

**Background Report
Draft Rule 68A-15.063
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DRAFT RULE

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 – allow the harvest of bearded turkey or gobbler during the muzzleloading gun season.

Apalachicola WMA, Bradwell Unit – begin the July wild hog-dog hunt 7 days later.

Aucilla WMA – establish five 3-day wild hog-dog hunts (no quota permit required).

Blackwater WMA – establish ten 3-day wild hog-dog hunts (two per month from May through September, no quota permit required); change the bag limit for deer during the archery/muzzleloading gun season in the Field Trial Area from one deer per day to one antlered and one antlerless deer per day; and expand dove season in the Field Trial Area to include the entire statewide dove season on posted dove fields.

Blackwater WMA, Carr Unit – remove the requirement for hunters to sign in and out of the area and record all harvested game.

Blackwater WMA, Hutton Unit – establish two 2-day dove hunts (quota of 40, issued first come, first served at the check station each day, no exemptions); and allow one person under the age of 16 to accompany an adult dove permit holder and hunt under the supervision and in the presence of the permit holder, provided they may each take one bag limit of dove.

Box-R WMA – increase the quota during wild hog-dog hunts from 10 to 20 (no exemptions); extend legal hunting hours during the wild hog-dog season from sunset until sunrise to sunset until 10 a.m.; and remove the requirement for hunters to check in and out at a check station and check harvested game during wild hog-dog, spring turkey, and dove seasons.

Point Washington WMA – change the quota during general gun season from one quota hunt (first 13 days and last 17 days, quota of 150, no exemptions), to two quota hunts (first 13 days and last 17 days, quota of 150 per hunt, no exemptions).

Additionally, the proposed rule amendment 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-15.063 Specific Regulations for Wildlife Management Areas - Northwest Region.

(1) Apalachee Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~27-30~~ ~~28~~ through ~~December 1~~ and December ~~13~~ ~~14~~ through February ~~15~~ ~~16~~ (Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays closed to hunting in Zones A and B, except hunting is allowed the Friday after Thanksgiving).

2. Archery – October ~~25~~ ~~26~~ through November ~~23~~ ~~24~~.

3. No change.

4. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~6-8~~ ~~7-9~~.

5. through 7. No change.

8. Quail (Zone A) – December ~~23~~ ~~24~~ through February ~~1~~ ~~2~~ (Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays closed to

hunting).

9. Spring turkey (Zones B and C) – March 21 ~~15~~ through April 26 ~~20~~ (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).

(b) through (d) No change

(2) Apalachicola Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open seasons:

1. General gun – November 27-30 ~~28 through December 1~~ and December 13 ~~14~~ through February 4 ~~5~~.

2. Small game – November 8-26 ~~9-27~~, December 1-12 ~~2-13~~ and February 5 ~~6~~ through March 1 ~~2~~.

3. No change.

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

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

6. Archery – October 25 ~~26~~ through November 23 ~~24~~.

7. Muzzleloading gun – December 6-8 ~~7-9~~.

8. Muzzleloading gun and archery –February 5-15 ~~6-16~~.

9. No change.

10. Fox, raccoon, opossum and bobcat – October 1 through March 1 ~~2~~ 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 5 ~~6~~ through March 1.

12. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers. Bearded turkeys or gobblers may be taken during the muzzleloading gun season, and during the periods of ~~from~~ November 27-30 ~~28 through December 1~~ and ~~from~~ December 13-24 ~~14-25~~. 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 1 ~~2~~, except on the quail enhancement area where bird dogs may be trained November 1 through December 31. Deer dogs may be trained from October 25 ~~26~~ through November 13 ~~14~~ 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 27-30 ~~28 through December 1~~ and December 13-17 ~~14-18~~.

2. Archery – October 25-31 ~~26 through November 1~~ and November 1-9 ~~2-10~~.

3. Muzzleloading gun – December 6-8 ~~7-9~~.

4. Family hunt – December 22-24, January 16-18 ~~17-19~~ and January 30 ~~31~~ through February 1 ~~2~~.

5. Small game – November 8-16 ~~9-17~~ and December 27 ~~28~~ through January 4 ~~5~~.

6. Spring turkey – March 21-22 ~~15-16~~ and April 3-5 ~~28-30~~.

7. Wild hog-dog – July 11-13 ~~5-7~~, August 1-3 ~~2-4~~ and September 5-7, 2014 ~~6-8, 2013~~, and May 1-3 ~~2-4~~ and June 5-7, 2015 ~~6-8, 2014~~.

8. Wild hog-still – July 18-20 ~~19-21~~, August 15-17 ~~16-18~~ and September 19-21, 2014 ~~20-22, 2013~~, and May 15-17 ~~16-18~~ and June 19-21, 2015 ~~20-22, 2014~~.

9. through 10. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(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 ~~27-30~~ ~~28~~ through December ~~1~~ and December ~~20~~ ~~21~~ through February ~~11~~ ~~12~~.
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 ~~13-14~~ ~~14-15~~.
3. Small game – November ~~8-26~~ ~~9-27~~, December ~~1-19~~ ~~2-20~~ and February ~~12~~ ~~13~~ through March ~~1~~ ~~2~~.
4. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~14-15~~ ~~8-9~~.
5. Spring turkey – March ~~21~~ ~~15~~ through April ~~26~~ ~~20~~.
6. Archery – October ~~25~~ ~~26~~ through November ~~23~~ ~~24~~.
7. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~6-8~~ ~~7-9~~.
8. Muzzleloading gun and archery – February ~~19~~ ~~20~~ through March ~~1~~ ~~2~~.
9. Wild hog-dog – July 4-6, 18-20, August 1-3, 15-17, September 5-7, 19-21, 2014, and May 1-3, 15-17, June 5-7 and 19-21, 2015.
9. through 13. renumbered 10. through 14. 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 ~~27-30~~ ~~28~~ through December ~~1~~, December ~~20~~ ~~21~~ through January ~~4~~ ~~5~~ and January ~~19~~ ~~20~~ through February ~~11~~ ~~12~~.
2. General gun still – January ~~5-18~~ ~~6-19~~.
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 ~~13-14~~ ~~14-15~~.
4. Small game – November ~~8-26~~ ~~9-27~~, December ~~1-19~~ ~~2-20~~ and February ~~12~~ ~~13~~ through March ~~1~~ ~~2~~.
5. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~14-15~~ ~~8-9~~.
6. Spring turkey – March ~~21~~ ~~15~~ through April ~~26~~ ~~20~~.
7. Archery – October ~~25~~ ~~26~~ through November ~~23~~ ~~24~~.
8. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~6-8~~ ~~7-9~~.
9. Muzzleloading gun and archery – February ~~19~~ ~~20~~ through March ~~1~~ ~~2~~.
10. Fox, raccoon, opossum and bobcat – May 1 through March ~~8~~ ~~2~~, in that portion of the dog hunt area east of Belandville Road.
11. Wild hog-dog – July 4-6, 18-20, August 1-3, 15-17, September 5-7, 19-21, 2014, and May 1-3, 15-17, June 5-7 and 19-21, 2015.
11. through 14. renumbered 12. through 15. 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 ~~25~~ ~~26~~ through November ~~23~~ ~~24~~.
2. Muzzleloading gun and archery – January ~~16-18~~ ~~17-19~~.
3. Dove (on fields posted as open to dove hunting) – During the mourning dove and white-winged dove season established by Rule 68A-13.008, F.A.C. first phase of the dove season (Monday through Saturday only), the second phase of the dove season (Monday through Wednesday only) and the third phase of the dove season until January 1 (Monday through Wednesday only).
4. through 5. No change.
6. Quail – February ~~2-3~~ ~~3-4~~, ~~4-5~~ ~~5-6~~, ~~16-17~~ ~~17-18~~ and ~~18-19~~ ~~19-20~~.
7. Wild hog-dog – July 4-6, 18-20, August 1-3, 15-17, September 5-7, 19-21, 2014, and May 1-3, 15-17, June

5-7 and 19-21, 2015.

7. renumbered 8. No change.

(d) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers. The bag limit for deer dDuring the muzzleloading gun and archery season on the field trial portion of the area shall be one antlered and one antlerless any deer per day (daily bag limit one) except spotted fawns may be taken. During the family still hunt, any deer (bag limit of three per quota permit) may be taken except spotted fawns. Taking quail is prohibited on the field trial area and the quail enhancement area (that portion of the area lying north of Bryant Bridge Road, east of Sandy Forest Road, east of County Road 191 between Sandy Forest Road and State Road 4, south of State Road 4 and west of Old Martin Road and Norman Riley Road) except by quail permit during the quail seasons. The bag limit for quail on the field trial area is 12 per hunting group each day. A group for the purpose of quail hunting on the field trial area shall include up to 2 persons. Taking quail after 3 p.m. Central Time is prohibited during the quail season on the field trial area. The bag limit for quail on the quail enhancement area is six (6) per quota permit. During the fox, raccoon, opossum and bobcat season, rabbit may be chased by the use of free-running dogs but may not be harvested except as allowed during other open seasons. During the wild hog-dog season, only wild hog may be taken.

(e) No change.

(f) General regulations:

1. through 2. No change.

3. Taking wildlife with dogs, other than bird dogs or retrievers, is prohibited in the still hunt area, field trial area and during general gun still and family still hunt in the dog hunt area; however, dogs with a shoulder height of 15 inches or less may be used to take small game during small game seasons in both the still hunt and dog hunt areas and dogs of any size or breed may be used throughout the area during the wild hog-dog season. Dogs are prohibited in the field trial area, except as specifically authorized by permit, or during the bird dog training, dove or quail hunting seasons, or during wild hog-dog season for the purpose of hunting wild hogs.

4. through 9. No change.

10. During the wild hog-dog season, hunts will begin at 12:01 a.m. on the first day of the hunt and end at 11:59 p.m. on the last day of the hunt.

11. Taking wild hogs during daylight hours is prohibited in the West Boundary Forest Unit (that portion of the area south of State Road 4 and west of County Road 191).

12. During the wild hog-dog season, wild hog may be taken during the day (except in the West Boundary Forest Unit) 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.

(5) Blackwater Wildlife Management Area – Hutton Unit.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – October 25-28 26-29 and October 29 30 through November 2 3.

2. Muzzleloading gun – December 6-8 7-9.

3. Quail – November 8-9 9-10, 15-16 16-17, 19-20 20-21, December 8-9 9-10, 13-14 14-15, 22-23 23-24 and 27-28 28-29.

4. General gun – January 17-20 18-21 and 21-25 22-26.

5. Mobility-impaired general gun – January 30 31 through February 1 2 and February 6-8 7-9.

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

7. Spring turkey – March 21-23 15-17, April 3-5 28-30 and 17-19 April 11-13.

8. Wild hog-dog – July 18-20 19-21, August 15-17 16-18 and September 19-21, 2014 20-22, 2013, and May 15-17 16-18 and June 19-21, 2015 20-22, 2014.

9. through 10. No change.

11. Dove (on fields posted as open to dove hunting) – During the first 2 weekends of the first phase of the mourning dove and white-winged dove season established by Rule 68A-13.008, F.A.C.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. No change.

2. Hunters shall check in and out at the check station when entering and exiting the area and shall check all game taken during the archery, muzzleloading gun, quail, dove, general gun and mobility-impaired general gun seasons.

3. through 8. No change.

9. Dove permits shall be issued on a first-come, first-served basis at the check station on the day of each dove hunt.

10. During the dove season, one minor under 16 years of age may accompany an adult dove permit holder and may hunt under the supervision and in the presence of the permit holder, provided that the permit holder and the minor may each take one daily bag limit of doves.

(6) Blackwater Wildlife Management Area – Carr Unit.

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

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 3. No change.

~~4. Hunters shall sign in and out of the special-opportunity released quail area when entering and exiting the area, and shall record all game taken.~~

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

(7) Joe Budd Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – December ~~12~~ ~~13~~ through January ~~11~~ ~~12~~ (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).

2. Archery and muzzleloading gun – January ~~16~~ ~~17~~ through February ~~1~~ ~~2~~ (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).

3. Small game – October ~~4~~ ~~5~~ through December ~~7~~ ~~8~~ (Saturdays and Sundays only).

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

5. Spring turkey – March ~~21~~ ~~15~~ through April ~~26~~ ~~20~~ (Saturdays and Sundays only).

6. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 3. No change.

4. No person shall hunt in any zone other than that for which they have ~~he has~~ obtained a zone tag permit, except during small game season. All hunters shall maintain possession of check station-issued daily permits while on the area ~~wear zone tags visibly~~.

5. through 12. No change.

(8) Point Washington Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~27-30~~ ~~28~~ through December ~~1~~ and December ~~13~~ ~~14~~ through February ~~4~~ ~~5~~.

2. Small game – November ~~8-26~~ ~~9-27~~, December ~~1-12~~ ~~2-13~~ and February ~~5~~ ~~6~~ through March ~~1~~ ~~2~~.

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

4. Archery – October ~~25~~ ~~26~~ through November ~~23~~ ~~24~~.

5. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~6-8~~ ~~7-9~~.

6. Archery and muzzleloading gun – February ~~5-15~~ ~~6-16~~.

7. through 9. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(9) Talquin Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~28-30~~ ~~29~~ through December ~~1~~ and December ~~13~~ ~~14~~ through January ~~4~~ ~~5~~ (Fridays,

Saturdays and Sundays only).

2. Small game – January ~~9-10~~ through March 1-2 (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).
3. Archery – October 25-26 through November 23-24 (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).
4. Youth turkey hunt – March 14-15 ~~8-9~~.
5. Spring turkey – March 21-15 through April 26-20 (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 ~~28-30~~ ~~29~~ through ~~December 1~~ and December 13-14 through January 4-5 (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).

2. Small game – January ~~9-10~~ through March 1-2 (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).
3. Archery – October 25-26 through November 23-24 (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).
4. Youth turkey hunt – March 14-15 ~~8-9~~.
5. Spring turkey – March 21-15 through April 26-20 (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 ~~27-30~~ ~~28~~ through ~~December 1~~ and December 13-14 through February 4-5.

2. Small game – November ~~8-26~~ ~~9-27~~, December ~~1-12~~ ~~2-13~~ and February 5-6 through March 1-2.

3. Archery – October 25-26 through November 23-24.

4. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~6-8~~ ~~7-9~~.

5. Muzzleloading gun and archery – February ~~5-15~~ ~~6-16~~.

6. through 7. No change.

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

9. through 11. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. Deer dogs may be trained from October 25-26 through November 13-14.

2. through 6. No change.

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

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – October 25-26 through November 2-3.

2. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~6-8~~ ~~7-9~~.

3. Small game – November ~~8-26~~ ~~9-27~~, December ~~1-12~~ ~~2-13~~, December ~~22-23~~ ~~23~~ and January 6 through February 4-5.

4. General gun still – November ~~27-30~~ ~~28~~ through ~~December 1~~ and December 13-21 ~~14-22~~.

5. through 6. No change.

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

8. Spring turkey – March ~~21-24~~ ~~15-18~~, April 2-5 ~~27-30~~ and ~~9-12~~ ~~April 3-6~~.

9. through 10. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(13) Aucilla Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November 1-2 through December ~~28~~ ~~29~~, except in the Pinhook still hunt area. November ~~1-7~~ ~~2-8~~, ~~8-14~~ ~~9-15~~, and ~~15-23~~ ~~16-24~~ in the Pinhook still hunt area.

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 ~~13 14~~ through October ~~12 13~~, except in the Pinhook still hunt area. September ~~13-21 14-22~~ and October ~~4-12 5-13~~ in the Pinhook still hunt area.
6. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~18-20 19-21~~.
7. Family hunt – October ~~25-26 26-27~~, in the Pinhook still hunt area only.
8. Wild hog-still – December ~~13-28 14-29~~, in the Pinhook still hunt area only.
9. Wild hog-dog – July 11-13, August 8-10, and September 5-7, 2014, and May 8-10 and June 12-14, 2015.
9. through 11. renumbered 10. through 12. No change.
- ~~13.12.~~ Trapping – December ~~29 30~~ 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. During the wild hog-dog season, only wild hog may be taken.

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. Taking wild hog by the use of dogs is prohibited, except during the wild hog-dog and general gun seasons ~~season~~ in the dog hunt area (which includes that portion of the area east of State Road 59 and north of US 98, west of Powell Hammock Road and south of Goose Pasture Road and that portion of the area north of Goose Pasture Road and west of Oneal Tram).

2. through 10. No change.

11. During the wild hog-dog season, hunts will begin at 12:01 a.m. on the first day of the hunt and end at 11:59 p.m. on the last day of the hunt.

12. 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.

(14) Flint Rock Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

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

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

3. Small game – January ~~19 20~~ through March ~~1 2~~.

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

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

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

7. through 9. No change.

10. Trapping – January ~~19 20~~ through March 1.

(b) through (d) No change.

(15) Pine Log Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – October ~~25 26~~ through November ~~16 17~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~6-8 7-9~~.

3. General gun – November ~~27-30 28~~ through ~~December 1~~, January ~~24-27 25-28~~ and January ~~28 29~~ through February ~~1 2~~.

4. Small game – December ~~9-31 10-31~~.

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

6. Spring turkey – March ~~21 15~~ through April ~~12 6~~.

7. through 8. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(16) Eglin AFB Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – October ~~25 26~~ through November ~~26 27~~ in areas and during days specified by the Installation Commander.
2. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~6-12 7-13~~ in areas specified by the Installation Commander.
3. General gun – November ~~27-30 28~~ through ~~December 1~~, December ~~13 14~~ through February ~~22 23~~ in areas and during days specified by the Installation Commander.
4. Archery and muzzleloading gun – February ~~23 24~~ through March ~~1 2~~ in areas and during days specified by the Installation Commander.
5. Small game – November ~~8 9~~ through March ~~1 2~~ in areas and during days specified by the Installation Commander.
6. No change.
7. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~14-15 8-9~~ in areas specified by the Installation Commander.
8. Spring turkey – March ~~21 15~~ through April ~~26 20~~ 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 ~~27-30 28~~ through ~~December 1~~ and December ~~13 14~~ through February ~~4 5~~.
 2. Archery – October ~~25 26~~ through November ~~23 24~~.
 3. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~6-8 7-9~~.
 4. Archery and muzzleloading gun – February ~~5-15 6-16~~.
 5. Small game – November ~~8-26 9-27~~, December ~~1-12 2-13~~ and February ~~5 6~~ through March ~~1 2~~.
 6. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~14-15 8-9~~.
 7. Spring turkey – March ~~21 15~~ through April ~~26 20~~.
 8. through 10. No change.
- (b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers.
- (c) No change.
- (d) General regulations:
1. No change.
 2. Taking wildlife with dogs, other than bird dogs or retrievers, is prohibited in that portion of the area north of State Road 184 in Santa Rosa County, and north of Cedartown Road and Daffin Road in Escambia County, except that dogs may be used on Parker and Morgan islands at night ~~to~~ ~~in~~ take raccoon.

3. through 5. No change.

(18) Tyndall AFB Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – October ~~25 26~~ through November ~~26 27~~ during days specified by the Installation Commander.
 2. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~6-12 7-13~~.
 3. General gun – November ~~27-30 28~~ through ~~December 1~~ and December ~~13 14~~ through February ~~22 23~~ during days specified by the Installation Commander.
 4. Supervised youth – October ~~25 26~~ through December 31 (only in areas and during days designated by the Installation Commander).
 5. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~14-15 8-9~~ in areas specified by the Installation Commander.
 6. Spring turkey – March ~~21 15~~ through April ~~26 20~~ during days specified by the Installation Commander.
 7. Small game – November ~~8 9~~ through March ~~1 2~~ 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 ~~25 26~~ through November ~~23 24~~.
2. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~6-8 7-9~~.
3. General gun – November ~~27-30 28 through December 1~~ and December ~~13 14~~ through February ~~4 5~~ except Holmes Creek Unit and East River Island.
4. Small game – November ~~8-26 9-27~~, December ~~1-12 2-13~~ and February ~~5 6~~ through March ~~1 2~~.
5. Archery and muzzleloading gun – February ~~5-15 6-16~~. Holmes Creek Unit and East River Island November ~~27-30 28 through December 1~~ and December ~~13 14~~ through February ~~15 16~~.
6. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~14-15 8-9~~.
7. Spring turkey – March ~~21 15~~ through April ~~26 20~~ 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 ~~21-23 15-17~~ and ~~April 3-5 28-30~~ 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 ~~5 6~~ 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 ~~25 26~~ through November ~~23 24~~.
2. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~6-8 7-9~~.
3. General gun – November ~~27-30 28 through December 1~~ and December ~~13 14~~ through January 1.
4. Small game – November ~~8-26 9-27~~, December ~~1-12 2-13~~ and January 2 through March ~~1 2~~.
5. Archery and muzzleloading gun – January ~~3-4 4-5~~ and ~~10-11 11-12~~.
6. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~14-15 8-9~~.
7. Spring turkey – March ~~21 15~~ through April ~~26 20~~.
8. through 10. No change.

(b) Open seasons in the Altha Tract:

1. Archery – October ~~25-31 26 through November 1~~ and November ~~1-9 2-10~~.
2. Family hunt – November ~~27-30 28 through December 1~~.
3. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~6-8 7-9~~.
4. Small game – January ~~3 4~~ through March ~~1 2~~ (Saturdays and Sundays only).
5. Spring turkey – March ~~21-23 15-17~~, ~~April 3-5 28-30~~ and ~~17-19 April 11-13~~.
6. through 7. No change.

(c) 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 ~~25 26~~ through November ~~23 24~~.
2. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~6-8 7-9~~.
3. General gun – November ~~27-30 28 through December 1~~ and December ~~13 14~~ through February ~~4 5~~.
4. Small game – November ~~8-26 9-27~~, December ~~1-12 2-13~~ and February ~~5 6~~ through March ~~1 2~~.
5. Archery and muzzleloading gun – February ~~5-15 6-16~~.
6. Spring turkey – March ~~21 15~~ through April ~~26 20~~.
7. through 9. No change.

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

1. General gun – November ~~27-30 28 through December 1~~, January ~~24-27 25-28~~ and January ~~28 29~~ through February ~~1 2~~.
2. Archery – October ~~25-31 26 through November 1~~ and November ~~1-9 2-10~~.
3. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~6-8 7-9~~.

4. Spring turkey – March ~~21-23 15-17~~, April 3-5 28-30, 10-12 April 4-6 and 24-26 18-20.
5. Small game – November ~~8-16 9-17~~.
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 ~~25 26~~ through November ~~23 24~~, November ~~27-30 28~~ through ~~December 1~~, and December ~~13 14~~ through February ~~4 5~~.
2. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~6-8 7-9~~.
3. Small game – November ~~8-16 9-17~~.
4. Archery and muzzleloading gun – February ~~5-15 6-16~~.
5. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~14-15 8-9~~.
6. Spring turkey – March ~~21-23 15-17~~, April 3-5 28-30, 10-12 April 4-6 and 24-26 18-20.
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 ~~25 26~~ through November ~~23 24~~.
2. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~6-8 7-9~~.
3. General gun – November ~~27-30 28~~ through ~~December 1~~ and December ~~13 14~~ through February ~~4 5~~.
4. Small game – November ~~8-26 9-27~~, December ~~1-12 2-13~~ and February ~~5 6~~ through March ~~1 2~~.
5. Archery and muzzleloading gun – February ~~5-15 6-16~~.
6. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~14-15 8-9~~.
7. Spring turkey – March ~~21 15~~ through April ~~26 20~~.
8. Raccoon – November ~~8 9~~ through March ~~13 7~~ and April ~~27 21~~ 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 ~~28-30 29~~ through ~~December 1~~, January ~~16-18 17-19, 23-25 24-26~~, January ~~30 31~~ through February ~~1 2~~ and February ~~4-6 5-7~~.
2. Spring turkey – March ~~21-22 15-16, 27-29 21-23~~, April 3-5 28-30, 10-12 April 4-6, 17-19 11-13 and 24-26 18-20.
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 ~~25-31 26~~ through ~~November 1~~ and November ~~1-9 2-10~~.
2. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~6-8 7-9~~.
3. General gun – November ~~27-30 28~~ through ~~December 1~~, January ~~24-27 25-28~~ and January ~~28 29~~ through February ~~1 2~~.
4. Small game – December ~~13-28 14-29~~.
5. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~14-15 8-9~~.
6. Spring turkey – March ~~21-23 15-17~~, April 3-5 28-30 and 17-19 April 11-13.
7. through 8. No change.

(d) through (f) No change.

(23) Box-R Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – October ~~25-31 26~~ through ~~November 1~~ and November ~~1-9 2-10~~.
2. Small game – November ~~8-23 9-24~~.
3. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~6-8 7-9~~.
4. General gun – November ~~27-30 28~~ through ~~December 1~~, January ~~8-11 9-12, 15-18 16-19~~ and ~~22-25 23-26~~.
5. Wild hog-still – December ~~13-19 14-20~~.

6. Wild hog-dog – July ~~11-13~~ ~~12-14~~, August ~~8-10~~ ~~9-11~~ and September ~~12-14~~, ~~2014~~ ~~13-15~~, ~~2013~~, and May ~~8-10~~ ~~9-11~~ and June ~~12-14~~, ~~2015~~ ~~13-15~~, ~~2014~~.

7. Spring turkey – March ~~21-24~~ ~~15-18~~, ~~April 2-5~~ ~~27-30~~ and ~~16-19~~ ~~April 10-13~~.

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. The take of deer is prohibited during wild hog-still season.

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 5. No change.

6. Hunters shall check in and out at a check station when entering and exiting the area and shall check all game taken, except during the small game, wild hog-dog, spring turkey and dove seasons ~~season~~.

7. through 10. No change.

11. During the wild hog-dog season, taking wild hog is prohibited from 10 a.m. ~~sunrise~~ to sunset.

12. No change.

(24) Lafayette Creek Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – October ~~25-31~~ ~~26~~ ~~through~~ ~~November 1~~ and November ~~1-9~~ ~~2-10~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~6-8~~ ~~7-9~~.

3. Family hunt – November ~~27-30~~ ~~28~~ ~~through~~ ~~December 1~~.

4. General gun – January ~~24-27~~ ~~25-28~~ and January ~~28~~ ~~29~~ through February ~~1~~ ~~2~~.

5. Small game – December ~~12~~ ~~13~~ through January ~~18~~ ~~19~~ (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).

6. Spring turkey – March ~~21~~ ~~15~~ through April ~~26~~ ~~20~~ (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 ~~18~~ ~~19~~ through November ~~16~~ ~~17~~ (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).

2. Archery and muzzleloading gun – November ~~28-30~~ ~~22-24~~, December ~~12-14~~ ~~13-15~~, ~~26-28~~ ~~27-29~~, January ~~9-11~~ ~~10-12~~ and ~~23-25~~ ~~24-26~~.

3. Small game – January ~~26~~ ~~27~~ through February ~~22~~ ~~23~~.

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

5. Spring turkey – March ~~21~~ ~~15~~ through April ~~26~~ ~~20~~ (Saturdays and Sundays only).

6. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(26) Perdido River Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – October ~~25~~ ~~26~~ through November ~~23~~ ~~24~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~6-8~~ ~~7-9~~.

3. Family hunt – November ~~27-30~~ ~~28~~ ~~through~~ ~~December 1~~ and January ~~9-11~~ ~~10-12~~.

4. General gun – January ~~17-23~~ ~~18-24~~ and January ~~24~~ ~~25~~ through February ~~1~~ ~~2~~.

5. Archery and muzzleloading gun – February ~~5-15~~ ~~6-16~~.

6. Small game – December ~~9~~ ~~10~~ through January ~~7~~ ~~8~~.

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

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

9. through 11. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(27) Juniper Creek Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Family hunt – November ~~28-30~~ 22-24, December 24-26, December 31 through January 2, January ~~16-18~~ 17-19 and January ~~30-31~~ through February 1-2.

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

(b) through (d) No change.

(28) Beaverdam Creek Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – October ~~25~~ 26 through November ~~23~~ 24.

2. Small game – November ~~8-26~~ 9-27, December ~~1-12~~ 2-13 and February ~~5-6~~ through March 1-2.

3. Family hunt – November ~~27-30~~ 28 through ~~December 1~~.

4. Muzzleloading gun – December ~~6-8~~ 7-9.

5. General gun – December ~~13~~ 14 through February ~~4~~ 5.

6. Archery and muzzleloading gun – February ~~5-15~~ 6-16.

7. Spring turkey – March ~~21-24~~ 15-18 and ~~April 1-5~~ 26-30.

8. Wild hog-dog – July ~~11-13~~ 12-14, August ~~8-10~~ 9-11 and September ~~12-14, 2014~~ 13-15, 2013, and May ~~8-10~~ 9-11 and June ~~12-14, 2015~~ 13-15, 2014.

9. through 10. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

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