

**Background Report
Draft Rule 68A-17.004
Agenda Item 4.C.1
November 20, 2013**

DRAFT RULE

RULE NO: 68A-17.004
Areas.

RULE TITLE: General Regulations Relating to Wildlife and Environmental

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose of the proposed rule amendment is to retain a daily bag limit of one for wild turkey on Wildlife and Environmental Areas to aid in distributing harvest of the resource among different individuals where the Commission regulates hunter access; and keep the season when bobcat may be harvested on Wildlife and Environmental Areas as December 1 through March 1. The effect of the proposed rule amendment would maintain a daily bag limit of one turkey per hunter and allow the harvest of bobcat from December 1 through March 1 on public Wildlife and Environmental Areas.

SUMMARY: The proposed rule amendment would maintain a daily limit of one turkey per hunter on Wildlife and Environmental Areas to aid in distributing the harvest among different individuals where the Commission regulates hunter access; and clarify that bobcat may only be harvested from December 1 through March 1.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS AS FOLLOWS:

68A-17.004 General Regulations Relating to Wildlife and Environmental Areas.

(1) through (3) No change.

(4) Legal to Hunt: Legal game shall be only those game species identified in specific area regulations.

(a) No change.

(b) During periods in which the taking of turkey is allowed, the daily bag limit for turkey shall be one per hunter unless otherwise provided by specific area regulation.

(b) through (d) renumbered (c) through (e) No change.

(f) Notwithstanding the provisions in Rule 68A-24.002, the take of bobcat with a gun is prohibited from March 2 through March 31.

(5) through (17) No change.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2014

Rulemaking Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. Law Implemented Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const., 379.354, 375.313 FS. History-- New 4-12-98, Amended 12-28-98, Formerly 39-17.004, Amended 7-1-00, 7-1-04, 7-1-05, 7-1-06, 7-29-07, 7-1-08, 7-1-09, 7-1-10, 1-1-11, 3-25-12, 4-9-13, 7-1-14.