam Creek WMA – change the bag limit for turkey from one gobbler (or bearded turkey) per quota permit to one gobbler (or bearded turkey) per person, but no more than two per quota permit during spring turkey hunts.

Blackwater WMA – Hutton Unit – change the bag limit for deer from one antlered deer per quota permit to one antlered deer per person, but no more than two per quota permit during muzzleloading gun and general gun hunts; and change the bag limit for turkey from one gobbler (or bearded turkey) per quota permit to one gobbler (or bearded turkey) per person, but no more than two per quota permit during spring turkey hunts.

Box-R WMA – change the bag limit for deer from one antlered deer per quota permit to one antlered deer per person, but no more than two per quota permit; and change the bag limit for turkey from one gobbler (or bearded turkey) per quota permit to one gobbler (or bearded turkey) per person, but no more than two per quota permit during spring turkey hunts.

Chipola River WMA – change the bag limit for deer from one antlered or one antlerless deer per quota permit to one antlered or one antlerless deer per person, but no more than two per quota permit during archery hunts in the Altha Tract; change the bag limit for deer from one antlered deer per quota permit to one antlered deer per person, but no more than two per quota permit during muzzleloading gun hunts in the Altha Tract; and change the bag limit for turkey from one gobbler (or bearded turkey) per quota permit to one gobbler (or bearded turkey) per person, but no more than two per quota permit during spring turkey hunts in the Altha Tract.

Additionally, the proposed rule amendment would provide non-substantive technical changes, such as grammatical corrections, language standardization, or clarification of an existing rule.

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS: *The agency has determined that this rule will ___ or will not X have an impact on small business. A SERC has ___ or has not X 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 the statement of estimated regulatory costs, or to provide a proposal for lower cost regulatory alternatives 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; 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 Commission's regular meeting February 13 - 14, 2013, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., each day.

PLACE: SeaWorld Park, 7007 SeaWorld Drive, Orlando, FL 32821.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 5 calendar days before the workshop/meeting by contacting the ADA Coordinator, at (850)488-6411. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency by calling (850)488-9542.

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 AS FOLLOWS:

68A-15.063 Specific Regulations for Wildlife Management Areas - Northwest Region.

(1) Apalachee Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~28 through December 1~~ ~~22-25~~ and December ~~14~~ ~~8~~ through February ~~16~~ ~~40~~ (Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays closed to hunting in Zones A and B, except hunting is allowed the Friday after Thanksgiving).

2. Archery – October ~~26~~ ~~20~~ through November ~~24~~ ~~48~~.

3. No change.

4. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~7-9~~ ~~1-3~~.

5. through 7. No change.

8. Quail (Zone A) – December ~~24~~ ~~48~~ through ~~February 2~~ ~~January 27~~ (Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays closed to hunting).

9. Spring turkey (Zones B and C) – March ~~15~~ ~~46~~ through April ~~20~~ ~~24~~ (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).

(b) through (d) No change.

(2) Apalachicola Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open seasons:

1. General gun – November ~~28 through December 1~~ ~~22-25~~ and December ~~14~~ ~~8~~ through ~~February 5~~ ~~January 30~~.

2. Small game – November ~~9-27~~ ~~40-24~~, ~~December 2-13~~ ~~November 26 through December 7~~ and ~~February 6~~ ~~January 31~~ through March ~~2~~ ~~3~~.

3. No change.

4. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~8-9~~ ~~9-10~~.

5. Spring turkey – March ~~15~~ ~~46~~ through April ~~20~~ ~~24~~.

6. Archery – October ~~26~~ ~~20~~ through November ~~24~~ ~~48~~.

7. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~7-9~~ ~~1-3~~.

8. Muzzleloading gun and archery – ~~February 6-16~~ ~~January 31 through February 10~~.

9. No change.

10. Fox, raccoon, opossum and bobcat – October 1 through March ~~2~~ ~~3~~ in that portion of the area in Liberty County lying west of State Road 65 (except in that portion of the area lying north and east of the Florida River and Larkins Slough) and in that portion in Leon County and Wakulla County south of State Road 267 bounded on the east by Forest Roads 313, F.H. 13 and 356, on the south by Forest Roads 349 and 357, on the west by Forest Roads 348 and F.H. 13, 309, 314 and 344.

11. Trapping – ~~February 6~~ ~~January 31~~ through March 1.

12. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers. Bearded turkeys or gobblers may be taken from November ~~28 through December 1~~ ~~22-25~~ and from December ~~14-25~~ ~~8-49~~. Killing quail is prohibited on the quail enhancement area (that portion of the area lying north of Oak Ridge Road, east of State Road 61 and U.S. Highway 319, south of State Road 263 and west of State Road 363) except by quail permit during the quail season. The bag limit for quail on the quail enhancement area is six (6) per quota permit.

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. Bird dogs may be trained from June 1 through March ~~2~~ 3, except on the quail enhancement area where bird dogs may be trained November 1 through December 31. Deer dogs may be trained from October ~~26~~ 27 through November ~~14~~ 15 in that portion of the area open to hunting fox, raccoon, opossum and bobcats.

2. through 8. No change.

(3) Apalachicola Wildlife Management Area – Bradwell Unit.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~28~~ through December ~~1~~ ~~22-25~~ and December ~~14-18~~ 8-12.

2. Archery – October ~~26~~ through November ~~1~~ ~~20-26~~ and November ~~2-10~~ ~~October 27~~ through November 4.

3. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~7-9~~ 1-3.

4. Family hunt – December 22-24, January ~~17-19~~ ~~18-20~~ and January ~~31~~ through February ~~2~~ 1-3.

5. Small game – November ~~9-17~~ ~~10-18~~ and December ~~28~~ ~~29~~ through January ~~5~~ 6.

6. Spring turkey – March ~~15-16~~ ~~16-17~~ and ~~28-30~~ ~~29-31~~.

7. Wild hog-dog – July ~~5-7~~ ~~6-8~~, August ~~2-4~~ ~~3-5~~ and September ~~6-8~~ ~~7-9~~, ~~2013~~ ~~2012~~, and May ~~2-4~~ ~~3-5~~ and June ~~6-8~~ ~~7-9~~, ~~2014~~ ~~2013~~.

8. Wild hog-still – July ~~19-21~~ ~~20-22~~, August ~~16-18~~ ~~17-19~~ and September ~~20-22~~ ~~21-23~~, ~~2013~~ ~~2012~~, and May ~~16-18~~ ~~17-19~~ and June ~~20-22~~ ~~21-23~~, ~~2014~~ ~~2013~~.

9. through 10. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers. The bag limit for antlered deer shall be one per quota permit during the archery season and one per person, but no more than two per quota permit during muzzleloading gun and general gun seasons. ~~During~~ ~~except that during~~ the family hunt, the bag limit shall be one antlered and one antlerless deer per quota permit. During spring turkey season, the bag limit for turkey shall be one gobbler or bearded turkey per person, but not more than two per quota permit. During the wild hog seasons, only wild hog may be taken.

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 5. No change.

6. During the wild hog-dog season, wild hog may be taken by the aid of a light with dogs and a firearm. The hunting of wild hog under this provision by display or use of a light from a moving vehicle, boat or animal is prohibited.

(4) Blackwater Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open seasons in the still hunt area (which includes that portion of the area south of State Road 4, except for the field trial area, and that portion of the area north of State Road 4, except for the dog hunt area).

1. General gun – November ~~28~~ through December ~~1~~ ~~22-25~~ and December ~~21~~ ~~15~~ through February ~~12~~ 6.

2. Family still hunt (only in that portion of the still hunt area north of State Road 4 and east of County Road 191) – December ~~14-15~~ 8-9.

3. Small game – November ~~9-27~~ ~~10-21~~, ~~December 2-20~~ ~~November 26~~ through December 14 and February ~~13~~ 7 through March ~~2~~ 3.

4. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~8-9~~ 9-10.

5. Spring turkey – March ~~15~~ ~~16~~ through April ~~20~~ 21.

6. Archery – October ~~26~~ ~~20~~ through November ~~24~~ 18.

7. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~7-9~~ 1-3.

8. Muzzleloading gun and archery – February ~~20~~ through March ~~2~~ 14-24.

9. through 13. No change.

(b) Open seasons in the dog hunt area (which includes that portion of the area north of State Road 4 and west of Three Notch Road, east of Mason West Road, and north of Camp Henderson Road; and that portion of the area north of State Road 4, west of Beaver Creek Highway and Hurricane Lake Road, and east of Belandville Road; and that portion of the area north of Forest Road R47, north of Eadie Cotton Road and Peaden Bridge Road, west of Sherman Kennedy Road, south of Mattie Kennedy Road and Kennedy Bridge Road, west of Bullard Church Road, and east of Beaver Creek Highway and Hurricane Lake Road):

1. General gun dog – November 28 through December 1 ~~22-25~~, December 21 through January 5 ~~15-30~~ and January 20 ~~14~~ through February 12 ~~6~~.
2. General gun still – January 6-19 ~~December 31 through January 13~~.
3. Family still hunt (only in that portion of the dog hunt area north of State Road 4 and east of County Road 191) – December 14-15 ~~8-9~~.
4. Small game – November 9-27 ~~10-21~~, December 2-20 ~~November 26 through December 14~~ and February 13 ~~7~~ through March 2 ~~3~~.
5. Youth turkey hunt – March 8-9 ~~9-10~~.
6. Spring turkey – March 15 ~~16~~ through April 20 ~~21~~.
7. Archery – October 26 ~~20~~ through November 24 ~~18~~.
8. Muzzleloading gun – December 7-9 ~~1-3~~.
9. Muzzleloading gun and archery – February 20 through March 2 ~~14-24~~.
10. Fox, raccoon, opossum and bobcat – May 1 through March 2 ~~3~~, in that portion of the dog hunt area east of Belandville Road.
11. through 14. No change.

(c) Open seasons in the field trial area (which includes that portion of the area bounded by Coldwater Creek on the northwest, the western boundary of Blackwater State Forest to the west and south, County Road 191 on the southeast, and on a line running west 3/4 mile from the intersection of County Road 191 and Coldwater Horse Trail, then north one mile and then three miles west to Coldwater Creek at a point 1/2 mile northeast of the Coldwater Recreation Area):

1. Archery – October 26 ~~20~~ through November 24 ~~18~~.
2. Muzzleloading gun and archery – January 17-19 ~~18-20~~.
3. through 5. No change.
6. Quail – February 3-4 ~~4-5~~, 5-6 ~~6-7~~, 17-18 ~~18-19~~ and 19-20 ~~20-21~~.
7. No change.

(d) through (f) No change.

(5) Blackwater Wildlife Management Area – Hutton Unit.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – October 26-29 ~~20-23~~ and October 30 through November 3 ~~24-28~~.
2. Muzzleloading gun – December 7-9 ~~1-3~~.
3. Quail – November 9-10 ~~10-11~~, 16-17 ~~17-18~~, 20-21 ~~21-22~~, December 9-10 ~~10-11~~, 14-15 ~~15-16~~, 23-24 ~~24-25~~ and 28-29 ~~29-30~~.
4. General gun – January 18-21 ~~12-15~~ and 22-26 ~~16-20~~.
5. Mobility-impaired general gun – January 31 through February 2 ~~25-27~~ and February 7-9 ~~1-3~~.
6. Youth turkey hunt – March 8-9 ~~9-10~~.
7. Spring turkey – March 15-17 ~~16-18~~, 28-30 ~~29-31~~ and April 11-13 ~~12-14~~.
8. Wild hog-dog – July 19-21 ~~20-22~~, August 16-18 ~~17-19~~ and September 20-22 ~~21-23~~, 2013 ~~2012~~, and May 16-18 ~~17-19~~ and June 20-22 ~~21-23~~, 2014 ~~2013~~.
9. through 10. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers except that only quail may be taken during the quail season. Taking quail is prohibited except during the quail season. Taking antlered deer not having at least one antler with three or more points, one inch or more in length, is prohibited. The bag limit for antlered deer shall be one per quota permit during the archery season and one per person, but no more than two per quota permit during muzzleloading gun and general gun seasons, except during the mobility-impaired hunts. Two deer (except spotted fawns) may be taken per mobility-impaired quota permit. During the general gun for mobility-impaired season, only mobility-impaired hunters may take antlerless deer. During spring turkey season, the bag limit shall be one gobbler or bearded turkey per person, but not more than two per quota permit. During the wild hog-dog season, only wild hog may be taken.

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 7. No change.

8. During the wild hog-dog season, wild hog may be taken during the day or at night by the aid of a light with dogs and a firearm. The hunting of wild hog under this provision by display or use of a light from a moving vehicle, boat or animal is prohibited.

(6) Blackwater Wildlife Management Area – Carr Unit.

(a) Open season: Special-opportunity released quail – November 9-15 ~~10-16, 16-22 17-23, 23-29 34-30, November 30 through December 6~~ ~~1-7, December 7-13~~ ~~8-14, 14-20 15-21, 21-27 22-28, December 28 29~~ through January 3 4, January 4-10 ~~5-11, 11-17 12-18, 18-24 19-25, 25-31~~ ~~January 26 through February 1~~, February 1-7 ~~2-8, 8-14 9-15, 15-21 16-22 and 22-28~~ ~~February 23 through March 1~~.

(b) through (d) No change.

(7) Joe Budd Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – December 13 7 through January 12 6 (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).

2. Archery and muzzleloading gun – January 17 through February 2 ~~11-27~~ (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).

3. Small game – October 5 6 through December 8 2 (Saturdays and Sundays only).

4. Youth turkey hunt – March 8-9 ~~9-10~~.

5. Spring turkey – March 15 16 through April 20 24 (Saturdays and Sundays only).

6. Fishing and ~~frogging other recreational use~~ – Allowed when hunting is not allowed.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, turkey of either sex, fish, frogs and furbearers. During small game season, dove (Saturdays only, during phases established by Rule 68A-13.008, F.A.C.), quail and squirrel may be taken. Antlerless deer is any deer, except a spotted fawn, that is without antlers or whose antlers are less than one inch in length visible above the hairline. Taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with three or more points, one inch or more in length, is prohibited. During the last two 3-day hunts of archery season, the take of antlerless deer is prohibited. ~~During the youth turkey hunt, the bag limit shall be one gobbler or bearded turkey per quota permit.~~

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 11. No change.

12. During the archery, archery/muzzleloading gun, small game, youth spring turkey, and spring turkey seasons, access to the area shall be restricted to individuals authorized to participate in the hunt.

(8) Point Washington Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November 28 through December 1 ~~22-25~~ and December 14 8 through February 5 ~~January 30~~.

2. Small game – November 9-27 ~~10-21, December 2-13~~ ~~November 26 through December 7~~ and February 6 ~~January 31~~ through March 2 3.

3. Spring turkey – March 15 16 through April 20 24.

4. Archery – October 26 20 through November 24 18.

5. Muzzleloading gun – December 7-9 ~~1-3~~.

6. Archery and muzzleloading gun – February 6-16 ~~January 31 through February 10~~.

7. Migratory game birds – During special September duck, dove and rail and common moorhen seasons established by Rules 68A-13.003 and 68A-13.008, F.A.C.

8. through 9. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(9) Talquin Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November 29 through December 1 ~~23-25~~ and December 14 through January 5 ~~8-30~~ (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).

2. Small game – January 10 4 through March 2 3 (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).

3. Archery – October 26 20 through November 24 18 (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).

4. Youth turkey hunt – March 8-9 ~~9-10~~.

5. Spring turkey – March 15 16 through April 20 24 (Saturdays and Sundays only).

6. through 7. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(10) Ochlockonee River Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery and muzzleloading gun – November 29 through December 1 23-25 and December 14 through January 5 8-30 (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).

2. Small game – January 10 4 through March 2 3 (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).

3. Archery – October 26 20 through November 24 48 (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).

4. Youth turkey hunt – March 8-9 9-10.

5. Spring turkey – March 15 46 through April 20 24 (Saturdays and Sundays only).

6. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(11) Tate's Hell Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November 28 through December 1 22-25 and December 14 8 through February 5 January 30.

2. Small game – November 9-27 40-24, December 2-13 November 26 through December 7 and February 6 January 31 through March 2 3.

3. Archery – October 26 20 through November 24 48.

4. Muzzleloading gun – December 7-9 4-3.

5. Muzzleloading gun and archery – February 6-16 January 31 through February 10.

6. through 7. No change.

8. Spring turkey – March 15 46 through April 20 24.

9. through 11. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. Deer dogs may be trained from October 26 27 through November 14 45.

2. through 6. No change.

(12) Tate's Hell Wildlife Management Area – Womack Creek Unit.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – October 26 through November 3 20-28.

2. Muzzleloading gun – December 7-9 4-3.

3. Small game – November 9-27 40-24, December 2-13 November 26 through December 7, December 23 47-23 and January 6 through February 5 6-30.

4. General gun still – November 28 through December 1 22-25 and December 14-22 8-46.

5. through 6. No change.

7. Youth turkey hunt – March 8-9 9-10.

8. Spring turkey – March 15-18 46-49, 27-30 28-31 and April 3-6 4-7.

9. through 10. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(13) Aucilla Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November 2 3 through December 29 30, except in the Pinhook still hunt area. November 2-8 3-9, 9-15 40-46, and 16-24 47-25 in the Pinhook still hunt area.

2. Small game – December 30 31 through March 2 3.

3. Youth turkey hunt – March 8-9 9-10.

4. Spring turkey – March 15 46 through April 20 24.

5. Archery – September 14 45 through October 13 44, except in the Pinhook still hunt area. September 14-22 45-23 and October 5-13 6-44 in the Pinhook still hunt area.

6. Muzzleloading gun – October 19-21 20-22.

7. Family hunt – October 26-27 27-28, in the Pinhook still hunt area only.

8. Wild hog-still – December 14-29 45-30, in the Pinhook still hunt area only.

9. through 11. No change.

12. Trapping – December ~~30~~ ~~31~~ through March 1.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers. Taking antlered deer not having at least one antler with three or more points, each point one inch or more in length, is prohibited in the Pinhook still hunt area, which is that portion of the area south of US 98. During the archery season in the Pinhook still hunt area the bag limit for deer shall be two deer, only one of which can be antlered, per quota permit. During the family hunt the bag limit shall be one antlered and one antlerless deer per quota permit. During the muzzleloading gun and general gun seasons in the Pinhook still hunt area, the bag limit for deer shall be one antlered deer per person, but not more than two per quota permit.

(c) through (d) No change.

(14) Flint Rock Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~19~~ ~~20~~ through November ~~1~~ ~~2~~.

2. General gun – November ~~2~~ ~~3~~ through January ~~19~~ ~~20~~.

3. Small game – January ~~20~~ ~~24~~ through March ~~2~~ ~~3~~.

4. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~8-9~~ ~~9-10~~.

5. Spring turkey – March ~~15~~ ~~16~~ through April ~~20~~ ~~24~~.

6. Archery – September ~~14~~ ~~15~~ through October ~~13~~ ~~14~~.

7. through 9. No change.

10. Trapping – January ~~20~~ ~~24~~ through March 1.

(b) through (d) No change.

(15) Pine Log Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – October ~~26~~ ~~20~~ through November ~~17~~ ~~14~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~7-9~~ ~~1-3~~.

3. General gun – November ~~28~~ through December ~~1~~ ~~22-25~~, January ~~25-28~~ ~~19-22~~ and January ~~29~~ through February ~~2~~ ~~23-27~~.

4. Small game – December ~~10-31~~ ~~4-31~~.

5. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~8-9~~ ~~9-10~~.

6. Spring turkey – March ~~15~~ ~~16~~ through April ~~6~~ ~~7~~.

7. through 8. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(16) Eglin AFB Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – October ~~26~~ ~~20~~ through November ~~27~~ ~~24~~ in areas and during days specified by the Installation Commander.

2. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~7-13~~ ~~1-7~~ in areas specified by the Installation Commander.

3. General gun – November ~~28~~ through December ~~1~~ ~~22-25~~, December ~~14~~ ~~8~~ through February ~~23~~ ~~17~~ in areas and during days specified by the Installation Commander.

4. Archery and muzzleloading gun – February ~~24~~ through March ~~2~~ ~~18-24~~ in areas and during days specified by the Installation Commander.

5. Small game – November ~~9~~ ~~10~~ through March ~~2~~ ~~3~~ in areas and during days specified by the Installation Commander.

6. No change.

7. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~8-9~~ ~~9-10~~ in areas specified by the Installation Commander.

8. Spring turkey – March ~~15~~ ~~16~~ through April ~~20~~ ~~24~~ in areas and during days specified by the Installation Commander.

9. through 11. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(17) Escambia River Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~28~~ through December ~~1~~ ~~22-25~~ and December ~~14~~ ~~8~~ through February ~~5~~ ~~January 30~~.

2. Archery – October ~~26 20~~ through November ~~24 18~~.
3. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~7-9 1-3~~.
4. Archery and muzzleloading gun – ~~February 6-16 January 31 through February 10~~.
5. Small game – November ~~9-27 10-21~~, ~~December 2-13 November 26 through December 7~~ and ~~February 6 January 31 through March 2 3~~.
6. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~8-9 9-10~~.
7. Spring turkey – March ~~15 16~~ through April ~~20 21~~.
8. through 10. No change.
- (b) through (d) No change.
- (18) Tyndall AFB Wildlife Management Area.
 - (a) Open season:
 1. Archery – October ~~26 20~~ through November ~~27 21~~ during days specified by the Installation Commander.
 2. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~7-13 1-7~~.
 3. General gun – November ~~28 through December 1 22-25~~ and December ~~14 8~~ through February ~~23 17~~ during days specified by the Installation Commander.
 4. Supervised youth – October ~~26 20~~ through December 31 (only in areas and during days designated by the Installation Commander).
 5. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~8-9 9-10~~ in areas specified by the Installation Commander.
 6. Spring turkey – March ~~15 16~~ through April ~~20 21~~ during days specified by the Installation Commander.
 7. Small game – November ~~9 10~~ through March ~~2 3~~ during days specified by the Installation Commander.
 8. through 9. No change.
 - (b) through (d) No change.
- (19) Choctawhatchee River Wildlife Management Area.
 - (a) Open season:
 1. Archery – October ~~26 20~~ through November ~~24 18~~.
 2. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~7-9 1-3~~.
 3. General gun – November ~~28 through December 1 22-25~~ and December ~~14 8~~ through ~~February 5 January 30~~ except Holmes Creek Unit and East River Island.
 4. Small game – November ~~9-27 10-21~~, ~~December 2-13 November 26 through December 7~~ and ~~February 6 January 31 through March 2 3~~.
 5. Archery and muzzleloading gun – ~~February 6-16 January 31 through February 10~~. Holmes Creek Unit and East River Island November ~~28 through December 1 22-25~~ and December ~~14 8~~ through February ~~16 10~~.
 6. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~8-9 9-10~~.
 7. Spring turkey – March ~~15 16~~ through April ~~20 21~~ only in that portion of the area south of the pipeline right-of-way located up river (north) of Cedar Log Landing (Walton County) and Billy Lee Landing (Washington County). March ~~15-17 16-18~~ and ~~28-30 29-31~~ in that portion of the area north of the pipeline right-of-way.
 8. through 9. No change.
 10. Trapping – December 1 through March 1 in still hunt areas and ~~February 6 January 31~~ through March 1 in dog hunt areas.
 - (b) through (d) No change.
- (20) Chipola River Wildlife Management Area.
 - (a) Open seasons, except in the Altha Tract:
 1. Archery – October ~~26 20~~ through November ~~24 18~~.
 2. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~7-9 1-3~~.
 3. General gun – November ~~28 through December 1 22-25~~ and December ~~14 8~~ through January 1.
 4. Small game – November ~~9-27 10-21~~, ~~December 2-13 November 26 through December 7~~ and January 2 through March ~~2 3~~.
 5. Archery and muzzleloading gun – January ~~4-5 5-6~~ and ~~11-12 12-13~~.
 6. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~8-9 9-10~~.
 7. Spring turkey – March ~~15 16~~ through April ~~20 21~~.
 8. through 10. No change.

(b) Open seasons in the Altha Tract:

1. Archery – October 26 through November 1 ~~20-26~~ and November 2-10 ~~October 27 through November 4~~.
2. Family hunt – November 28 through December 1 ~~22-25~~.
3. Muzzleloading gun – December 7-9 ~~1-3~~.
4. Small game – January 4 ~~5~~ through March 2 ~~3~~ (Saturdays and Sundays only).
5. Spring turkey – March 15-17 ~~16-18~~, 28-30 ~~29-31~~ and April 11-13 ~~12-14~~.
6. through 7. No change.

(c) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers. During the archery season in the Altha Tract, the bag limit for deer shall be one antlered or one antlerless deer per person, but not more than two per quota permit. During the family hunt, the bag limit shall be one antlered and one antlerless deer per quota permit. During the muzzleloading gun season in the Altha Tract, the bag limit shall be one antlered deer per person, but not more than two per quota permit. The bag limit for ~~During the youth turkey hunt and the spring turkey season~~ in the Altha Tract, ~~the bag limit for turkey~~ shall be one gobbler or bearded turkey per quota permit during the youth turkey hunt and one gobbler or bearded turkey per person, but not more than two per quota permit during the spring turkey season.

(d) through (e) No change.

(21) Yellow River Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open seasons except in the Grassy Point and Burnt Grocery Creek areas:

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

(b) Open seasons in the Grassy Point area (the area south of Weaver River):

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

(c) Open seasons in the Burnt Grocery Creek area (the area west of Burnt Grocery Creek and north of Bernice Road and Old Fisher Mill Road):

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

(d) through (f) No change.

(22) Econfina Creek Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season except in the mobility-impaired, Cat Creek and Fitzhugh Carter areas.

1. Archery – October 26 ~~20~~ through November 24 ~~18~~.
2. Muzzleloading gun – December 7-9 ~~1-3~~.
3. General gun – November 28 through December 1 ~~22-25~~ and December 14 ~~8~~ through February 5 ~~January 30~~.
4. Small game – November 9-27 ~~10-21~~, December 2-13 ~~November 26 through December 7~~ and February 6 ~~January 31~~ through March 2 ~~3~~.

5. Archery and muzzleloading gun – ~~February 6-16~~ January 31 through February 10.
6. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~8-9~~ 9-10.
7. Spring turkey – March ~~15-16~~ through April ~~20~~ 21.
8. Raccoon – November ~~9-10~~ through March ~~7-8~~ and April ~~21-22~~ through July 31.
9. through 10. No change.

(b) Open seasons in the mobility-impaired hunt area (area south of County Road 388):

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

(c) Open seasons in the Cat Creek (area south of State Road 20 and north of County Road 388) and Fitzhugh Carter (area west of State Road 77) areas:

1. Archery – October ~~26~~ through November ~~1-20-26~~ and November ~~2-10~~ ~~October 27~~ through November ~~4.~~
2. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~7-9~~ ~~1-3.~~
3. General gun – November ~~28~~ through December ~~1-22-25~~, January ~~25-28~~ ~~19-22~~ and January ~~29~~ through February ~~2-23-27.~~

4. Small game – December ~~14-29~~ ~~8-23.~~
5. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~8-9~~ ~~9-10.~~
6. Spring turkey – March ~~15-17~~ ~~16-18~~, ~~28-30~~ ~~29-31~~ and April ~~11-13~~ ~~12-14.~~
7. through 8. No change.

(d) through (f) No change.

(23) Box-R Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – October ~~26~~ through November ~~1-20-26~~ and November ~~2-10~~ ~~October 27~~ through November ~~4.~~
2. Small game – November ~~9-24~~ ~~10-18.~~
3. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~7-9~~ ~~1-3.~~
4. General gun – November ~~28~~ through December ~~1-22-25~~, January ~~9-12~~ ~~3-6~~, ~~16-19~~ ~~10-13~~ and ~~23-26~~ ~~17-20.~~
5. Wild hog-still – December ~~14-20~~ ~~8-14.~~
6. Wild hog-dog – July ~~12-14~~ ~~13-15~~, August ~~9-11~~ ~~10-12~~ and September ~~13-15~~ ~~14-16~~, ~~2013~~ ~~2012~~, and May ~~9-11~~ ~~10-12~~ and June ~~13-15~~ ~~14-16~~, ~~2014~~ ~~2013.~~
7. Spring turkey – March ~~15-18~~ ~~16-19~~, ~~27-30~~ ~~28-31~~ and April ~~10-13~~ ~~11-14.~~
8. through 9. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers. The bag limit for deer shall be one antlered deer per person, but not more than two per quota permit. Antlerless deer may be taken by antlerless deer permit only. Taking antlered deer not having at least one antler with three or more points, one inch or more in length, is prohibited. During spring turkey season, the bag limit for turkey shall be one gobbler or bearded turkey per person, but not more than two per quota permit. During the wild hog-dog season, only wild hog may be taken. The take of wild hog is prohibited during small game season.

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 11. No change.
12. During the wild hog-dog season, wild hog may be taken by the aid of a light with dogs and a firearm. The hunting of wild hog under this provision by display or use of a light from a moving vehicle, boat or animal is prohibited.

(24) Lafayette Creek Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – October ~~26~~ through November ~~1-20-26~~ and November ~~2-10~~ ~~October 27~~ through November ~~4.~~
2. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~7-9~~ ~~1-3.~~
3. Family hunt – November ~~28~~ through December ~~1-22-25.~~
4. General gun – January ~~25-28~~ ~~19-22~~ and January ~~29~~ through February ~~2-23-27.~~
5. Small game – December ~~13~~ ~~7~~ through January ~~19~~ ~~13~~ (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).

6. Spring turkey – March ~~15~~ ~~16~~ through April ~~20~~ ~~21~~ (Saturdays and Sundays only).

7. through 9. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(25) Wakulla Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – October ~~19~~ ~~13~~ through November ~~17~~ ~~14~~ (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).

2. Archery and muzzleloading gun – November ~~22-24~~ ~~23-25~~, December ~~13-15~~ ~~7-9~~, ~~27-29~~ ~~21-23~~, January ~~10-12~~ ~~4-6~~ and ~~24-26~~ ~~18-20~~.

3. Small game – January ~~27~~ ~~24~~ through February ~~23~~ ~~17~~.

4. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~8-9~~ ~~9-10~~.

5. Spring turkey – March ~~15~~ ~~16~~ through April ~~20~~ ~~21~~ (Saturdays and Sundays only).

6. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(26) Perdido River Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – October ~~26~~ ~~20~~ through November ~~24~~ ~~18~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~7-9~~ ~~1-3~~.

3. Family hunt – November ~~28~~ through December ~~1~~ ~~22-25~~ and January ~~10-12~~ ~~4-6~~.

4. General gun – January ~~18-24~~ ~~12-18~~ and January ~~25~~ through February ~~2~~ ~~19-27~~.

5. Archery and muzzleloading gun – February ~~6-16~~ ~~January 31~~ through February ~~10~~.

6. Small game – December ~~10~~ ~~4~~ through January ~~8~~ ~~2~~.

7. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~8-9~~ ~~9-10~~.

8. Spring turkey – March ~~15-23~~ ~~16-24~~ and March ~~24~~ ~~25~~ through April ~~6~~ ~~7~~.

9. through 11. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 5. No change.

6. The launching or loading of any vessel with an internal combustion engine larger than 10 horsepower is prohibited at the ~~Filligim~~ ~~Filligam~~ and Pipes boat ramps.

7. No change.

(27) Juniper Creek Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Family hunt – November ~~22-24~~ ~~23-25~~, December 24-26, December 31 through January 2, January ~~17-19~~ ~~18-20~~ and ~~January 31~~ through February ~~2~~ ~~1-3~~.

2. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~8-9~~ ~~9-10~~.

(b) through (d) No change.

(28) Beaverdam Creek Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – October ~~26~~ ~~20~~ through November ~~24~~ ~~18~~.

2. Small game – November ~~9-27~~ ~~10-21~~, ~~December 2-13~~ ~~November 26~~ through December ~~7~~ and February ~~6~~ ~~January 31~~ through March ~~2~~ ~~3~~.

3. Family hunt – November ~~28~~ through December ~~1~~ ~~22-25~~.

4. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~7-9~~ ~~1-3~~.

5. General gun – December ~~14~~ ~~8~~ through February ~~5~~ ~~January 30~~.

6. Archery and muzzleloading gun – February ~~6-16~~ ~~January 31~~ through February ~~10~~.

7. Spring turkey – March ~~15-18~~ ~~16-19~~ and ~~26-30~~ ~~27-31~~.

8. Wild hog-dog – July ~~12-14~~ ~~13-15~~, August ~~9-11~~ ~~10-12~~ and September ~~13-15~~ ~~14-16~~, ~~2013~~ ~~2012~~, and May ~~9-11~~ ~~10-12~~ and June ~~13-15~~ ~~14-16~~, ~~2014~~ ~~2013~~.

9. through 10. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers. During the family hunt, any deer except spotted fawns may be taken (limit one antlerless deer per person per day). During the muzzleloading gun season, any deer

except spotted fawns may be taken (limit one antlerless deer per day). During the spring turkey season, the bag limit for turkey shall be one gobbler or bearded turkey per person, but not more than two per quota permit. During the wild hog-dog season, only wild hog may be taken.

(c) through (d) No change.

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