

**Background Report
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DRAFT RULE

RULE NO: 68A-15.062

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

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

Andrews WMA – increase the quota for family hunts from 20 to 30 (no exemptions).

Big Bend WMA, Jena Unit – prohibit the use of vehicles on Road 2 from May 1 until two days before the opening of archery season.

Big Bend WMA, Snipe Island Unit – allow the use of horses year round.

Big Bend WMA, Tide Swamp Unit – remove the requirement for persons to enter and exit the area through a designated check station.

Cypress Creek WMA – expand small game season from 16 to 55 days.

Flying Eagle WMA – allow the harvest of otter.

Goethe WMA – establish a 2-day family hunt (quota of 75, no exemptions); allow the harvest of all legal game, wild hog, fish, frogs and furbearers during the family hunt; allow a bag limit for deer of one antlered and one antlerless deer per quota permit during the family hunt; prohibit the use of dogs for hunting during the family hunt; expand small game season from 23 to 30 days; and allow the harvest of raccoon and opossum at night during small game season by persons possessing a Special Use Authorization for access from the Florida Forest Service.

Gulf Hammock WMA – change muzzleloading gun season to archery/muzzleloading gun season; establish a 30-day small game season; and prohibit the use of dogs for hunting wild hog during small game season.

Jennings Forest WMA – allow the harvest of bobcat and otter.

Little River WMA – establish a 2-day youth spring turkey hunt (quota of 5, no exemptions) and two 3-day spring turkey hunts (quota of 5, no exemptions); and allow a bag limit during spring turkey season of one gobbler or bearded turkey per person, but no more than two per quota permit.

Mallory Swamp WMA – expand wild hog-dog season from 3 to 16 days; and prohibit the use of dogs for hunting wild hog in the still hunt area.

Potts WMA – allow the harvest of bobcat and otter.

Ralph E. Simmons Memorial WMA – prohibit public access from 1.5 hours after sunset until 1.5 hours before sunrise; and remove the requirement to park vehicles at designated parking areas.

Steinhatchee Springs WMA – expand small game season from 30 to 37 days; begin small game season 21 days earlier; and expand wild hog-dog season from two to three 3-day quota hunts (quota of 55, no exemptions).

Twin Rivers WMA – establish a 2-day family hunt (quota of 15, no exemptions) with a bag limit of one antlered and one antlerless deer per quota permit; expand general gun season from one 4-day hunt and one 7-day hunt to two 7-day hunts; and begin general gun season two days later.

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

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS AS FOLLOWS:

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

(1) Camp Blanding Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. through 4. No change.

5. Archery – September ~~23-25 24-26~~ and September 30 through October ~~2 4-3~~, only in the still hunt areas; and the Monday before Thanksgiving and continuing for 55 days thereafter in the archery-only area, which is within the area described by a line beginning at the intersection of County Road 225 and Woodbury Road, then southeast on County Road 225 to State Road 16, then south on State Road 16 and County Road 230 to the Camp Blanding boundary on the east side of County Road 230, then east along the Camp Blanding boundary to Duval Road, then south on Duval Road to Yerkes Road, then west on Yerkes Road to Treat Road, then north on Treat Road to Lightning Strike Road, then west and north on Lightning Strike Road to State Road 230, then west on State Road 230 to the Camp Blanding boundary, then north along the Camp Blanding boundary to State Road 16, then east on the south side of State Road 16 to Lightning Strike Road, then north on Lightning Strike Road to Bessent Road, then north on Bessent Road to the starting point. A disjunct portion of the archery-only area is south of County Road 215, east of Rifle Range Road, north of State Road 16 and west of the Camp Blanding boundary.

6. No change.

7. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~7-9 8-10~~ and 14-16 15-17, only in the still hunt areas.

8. No change.

9. Trapping – December 1 through January ~~4 5~~, only in the still hunt areas.

(b) through (d) No change.

(2) Cypress Creek Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~14-15 8-9~~.

2. Spring turkey – March ~~21-29 15-23~~.

3. Archery – September ~~20 21~~ through October ~~5 6~~.

4. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~18-20 19-21~~.

5. No change.

6. Small game – Opening the Saturday before Thanksgiving and continuing for 54 days thereafter ~~through the second Sunday after Thanksgiving.~~

(b) through (d) No change.

(3) Gulf Hammock Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~1 2~~ through January ~~18 19~~.

2. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~14-15 8-9~~.

3. Spring turkey – March ~~21 15~~ through April ~~26 20~~.

4. Archery – September ~~13 14~~ through October ~~12 13~~.

5. Archery and muzzleloading gun – October ~~18-31 19~~ through ~~November 1~~.

6. Small game – January 24 through February 22.

~~7.6.~~ Fishing and frogging – Allowed only during periods when hunting is allowed.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 6. No change.

7. The possession or use of dogs, other than bird dogs or waterfowl retrievers, is prohibited during small game season and in that portion of the area south of King Road, east of the powerline right-of-way, south of Howell Road and east of Butler Road; except as provided by paragraphs 68A-15.004(7)(c) and (d), F.A.C.

8. During small game season, taking wild hog by the use of dogs is prohibited.

(4) Lochloosa Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~1-14 2-15~~, and November 15-30 16 through ~~December 1~~ and December ~~1-28 2-29~~.

2. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~14-15~~ 8-9.
3. Spring turkey – March ~~21~~ 15 through April ~~26~~ 20.
4. Archery – September ~~20~~ 24 through October ~~19~~ 20.
5. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~24-26~~ 25-27.
6. No change.
7. Small game – December ~~29~~ 30 through March ~~1~~ 2.
8. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(5) Osceola Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~8~~ 9 through January ~~4~~ 5.
2. Small game – January ~~5~~ 6 through March ~~1~~ 2.
3. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~14-15~~ 8-9.
4. Spring turkey – March ~~21~~ 15 through April ~~26~~ 20.
5. Archery – September ~~20~~ 24 through October ~~12~~ 13.
6. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~18-25~~ 19-26 in the still hunt area and Big Gum Swamp Wilderness only.
7. Fox, raccoon, opossum and bobcat – November ~~8~~ 9 through March ~~1~~ 2 in the dog hunt portion of the area.
8. through 9. No change.
10. Trapping – January ~~5~~ 6 through March 1.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. No change.
2. Deer dogs may be trained from October ~~25~~ 26 through November ~~3~~ 4, except in the still hunt area.
3. through 7. No change.

(6) Big Bend Wildlife Management Area – Tide Swamp Unit.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~1~~ 2 through December ~~28~~ 29.
2. Archery – September ~~20~~ 24 through October ~~19~~ 20.
3. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~24-26~~ 25-27.
4. Small game – December ~~29~~ 30 through February ~~22~~ 23.
5. through 6. No change.
7. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~14-15~~ 8-9.
8. Spring turkey – March ~~21~~ 15 through April ~~26~~ 20.
9. Trapping – January ~~5~~ 6 through March 1.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 3. No change.

~~4. During the archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun, and spring turkey seasons no person shall enter or exit the area except through the designated check stations on the Dallus Creek Road and Tide City Mainline.~~

5. through 8. renumbered 4. through 7. No change.

(7) Big Bend Wildlife Management Area – Spring Creek Unit.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~1-9~~ 2-10 and November ~~10~~ 11 through December ~~28~~ 29.
2. Archery – September ~~20~~ 24 through October ~~19~~ 20.
3. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~24-26~~ 25-27.
4. Small game – December ~~29~~ 30 through March ~~1~~ 2.
5. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~14-15~~ 8-9.
6. Spring turkey – March ~~21~~ 15 through April ~~26~~ 20.
7. Trapping – January ~~5~~ 6 through March 1.

8. through 9. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(8) Big Bend Wildlife Management Area – Hickory Mound Unit.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~1-9 2-10~~, ~~10-16 11-17~~ and November ~~17 18~~ through December ~~28 29~~.

2. Small game – December ~~29 30~~ through February ~~22 23~~.

3. Spring turkey – March ~~21 15~~ through April ~~26 20~~.

4. Archery – September ~~27 28~~ through October ~~26 27~~.

5. through 7. No change.

8. Trapping – January ~~5 6~~ through March 1.

(b) through (d) No change.

(9) Big Bend Wildlife Management Area – Jena Unit.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~20 21~~ through October ~~19 20~~.

2. General gun – November ~~1-9 2-10~~ and November ~~10 11~~ through December ~~28 29~~.

3. Spring turkey – March ~~21 15~~ through April ~~26 20~~.

4. Small game – December ~~29 30~~ through February ~~22 23~~.

5. through 6. No change.

7. Trapping – January ~~5 6~~ through March 1.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. No change.

2. On that portion of the area south of County Road 358, west of Gentle Woods Road (north of Rocky Creek) and west of County Road 361 (south of Rocky Creek) motorized vehicles may be operated only on named or numbered roads from two days before the opening of archery season through April 30; and only on Sand Ridge Road, ~~Road No. 2~~, Sink Creek Road and Rocky Creek Landing Road during the remainder of the year. On the remainder of the area vehicles may be operated only on established roads.

3. through 6. No change.

(10) Big Bend Wildlife Management Area – Snipe Island Unit.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~20 21~~ through October ~~19 20~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~24-26 25-27~~.

3. General gun – November ~~1-9 2-10~~ and ~~10-23 11-24~~.

4. Small game – December ~~27 28~~ through January ~~25 26~~.

5. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~14-15 8-9~~.

6. Spring turkey – March ~~21-29 15-23~~, March 30 through April 5 24-30 and April 6-12 March 31 through April

6.

7. Trapping – January ~~3 4~~ through March 1.

8. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 5. No change.

~~6. Horses are allowed only during periods closed to hunting.~~

7. through 8. renumbered 6. through 7. No change.

(11) No change.

(12) Raiford Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~20 21~~ through October ~~5 6~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~18-20 19-21~~.

3. Archery and muzzleloading gun – November ~~1-9~~ 2-10.

4. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~14-15~~ 8-9.

5. Spring turkey – March ~~21-29~~ 15-23.

6. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(13) Cedar Key Scrub Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~1-9~~ 2-10.

2. Archery – September ~~20-24~~ through October ~~5~~ 6.

3. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~18-20~~ 19-21.

(b) through (d) No change.

(14) Andrews Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~19-21~~ 20-22 and ~~26-28~~ 27-29.

2. Muzzleloading gun – ~~October 31~~ through ~~November 2~~ and ~~November 7-9~~ 1-3 and ~~8-10~~.

3. General gun – November ~~14-16~~ 15-17.

4. Small game – December ~~26-28~~ 27-29, January ~~2-4~~ 3-5, and ~~9-11~~ 10-12.

5. Family hunt – November ~~29-30~~ 30 through ~~December 1~~ and December ~~6-7~~ 7-8.

6. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~14-15~~ 8-9.

7. Spring turkey – March ~~27-29~~ 21-23 and April ~~17-19~~ 11-13.

8. Supervised deer/hog youth hunt – October ~~18-19~~ 19-20 and ~~25-26~~ 26-27.

9. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(15) Big Shoals Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~22-27~~ 23-28, September ~~29-30~~ through October ~~4-5~~ and October ~~6-11~~ 7-12.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~24-26~~ 25-27 and October 31 through ~~November 2~~ 1-3.

3. Small game – December ~~15-20~~ 16-21 and ~~22-27~~ 23-28.

4. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~14-15~~ 8-9.

5. Spring turkey – March ~~26-28~~ 20-22 and April ~~16-18~~ 10-12.

6. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(16) Twin Rivers Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~20-26~~ 21-27 and September ~~27-28~~ through October ~~5~~ 6.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~18-20~~ 19-21.

~~3. Family hunt – November 1-2.~~

~~4.3. General gun – November 3-9~~ 2-5 and ~~10-16~~ 6-12.

~~5.4. Small game – November 22-23~~ through December ~~14~~ 15.

~~6.5. Youth turkey hunt – March 14-15~~ 8-9.

~~7.6. Spring turkey – March 27-29~~ 21-23 and April ~~17-19~~ 11-13.

~~8.7. Fishing – Throughout the year.~~

(b) Legal to take: Deer, turkey (archery and spring turkey seasons only), gray squirrel, quail, rabbit and fish.

The bag limit for deer is one deer per person, but no more than two deer per quota permit during archery season. The bag limit for deer is one antlered deer per person, but no more than two antlered deer per quota permit during muzzleloading gun and general gun seasons. The bag limit for deer is one antlered and one antlerless deer per quota permit during the family hunt. The bag limit for turkey is one per person, but no more than two per quota permit.

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. Hunters shall check in and out at the check station during the archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun and spring turkey seasons and family hunt and report all game taken.

2. During archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun and spring turkey seasons and the family hunt, no person shall hunt in any zone other than that for which he or she has a zone tag.

3. through 9. No change.

(17) No change.

(18) Jennings Forest Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~20-23~~ 21-24 and ~~24-27~~ 25-27, September ~~28~~ 29 through October 1 ~~2~~ and October ~~2-5~~ 3-6.

2. Supervised small game – October ~~11-19~~ 12-20, east of Yellow Water Creek, and east of the North Fork Black Creek but only south of its convergence with Yellow Water Creek.

3. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~24-26~~ 25-27.

4. Bird dog training – November ~~17~~ 18 through December ~~14~~ 15 in the quail enhancement area and in the Normandy Unit only on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays from October through January; except that bird dog training is prohibited during the archery season.

5. General gun – November ~~1-4~~ 2-5, ~~5-8~~ 6-9, ~~9-12~~ 10-13 and ~~13-16~~ 14-17.

6. Family hunt – December ~~20-21~~ 21-22.

7. Small game – January ~~2~~ 3 through February 1 ~~2~~, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only.

8. Wild hog-still – February ~~6-8~~ 7-9, ~~13-15~~ 14-16, May ~~1-3~~ 2-4, ~~15-17~~ 16-18 and June ~~5-7~~ 6-8.

9. No change.

10. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~14-15~~ 8-9.

11. Spring turkey – March ~~21-23~~ 15-17, ~~24-26~~ 18-20 and ~~27-29~~ 21-23.

12. through 13. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish and furbearers (~~except bobcat and otter~~). Taking antlered deer not having at least one antler with three or more points, each point one inch or more in length, is prohibited. The bag limit for deer shall be one per quota permit during the archery, muzzleloading gun and general gun seasons and one antlered and one antlerless deer per quota permit during the family hunt. The take of wild hog is prohibited during small game season and in the quail enhancement area in February during the wild ~~hog-still~~ hog-still ~~not still~~ season. Only wild hog may be taken during the wild hog-still season. During the spring turkey season, the bag limit for turkeys shall be one gobbler or bearded turkey per quota permit. Killing quail is prohibited on the quail enhancement area (that portion of the area lying north of the North Fork Black Creek, east of County Road 217 and west of the Yellow Water Creek) except during quail season. The bag limit for quail on the quail enhancement area is six per quota permit.

(c) through (d) No change.

(19) Holton Creek Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Mobility-impaired general gun – October ~~10-12~~ 11-13, ~~24-26~~ 25-27, October 31 through November 2 ~~1-3~~ and December ~~12-14~~ 13-15.

2. Mobility-impaired spring turkey – March ~~27-29~~ 21-23 and April ~~17-19~~ 11-13.

3. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(20) Goethe Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~20~~ 21 through October ~~12~~ 13.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~24-26~~ 25-27.

3. General gun (still hunt) – November ~~1-3~~ 2-4, ~~4-6~~ 5-7 and ~~7-10~~ 8-11.

4. General gun (dog hunt) – November ~~14-16~~ 15-17, ~~17-20~~ 18-21 and ~~21-24~~ 22-25.

~~5. Family hunt – December 6-7.~~

~~6.5.~~ Small game – January 3 through February 1 ~~4-26~~.

~~7.6.~~ Spring turkey – March ~~21-27 15-21~~, March 28 through April 5 22-30 and ~~March 31 through April 6-12 6~~.
7. renumbered 8. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers. During the family hunt, the bag limit for deer shall be one antlered and one antlerless deer per quota permit.

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 3. No change.

4. Hunting with dogs is prohibited during the family hunt, general gun still hunt season, archery season, and muzzleloading gun season. Hunting with dogs other than bird dogs is prohibited during the small game season, except by persons hunting as specified in paragraph 68A-24.002(2)(b), F.A.C.

5. through 10. No change.

11. During the small game season, hunting as specified by paragraph 68A-24.002(2)(b), F.A.C., shall be allowed by persons possessing a special use permit from the Florida Forest Service.

(21) Citrus Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – December ~~5-7 6-8~~ and ~~26-28 27-29~~.

2. Small game – December ~~29 30~~ through February ~~22 23~~.

3. Muzzleloading gun – November ~~28-30 29~~ through ~~December 1~~ and December ~~12-14 13-15~~.

4. Archery – November ~~1-23 2-24~~.

5. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~14-15 8-9~~.

6. Spring turkey – March ~~24-27 18-21~~, April ~~7-10 1-4~~ and ~~21-24 15-18~~.

7. through 8. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(22) Flying Eagle Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~27-30 28~~ through ~~October 1~~ and October ~~3-7 4-8~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~18-20 19-21~~.

3. General gun – November ~~1-4 2-5~~ and ~~7-11 8-12~~.

4. Small game – November ~~21-23 22-24~~ and December ~~12-14 13-15~~.

5. Spring turkey – March ~~21-24 15-18~~ and ~~27-31 24-25~~.

6. through 7. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers (~~except otter~~).

(c) through (d) No change.

(23) Potts Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Spring turkey – March ~~21-24 15-18~~ and ~~27-31 24-25~~.

2. Archery – October ~~2-5 3-6~~ and ~~8-12 9-13~~.

3. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~24-26 25-27~~.

4. Wild hog-dog – November ~~14-16 15-17~~.

5. Small game – January ~~30 31~~ through February ~~1 2~~, February ~~13-15 14-16~~ and February ~~27 28~~ through March ~~1 2~~.

6. through 7. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers (~~except bobcat and otter~~). The bag limit for turkey shall be one gobbler or bearded turkey per person, but no more than two per quota permit during spring turkey season. Only wild hog may be taken during the wild hog-dog season.

(c) through (d) No change.

(24) Homosassa Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – October ~~9-12 10-13~~, ~~23-26 24-27~~, and October ~~30 31~~ through November ~~2 3~~.

2. Small game – November ~~7-30~~ ~~8 through December 1~~ and December ~~20 24~~ through January ~~11 12~~.
3. Special-opportunity spring turkey – March ~~21-27 15-21~~ and ~~March 29 through~~ April ~~4-10 4~~.
4. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(25) Devil's Hammock Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~13-16 14-17~~, ~~17-21 18-22~~ and ~~22-26 23-27~~.
2. Family hunt – October ~~4-5 5-6~~ and ~~11-12 12-13~~.
3. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~18-20 19-21~~.
4. General gun – November ~~1-4 2-5~~ and ~~5-9 6-10~~.
5. Small game – November ~~15 16~~ through December ~~14 15~~.
6. Wild hog-still – January ~~12 13~~ through February ~~8 9~~.
7. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~14-15 8-9~~.
8. Spring turkey – March ~~21-24 15-18~~ and ~~25-29 19-23~~.
9. through 10. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(26) Mallory Swamp Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~13 14~~ through October ~~12 13~~.
2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~18-26 19-27~~ (still hunt area only).
3. General gun – November ~~8 9~~ through January ~~4 5~~.
4. Small game – January ~~5 6~~ through February ~~15 16~~.
5. Wild hog-dog – February ~~21 through March 8 21-23~~.
6. Spring turkey – March ~~21 through April 5 15-30~~.
7. No change.
8. Trapping – January ~~5 6~~ through March 1.
9. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 8. No change.
9. Taking wild hog by the use of dogs in the still hunt area is prohibited.

(27) Middle Aucilla Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~1-27 2-28~~ and November ~~28 29~~ through December ~~28 29~~.
2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~18-26 19-27~~.
3. Small game – December ~~29 30~~ through March ~~1 2~~.
4. Archery – September ~~13 14~~ through October ~~12 13~~.
5. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~14-15 8-9~~.
6. Spring turkey – March ~~21 15~~ through April ~~26 20~~.
7. through 8. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(28) Little River Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~20-22 21-23~~, ~~27-29 28-30~~ and October ~~4-6 5-7~~.
2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~18-20 19-21~~.
3. Small game – November ~~22 23~~ through January ~~4 5~~.
4. Youth turkey hunt – March 14-15.
5. Spring turkey – March 21-23 and April 3-5.
4. through 5. renumbered 6. through 7. No change.

(b) Legal to take: Antlered deer, rabbit, gray squirrel, quail (only during the first 16 days of the small game season), furbearers and fish. During the spring turkey season, the bag limit shall be one gobbler or bearded turkey per person, but no more than two per quota permit.

(c) through (d) No change.

(29) Troy Springs Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Small game – November ~~8~~ 9 through January ~~4~~ 5, except on Sundays, and only in that portion of the area known as the Adams Tract located northeast of US 27, east and south of County Road 251, and southwest of the Suwannee River.

2. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(30) Bayard Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~20~~ 21 through October ~~5~~ 6 and November ~~8-16~~ 9-17.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~18-26~~ 19-27.

3. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~14-15~~ 8-9.

4. through 6. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(31) Grove Park Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~13~~ 14 through October ~~12~~ 13.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~18-31~~ 19 through ~~November 1~~.

3. General gun – November ~~1~~ 2 through January ~~4~~ 5.

4. Small game – January ~~5~~ 6 through March ~~1~~ 2.

5. No change.

6. Trapping – December 1 through January ~~4~~ 5.

7. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~14-15~~ 8-9.

8. Spring turkey – March ~~21~~ 15 through April ~~26~~ 20.

9. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(32) Steinhatchee Springs Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~20~~ 21 through October ~~19~~ 20.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~24-26~~ 25-27.

3. General gun – November ~~1-9~~ 2-10 and ~~November 10-30~~ 11 through ~~December 1~~.

4. Small game – ~~December 20 through~~ January ~~25~~ 11 through ~~February 9~~.

5. Wild hog-dog – ~~January 30 through~~ February ~~1~~, February ~~13-15~~ 14-16 and ~~20-22~~ 21-23.

6. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~14-15~~ 8-9.

7. Spring turkey – March ~~21-24~~ 15-18, ~~25-29~~ 19-23 and March ~~30~~ 24 through April ~~12~~ 6.

8. through 9. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(33) Nassau Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~1~~ 2 through December ~~28~~ 29.

2. Small game – December ~~29~~ 30 through March ~~1~~ 2.

3. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~14-15~~ 8-9.

4. Spring turkey – March ~~21~~ 15 through April ~~26~~ 20.

5. Archery – September ~~19~~ 20 through October ~~17~~ 18.

6. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~18-31~~ 19 through ~~November 1~~.

7. No change.

8. Trapping – January 5 ~~6~~ through March 1.

(b) through (d) No change.

(34) Cary Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September 20-22 ~~21-23~~ and 26-28 ~~27-29~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October 18-20 ~~19-21~~ and 24-26 ~~25-27~~.

3. Family hunt – November 1-2 ~~2-3~~.

4. General gun – November 7-9 ~~8-10~~ and 21-23 ~~22-24~~.

5. Small game – November 28 ~~29~~ through January 4 ~~5~~ (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).

6. Wild hog-still – January 23-25 ~~24-26~~ and February 13-15 ~~14-16~~.

7. Spring turkey – March 21-23 ~~15-17, 27-29~~ ~~21-23~~ and April 3-5 ~~28-30~~.

8. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(35) Ralph E. Simmons Memorial Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November 15-23 ~~16-24~~.

2. Archery – September 13-21 ~~14-22~~.

3. Muzzleloading gun – October 18-26 ~~19-27~~.

4. General gun for mobility-impaired – October 4-7 ~~5-8~~.

5. Family hunt – November 1-2 ~~2-3~~.

6. Small game – December 8-21 ~~9-22~~ and January 24 ~~25~~ through February 1 ~~2~~.

7. No change.

8. Youth turkey hunt – March 14-15 ~~8-9~~.

9. through 10. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 2. No change.

~~3. Vehicles may be parked only at designated parking areas, except during the general gun for mobility-impaired season and the weekend and day before the season.~~

4. through 7. renumbered 3. through 6. No change.

7. Public access is prohibited from 1.5 hours after sunset until 1.5 hours before sunrise, except in designated camping areas and by persons in possession of a special use permit from the Florida Forest Service.

(36) Lower Econfina River Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – October 4-19 ~~5-20~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October 25-27 ~~26-28~~.

3. Small game – January 12 ~~13~~ through February 22 ~~23~~.

4. Youth turkey hunt – March 14-15 ~~8-9~~.

5. Spring turkey – March 21-29 ~~15-23~~.

6. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(37) Belmore Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September 20-22 ~~21-23, 26-28~~ ~~27-29~~ and October 3-5 ~~4-6~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October 18-20 ~~19-21~~.

3. Family hunt – November 1-2 ~~2-3~~ and 15-16 ~~16-17~~.

4. General gun – November 6-9 ~~7-10~~ and 19-23 ~~20-24~~.

5. Small game – November 28 ~~29~~ through January 4 ~~5~~ (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).

6. No change.
7. Youth turkey hunt – March 14-15 ~~8-9~~.
8. Spring turkey – March 21-23 ~~15-17, 27-29~~ 21-23 and April 3-5 ~~28-30~~.
9. through 10. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(38) Four Creeks Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September 20-22 ~~21-23, 26-28~~ ~~27-29~~ and October 3-5 ~~4-6~~.
2. Muzzleloading gun – October 18-20 ~~19-21~~.
3. Family hunt – November 1-2 ~~2-3~~.
4. General gun – November 7-9 ~~8-10, 14-16~~ ~~15-17~~ and 21-23 ~~22-24~~.
5. Small game – November 28 ~~29~~ through January 4 ~~5~~ (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).
6. Wild hog-still – February 5-8 ~~6-9~~.

7. No change.

8. Youth turkey hunt – March 14-15 ~~8-9~~.

9. Spring turkey – March 21-23 ~~15-17, 27-29~~ 21-23 and April 3-5 ~~28-30~~.

10. through 11. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 5. No change.

6. Persons shall enter and exit at designated entrances or via the Nassau River, ~~or~~ Boggy, Mills or Thomas Creeks or foot access from State Road A1A.

7. No change.

(39) Hatchet Creek Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September 19-21 ~~20-22, 26-28~~ ~~27-29~~ and October 3-5 ~~4-6~~.
2. Muzzleloading gun – October 18-20 ~~19-21~~.
3. Family hunt – November 1-2 ~~2-3~~.
4. General gun – November 7-9 ~~8-10~~ and 21-23 ~~22-24~~.
5. No change.
6. Youth turkey hunt – March 14-15 ~~8-9~~.
7. Spring turkey – March 21-23 ~~15-17, 27-29~~ 21-23 and April 3-5 ~~28-30~~.

8. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(40) Log Landing Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September 13 ~~14~~ through October 12 ~~13~~ and October 31 through November 9 ~~1-10~~ (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).
2. Muzzleloading gun – October 18-26 ~~19-27~~, November 14-23 ~~15-24~~ and December 19-28 ~~20-29~~ (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).
3. Small game – November 28 ~~29~~ through December 14 ~~15~~ and January 2 ~~3~~ through February 8 ~~9~~ (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).
4. No change.
5. Youth turkey hunt – March 14-15 ~~8-9~~.
6. Spring turkey – March 21 ~~15~~ through April 26 ~~20~~ (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).

7. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(41) Thomas Creek Wildlife Management Area – Kings Road Unit.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~20-22~~ ~~21-23~~, September 29 ~~30~~ through October 1 ~~2~~ and October ~~6-8~~ ~~7-9~~.
 2. Muzzleloading gun – October 18-20 ~~19-21~~.
 3. Family hunt – November 1-2 ~~2-3~~.
 4. General gun – November 14-16 ~~15-17~~ and 21-23 ~~22-24~~.
 5. Small game – November 28 ~~29~~ through December 3 ~~4~~, December 8-10 ~~9-11~~, 19-21 ~~20-22~~, 26-28 ~~27-29~~ and January 5-7 ~~6-8~~.
 6. No change.
 7. Youth turkey hunt – March 14-15 ~~8-9~~.
 8. Spring turkey – March 21-23 ~~15-17~~, March 30 through April 1 ~~24-26~~ and ~~March 31~~ through April 6-8 ~~2~~.
 9. No change.
- (b) through (d) No change.

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