

**Proposed Deer Hunting Regulations for Zone D**  
**Draft Rules**  
**Agenda Item 4.C.2**  
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**68A-13.0001 Definitions.**

When used in this rule chapter, the terms and phrases listed below have the meaning provided:

(1) Deer management unit (DMU) - The following geographical portions of the state, less any lands established by the Commission pursuant to Rule 68A-14.001, F.A.C.:

(a) DMU D1 - That portion of Zone D located south of Interstate 10.

(b) DMU D2 - That portion of Zone D located north of Interstate 10.

(2) Zone - the following geographical portions of the state:

(a) Zone A – The counties of Broward, Charlotte (east of the Peace River and east Charlotte Harbor), Collier, Dade, DeSoto (south of State Road 70 and east of the Peace River), Glades, Hendry, Highlands (south of State Road 70), Lee, Martin (west of U.S. Highway 441), Monroe, Okeechobee (south of State Road 70 and west of U.S. Highway 441) and Palm Beach (except that portion lying east of U.S. Highway 441, east of State Road 80 north of County Road 880, north of County Road 880, and north of U.S. Highway 98/U.S. Highway 441/State Road 80/Southern Boulevard).

(b) Zone B - The counties of Hernando (south of State Road 50), Hillsborough (north of State Road 60), Lake (south of State Road 50), Orange (south of State Road 50 and west of U.S. Highway 17), Osceola (west of U.S. Highway 17, south and west of County Road 525, west of the western shoreline of Lake Tohopekaliga, west of C-35 canal, west of the western shoreline of Cypress Lake, west of C-36 canal and west of the eastern shoreline of Lake Hatchineha), Pasco, Pinellas (north of State Road 60), Polk (north of State Road 60) and Sumter (south of State Road 50).

(c) Zone C - The counties of Alachua, Baker, Bradford, Brevard, Citrus, Clay, Charlotte (except east of the Peace River and east Charlotte Harbor), Columbia, DeSoto (north of State Road 70, and west of the Peace River south of State Road 70), Dixie, Duval, Flagler, Gadsden (east of U.S. Highway 27), Gilchrist, Hamilton, Hardee, Hernando (north of State Road 50), Highlands (north of State Road 70), Hillsborough (south of State Road 60), Indian River, Jefferson, Lafayette, Lake, Leon (east of U.S. Highway 27, east of State Road 61 and east of U.S. Highway 319), Levy, Madison, Manatee, Marion, Martin (east of U.S. Highway 441), Nassau, Okeechobee (except that portion lying south of State Road 70 and west of U.S. Highway 441), Orange (north of State Road 50 and east of U.S. Highway 17), Osceola (east of U.S. Highway 17, north and east of County Road 525, east of the western shoreline of Lake Tohopekaliga, east of C-35 canal, east of the western shoreline of Cypress Lake, east of C-36 canal and east of the eastern shoreline of Lake Hatchineha), Palm Beach (east of U.S. Highway 441, east of State Road 80 north of County Road 880, north of County Road 880, and north of U.S. Highway 98/U.S. Highway 441/State Road 80/Southern Boulevard), Pinellas (south of State Road 60), Polk (south of State Road 60), Putnam, St. Johns, St. Lucie, Sarasota, Seminole, Sumter (north of State Road 50), Suwannee, Taylor, Union, Volusia and Wakulla (east of U.S. Highway 319, north and east of U.S. Highway 98 and east of the Wakulla and St. Marks Rivers).

(d) Zone D - The counties of Bay, Calhoun, Escambia, Franklin, Gadsden (west of U.S. Highway 27), Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, Leon (west of U.S. Highway 27, west of State Road 61 and west of U.S. Highway 319), Liberty, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, Wakulla (west of U.S. Highway 319, south of U.S. Highway 98 and west of the Wakulla and St. Marks Rivers), Walton and Washington.

*Rulemaking Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. Law Implemented Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. History—New 7-1-14.*

**68A-13.004 Hunting Regulations ~~Open Season for Taking and Bag Limits~~ for Non-Migratory Game and Issuance of Antlerless Deer Permits.**

The hunting regulations ~~open season and bag limits~~ for non-migratory game shall be as follows unless otherwise amended by the Commission, provided that regulations for hunting on wildlife management areas shall be as established by specific rule.

(1) No Change.

(2) Regulations specific to deer management units:

(a) The take of antlered deer within the listed deer management unit not meeting the prescribed criteria shall be prohibited.

except for antlered deer taken pursuant to Rules 68A-9.002, 68A-9.012, 68A-12.010, or 68A-12.011, F.A.C., and antlered deer taken by persons under 16 years of age.

1. DMU D1: The take of antlered deer not having at least one antler with two or more points is prohibited.

2. DMU D2: The take of antlered deer not having at least one antler with three or more points is prohibited.

(b) The take of deer in the Florida Keys; of antlered deer in that portion of Collier County lying south of State Road 84, west of State Road 29, north of U.S. Highway 41 and east of the western boundary of the Fakahatchee Strand State Preserve; and of antlerless deer in those portions of the eastern Everglades south of the Tamiami Trail (U.S. 41) and east of Everglades National Park, or in Collier County south of Alligator Alley (State Road 84) is prohibited, except for deer taken pursuant to Rules 68A-9.002, 68A-9.012, 68A-12.010, or 68A-12.011, F.A.C.

~~(3)~~(2) Open seasons:

(a) Antlered deer:

1. Zone A comprised of the counties of Broward, Charlotte, Collier (except that portion lying south of State Road 84, west of State Road 29, north of U.S. Highway 41 and east of the western boundary of the Fakahatchee Strand State Preserve where there will be no open season), Dade, DeSoto (south of State Road 70), Glades, Hendry, Highlands (south of State Road 70), Lee, Martin, Manatee (south of State Road 70), Monroe (except in the Florida Keys where there will be no open season), Okeechobee (south of State Road 70), Palm Beach, St. Lucie (south of State Road 70) and Sarasota: Opening the third Saturday in September and closing 29 days thereafter and reopening the Saturday before the fourth Thursday in November and closing the first Sunday in January.

2. Zone B comprised of the counties of Hernando (south of State Road 50), Hillsborough (north of State Road 60), Lake (south of State Road 50), Orange (south of State Road 50 and west of U.S. Highway 17), Osceola (west of U.S. Highway 17, south and west of County Road 525, west of the western shoreline of Lake Tohopekaliga, west of C-35 canal, west of the western shoreline of Cypress Lake, west of C-36 canal and west of the eastern shoreline of Lake Hatchineha), Pasco, Pinellas (north of State Road 60), Polk (north of State Road 60) and Sumter (south of State Road 50): Opening 9 days after the fourth Thursday in November and closing 78 days thereafter.

3. Zone C comprised of the counties of Alachua, Baker, Bradford, Brevard, Citrus, Clay, Columbia, DeSoto (north of State Road 70), Dixie, Duval, Flagler, Gadsden (east of U.S. Highway 27), Gilchrist, Hamilton, Hardee, Hernando (north of State Road 50), Highlands (north of State Road 70), Hillsborough (south of State Road 60), Indian River, Jefferson, Lafayette, Lake, Leon (east of U.S. Highway 27, east of State Road 61 and east of U.S. Highway 319), Levy, Madison, Manatee (north of State Road 70), Marion, Nassau, Okeechobee (north of State Road 70), Orange (north of State Road 50 and east of U.S. Highway 17), Osceola (east of U.S. Highway 17, north and east of County Road 525, east of the western shoreline of Lake Tohopekaliga, east of C-35 canal, east of the western shoreline of Cypress Lake, east of C-36 canal and east of the eastern shoreline of Lake Hatchineha), Pinellas (south of State Road 60), Polk (south of State Road 60), Putnam, St. Johns, St. Lucie (north of State Road 70), Seminole, Sumter (north of State Road 50), Suwannee, Taylor, Union, Volusia and Wakulla (east of U.S. Highway 319, north and east of U.S. Highway 98 and east of the Wakulla and St. Marks Rivers): Opening the first Saturday in November closing 78 days thereafter.

4. Zone D comprised of the counties of Bay, Calhoun, Escambia, Franklin, Gadsden (west of U.S. Highway 27), Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, Leon (west of U.S. Highway 27, west of State Road 61 and west of U.S. Highway 319), Liberty, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, Wakulla (west of U.S. Highway 319, south of U.S. Highway 98 and west of the Wakulla and St. Marks Rivers), Walton and Washington: Opening the fourth Thursday in November and closing 3 days thereafter and reopening the second Saturday in December and closing 71 days thereafter.

(b) Antlerless deer:

1. Zone A: Opening the Saturday before the fourth Thursday in November and closing 6 days thereafter, ~~except those portions of the eastern Everglades south of the Tamiami Trail (U.S. 41) and east of Everglades National Park, or in Collier County south of Alligator Alley (State Road 84).~~

2. Zone B: Opening December 26 and closing January 1.

3. Zone C: Opening the Saturday before the fourth Thursday in November and closing 6 days thereafter.

4. Zone D: ~~Opening December 26 and closing January 1.~~

a. DMU D1: During the first weekend (Saturday and Sunday) of the antlered deer season in Zone D and the first consecutive Saturday and Sunday following December 25.

b. DMU D2: During the first and third weekends (Saturdays and Sundays) of the antlered deer season in Zone D, the first consecutive Saturday and Sunday following December 25, and the first weekend (Saturday and Sunday) of muzzleloading gun season in Zone D.

(c) through (f) No change.

(g) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraphs ~~(3)(2)~~(a)-(e) deer of either sex, gobblers or bearded turkeys, gray squirrel and quail may be taken:

1. through 2. No change.

(h) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraphs ~~(3)(2)~~(a), (b), (c), (d), (e), and (g), antlered deer, gobblers or bearded turkeys, gray squirrel and quail may be taken:

1. through 2. No change.

~~(4)(3)~~ No change.

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