

Background Report
Draft Rule
68A-15.062 - Specific Regulations for Wildlife Management Areas – North Central Region.
Consent Agenda Item 1-B
April 16, 2014

RULE NO.: 68A-15.062 **RULE TITLE:** Specific Regulations for Wildlife Management Areas – North Central Region.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The proposed rule amendment would accommodate the requests of the private landowner of Nassau Wildlife Management Area (WMA) to remove this property from the WMA system. The effect would be the removal of all references to Nassau WMA in this rule and allow this area to be disestablished.

SUMMARY: The proposed rule amendment would remove all references in this rule to Nassau WMA and allow this area to be disestablished.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS AS FOLLOWS:

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

(1) through (32) No change.

~~(33) Nassau Wildlife Management Area.~~

~~(a) Open season:~~

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

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

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

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

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

~~6. Muzzleloading gun – October 18-31.~~

~~7. Fishing and frogging – During periods the area is open for hunting or scouting.~~

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

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

~~(c) Camping: Prohibited.~~

~~(d) General regulations:~~

~~1. The possession or use of dogs, other than bird dogs or waterfowl retrievers is prohibited, except as provided by paragraph 68A-15.004(7)(c) or (d), F.A.C.~~

~~2. Vehicles may be operated only on named or numbered roads.~~

~~3. Hunting with dogs is prohibited during the archery and muzzleloading gun seasons.~~

~~4. Fires are prohibited.~~

~~5. Vehicles are prohibited on the area from 1.5 hours after sunset to 1.5 hours before sunrise. Vehicles shall enter and exit at designated entrances.~~

~~6. Access to the area is allowed only by individuals possessing a valid recreational use permit and only from the Saturday prior to the archery season through the last day of the spring turkey season.~~

(34) through (41) renumbered (33) through (40) No change.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: July 2, 2014

Rulemaking Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. Law Implemented Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const., 379.2223, 375.313 FS. History– New 6-21-82, Amended 7-1-83, 11-17-83, 7-5-84, 7-1-85, 2-16-86, 5-7-86, 6-10-86, 11-27-86, 5-10-87, 5-1-88, 6-7-88, 7-1-89, 8-17-89, 7-1-90, 9-1-90, 7-1-91, 7-2-91, 7-1-92, 7-2-92, 8-23-92, 10-22-92, 7-1-93, 7-1-94, 2-9-95, 7-1-95, 7-1-96, 9-15-96, 6-1-97, 7-1-98, 7-2-98, 7-1-99, Formerly 39-15.062, Amended 12-9-99, 7-1-00, 7-1-01, 11-11-01, 6-2-02, 10-16-02, 5-25-03, 7-7-03, 9-29-03, 7-1-04, 8-1-04, 7-1-05, 8-1-05, 7-1-06, 7-2-06, 7-1-07, 7-5-07, 7-1-08, 7-1-09, 7-20-09, 7-1-10, 7-1-11, 7-1-12, 10-9-12,

7-1-13, 7-1-14, ____.

BE ADVISED THAT THESE PROPOSED RULES MAY BE FILED FOR ADOPTION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FOLLOWING THE COMMISSION MEETING AT WHICH THEY ARE CONSIDERED IF THE RULES ARE NOT CHANGED. IF CHANGED, THE RULES MAY BE FILED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER PUBLICATION OF A NOTICE OF CHANGE IN THE F.A.R.

IF REQUESTED WITHIN 21 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE, A HEARING WILL BE HELD AT THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE SHOWN BELOW:

DATE AND TIME: During the Commission's regular meeting, June 17-19, 2014, 8:30 a.m. each day.

PLACE: Crowne Plaza – Ft. Myers at Bell Tower Shops, 13051 Bell Tower Drive, Ft. Myers, FL 33907