

Background Report
Final Rule 68A-15.065
Agenda Item 4 D
February 12, 2014

Notice of Proposed Rule

FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Freshwater Fish and Wildlife

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

68A-15.065 Specific Regulations for Wildlife Management Areas - Northeast Region

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: : The purpose of the proposed rule amendment is to revise specific area regulations on Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) in the Northeast 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 Northeast Region as follows:

Buck Lake WMA – add 23 days to the wild hog-still season (which would replace the second small game hunt); allow small game to be harvested during the wild hog-still season; and allow the harvest of bobcat and otter.

Fort Drum WMA – move the October wild hog-still hunts to November; add one 3-day wild hog-still hunt in January (Tues.-Thurs.); add one 3-day wild hog-still hunt in February (Tues.-Thurs.); and allow the harvest of furbearers.

Lake George WMA, Dexter / Mary Farms Unit – allow horses and bikes on named or numbered roads, firelines and designated trails only.

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Lake Panasoffkee WMA – move the two wild hog-dog hunts from weekdays to weekends and allow the harvest of bobcat and otter.

Richloam WMA – extend the waterfowl seasons to match the statewide waterfowl seasons and move the wild hog-dog season from late January to five days after the close of spring turkey season.

Seminole Forest WMA – allow hunting equipment to be taken onto the area the Monday prior to archery, mobility-impaired general gun, muzzleloading gun and general gun seasons and the Thursday prior to each spring turkey hunt; and all hunting equipment shall be removed the day after the last day of each hunt.

Seminole Forest WMA, Lake Tracy Unit – allow hunting equipment to be taken onto the area beginning the Monday prior to each archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun, wild hog-still hunt and the Tuesday prior to each spring turkey hunt; and require all hunting equipment to be removed the day after each hunt.

Seminole Ranch WMA – allow the harvest of bobcat and otter.

Three Lakes WMA, Prairie Lakes Unit – add a 3-day wild hog-still hunt in late January and a 3-day wild hog-still hunt in late February.

Three Lakes WMA – clarify that a daily quota permit is required to hunt during small game, raccoon and spring turkey seasons.

Tiger Bay WMA – allow horses and bikes on named or numbered roads, firelines and designated trails only.

Triple N WMA – allow one additional day of vehicle access for scouting one day prior to each special-opportunity deer hunt and move the scouting days for the special-opportunity spring turkey season from the Saturdays and Sundays prior to each special-opportunity spring turkey hunt to the Thursdays and Fridays prior to each hunt.

Upper St. Johns River Marsh WMA – extend the time that hunting equipment is allowed on the area from one day after the close of hunting season to seven days after the close of hunting season.

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

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE RATIFICATION:

The Agency has determined that this will not have an adverse impact on small business or likely increase directly or indirectly regulatory costs in excess of \$200,000 in the aggregate within one year after the implementation of the rule. A SERC has not been prepared by the Agency.

The Agency has determined that the proposed rule is not expected to require legislative ratification based on the statement of estimated regulatory costs or if no SERC is required, the information expressly relied upon and described herein: The nature of the rule and the preliminary analysis conducted to determine whether a SERC was required.

Any person who wishes to provide information regarding a statement of estimated regulatory costs, or provide a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative must do so in writing within 21 days of this notice.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution; 379.2223, 375.313 FS.

A HEARING WILL BE HELD AT THE DATES, TIME AND PLACE SHOWN BELOW:

DATES AND TIME: During the Commission's regular meeting February 12-13, 2014, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., each day

PLACE: Doubletree by Hilton Hotel, Tampa Airport – Westshore, 4500 West Cypress Street, Tampa, FL 33607

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THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Diane R. Eggeman, Director, Division of Hunting and Game Management, Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, 620 South Meridian Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1600

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

68A-15.065 Specific Regulations for Wildlife Management Areas – Northeast Region.

(1) Herky Huffman/Bull Creek Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~1-2 2-3~~ and November ~~3 4~~ through December ~~28 29~~.
2. Small game – December ~~29 30~~ through March ~~1 2~~.
3. Spring turkey – March ~~21 15~~ through April ~~26 20~~.
4. Archery – September ~~13-14 14-15~~ and September ~~15 16~~ through October ~~12 13~~.
5. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~18-20 19-21~~.
6. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~14-15 8-9~~.
7. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(2) Ocala Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~8 9~~ through January ~~4 5~~ (Pipeline, Lake Delancy and Hopkins Prairie units only).
2. General gun dog – November ~~8 9~~ through ~~16 17~~ (Church Lake Unit only).
3. General gun still – November ~~22-30 23~~ through ~~December 1~~ (Church Lake Unit only).
4. Small game – December ~~1 2~~ through March ~~1 2~~ (Church Lake Unit only) and January ~~5 6~~ through March ~~1 2~~ (Pipeline, Lake Delancy and Hopkins Prairie units only).
5. Archery – September ~~20 21~~ through October ~~19 20~~.
6. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~24-26 25-27~~, on the Church Lake, Hopkins Prairie and Lake Delancy units only.
7. Fox, opossum, bobcat and raccoon – November ~~8 9~~ through April ~~12 13~~.
8. No change.
9. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~14-15 8-9~~ (Lake Delancy Unit only).
10. Spring turkey – March ~~26-29 20-23~~, April ~~2-5 27-30~~, ~~9-12~~ April ~~3-6~~ and ~~16-19 10-13~~.
11. through 13. No change.

(b) Legal to take:

1. No change.

2. Furbearing animals – During the November ~~8~~ 9 through March 1 period, hunting as specified in paragraph 68A-24.002(2)(b), F.A.C., is allowed only in the Pipeline and Church Lake units. Raccoons may also be hunted, with dogs only, from March ~~2~~ 3 through April ~~12~~ 13 only in that portion of the Pipeline Unit south of S.R. 40 and west of S.R. 19. The hunting of fox and bobcat by the use of dogs only shall be allowed from January ~~5~~ 6 through April ~~12~~ 13, only in that portion of the Pipeline Unit south of S.R. 40 and west of S.R. 19.

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 4. No change.

5. Dogs may be used to pursue rabbits from January ~~5~~ 6 through April ~~12~~ 13 in that portion of the Pipeline Unit south of S.R. 40 and west of S.R. 19.

6. No change.

(e) No change.

(3) Richloam Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~22-30~~ 23 through ~~December 1~~ and December ~~1~~ 2 through January ~~18~~ 19.

2. Spring turkey – March ~~21-29~~ 15-23 and March ~~30~~ 24 through April ~~26~~ 20.

3. Archery – October ~~18~~ 19 through November ~~16~~ 17.

4. No change.

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

6. Wild hog-dog – ~~May 1-3~~ January 24-26.

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

8. Duck, geese and coot – During seasons ~~Special September duck~~ — In the special September duck season established by Rule 68A-13.003, F.A.C.

(b) through (d) No change.

(4) Richloam Wildlife Management Area – Baird Unit.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – November ~~1-4~~ 2-5, ~~5-9~~ 6-10 and ~~10-16~~ 11-17.

2. Muzzleloading gun – November ~~22-24~~ 23-25.

3. General gun – January ~~19-22~~ 20-23 and ~~23-27~~ 24-28.

4. Wild hog-still – January ~~28-30~~ 29-31.

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

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

7. Small game – ~~January 31~~ February 1 through March ~~1~~ 2.

8. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(5) Three Lakes Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~1-2~~ 2-3 and November ~~3~~ 4 through December ~~28~~ 29.

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

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

4. Archery – September ~~13-14~~ 14-15 and September ~~15~~ 16 through October ~~12~~ 13.

5. No change.

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

7. General gun for mobility impaired – October ~~24-26~~ 25-27.

8. General gun-dog – December ~~4-7~~ 5-8 and ~~25-28~~ 26-29.

9. through 10. No change.

11. Raccoon – January ~~9-11~~ 10-12, ~~16-18~~ 17-19 and ~~23-25~~ 24-26 (from 1.5 hours before sunset on Friday until 1.5 hours after sunrise on Sunday) in that area between the Florida Turnpike and US 441 only.

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

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, alligators as specified in Rule 68A-25.042, F.A.C., frogs and furbearers. The take of wild hog is prohibited during small game season and general-gun dog season. Killing quail is prohibited on the quail enhancement area (that portion of the area lying east of the Florida Turnpike) except by quail permit during the quail season. The bag limit for quail on the quail enhancement area is six (6) per quota permit. During the general gun for mobility-impaired season, the bag limit for antlerless deer is one per certified mobility-impaired hunter and only certified mobility-impaired hunters are allowed to take antlerless deer.

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. During the archery, muzzleloading gun, ~~and~~ general gun, small game, raccoon and spring turkey seasons, except the general gun-dog and general gun for mobility-impaired seasons, the quota of hunters will be admitted daily as follows: US 441 check station – 375; Canoe Creek check station – 50; State Road 60 check station – 200.

2. through 12. No change.

(e) No change.

(6) Three Lakes Wildlife Management Area – Prairie Lakes Unit.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~26-28~~ ~~27-29~~ and October ~~3-5~~ ~~4-6~~.

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

3. General gun – November ~~14-16~~ ~~15-17~~ and ~~21-23~~ ~~22-24~~.

4. Small game – December ~~6-28~~ ~~7-29~~.

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. No change.

8. Wild hog-still – November ~~28-30~~, ~~29~~ through ~~December 1~~ and January ~~2-4~~, ~~23-25~~ ~~3-5~~ and February ~~20-22~~.

9. through 10. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(7) Tiger Bay Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

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

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

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

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

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

6. Spring turkey – March ~~21-24~~ ~~15-18~~, April ~~2-6~~ ~~March 27~~ ~~30~~ and ~~16-19~~ ~~April 10-13~~.

7. No change.

(b) through (c)

(d) General regulations:

1. through 8. No change.

9. Horses and bicycles are allowed only on named or numbered roads, firelines and designated trails.

(8) Tiger Bay Wildlife Management Area – Rima Ridge Unit.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~8-16~~ ~~9-17~~.

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

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

4. Small game – November ~~20~~ ~~21~~ through December ~~28~~ ~~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.

(b) through (d) No change.

(9) Tosohatchee Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – October ~~2-5~~ ~~3-6~~ and ~~9-12~~ ~~10-13~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~23-26~~ ~~24-27~~ and October ~~30~~ ~~31~~ through November ~~2~~ ~~3~~.

3. General gun – November ~~13-16~~ ~~14-17~~ and ~~21-23~~ ~~22-24~~.

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

5. Wild hog-dog – January ~~9-15~~ ~~10-16~~ and February ~~6-12~~ ~~7-13~~.

6. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(10) Seminole Ranch Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – October ~~3-5~~ ~~4-6~~ and ~~10-12~~ ~~11-13~~.

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

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

4. Small game – November ~~22-23~~ ~~23-24~~, ~~29-30~~ ~~November 30 through~~ ~~December 1~~, December ~~6-7~~ ~~7-8~~ and January ~~3-4~~ ~~4-5~~.

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

6. Wild hog-dog – January ~~24-25~~ ~~25-26~~ and ~~26-30~~ ~~January 27-31~~.

7. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers (~~except bobcat and otter~~). During the archery season, the bag limit for deer shall be one antlered and one antlerless deer per quota permit or per exempt hunter. During the muzzleloading gun and general gun seasons, the bag limit for deer shall be one antlered deer per quota permit or per exempt hunter. Only wild hog may be taken during the wild hog-dog season.

(c) through (d) No change.

(11) Jumper Creek Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

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

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

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

4. Small game – December ~~29~~ ~~30~~ through January ~~18~~ ~~19~~.

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.

(12) Rock Springs Run Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~26-28~~ ~~27-29~~ and October ~~3-5~~ ~~4-6~~.

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

3. General gun – November ~~7-9~~ ~~8-10~~ and ~~14-16~~ ~~15-17~~.

4. Small game – November ~~29-30~~ ~~30 through~~ ~~December 1~~, December ~~6-7~~ ~~7-8~~ and January ~~3-4~~ ~~4-5~~.

5. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(13) Guana River Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. No change.

2. General gun – November ~~14-16~~ ~~15-17~~ and ~~21-23~~ ~~22-24~~.

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

4. Archery – October ~~3-5~~ ~~4-6~~ and ~~10-12~~ ~~11-13~~.

5. Small game – November ~~28-30~~ ~~29 through~~ ~~December 1~~, December ~~5-7~~ ~~6-8~~, January ~~2-4~~ ~~3-5~~, ~~9-11~~ ~~10-12~~, ~~16-18~~ ~~17-19~~ and ~~23-25~~ ~~24-26~~.

6. Spring turkey – March ~~27-29~~ ~~21-23~~ and ~~April 3-5~~ ~~28-30~~.

7. through 8. No change.

(b) through (e) No change.

(14) Half Moon Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

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

(b) through (d) No change.

(15) Caravelle Ranch Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~20-28~~ 21-29.
2. Supervised small game – October ~~4-12~~ 5-13.
3. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~24-26~~ 25-27.
4. General gun – November ~~8-11~~ 9-12 and ~~12-16~~ 13-17.
5. No change.
6. Small game – November ~~20~~ 21 through January ~~4~~ 5 (Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).
7. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~14-15~~ 8-9 (south of the Cross Florida Barge Canal only).
8. Spring turkey – March ~~21-24~~ 15-18 and ~~25-29~~ 19-23.
9. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(16) Lake George Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

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

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 3. No change.

4. Horses and bicycles are allowed only on named or numbered roads, firelines and designated trails.

(17) Lake George Wildlife Management Area – Dexter/Mary Farms Unit.

(a) Open season:

1. Small game – November ~~22~~ 23 through December ~~7~~ 8 and December ~~20~~ 21 through January ~~4~~ 5.
2. Special-opportunity spring turkey – March ~~21-27~~ 15-21, ~~April 4-10~~ March 29 through April 4 and ~~18-24~~ April 12-18.

3. No change.

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

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

6. General gun – November ~~8-16~~ 9-17.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 8. No change.

9. Horses and bicycles are allowed only on named or numbered roads, firelines and designated trails.

(e) No change.

(18) Seminole Forest Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~20-23~~ ~~24-24~~ and ~~24-28~~ ~~September 25-29~~.
2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~24-26~~ ~~25-27~~.
3. General gun – November ~~29~~ ~~30~~ through December ~~2~~ ~~3~~ and December ~~3-7~~ ~~4-8~~.
4. Small game – January ~~10-25~~ ~~11-26~~ (Saturdays and Sundays only).
5. Spring turkey – March ~~21-25~~ ~~15-19~~ and March 28 through April 1 ~~22-26~~.
6. General gun for mobility-impaired – October ~~17-19~~ ~~18-20~~.
7. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 2. No change.

3. The use of tracked vehicles, airboats, or all-terrain vehicles is prohibited during periods when hunting is allowed, except that all-terrain vehicles may be used the Monday prior to (but only by permit from the Florida Forest Service), one day prior to and during the general gun for mobility-impaired season but only by persons participating in the mobility-impaired hunt. Vehicle access is allowed only during archery, general gun mobility-impaired, muzzleloading gun, general gun, and spring turkey seasons, ~~and~~ one day prior to and only by permit from the Florida Forest Service one day after each of these seasons, except that vehicle access is also allowed during small game season, only by permit from the Florida Forest Service the Monday prior to archery, general gun for mobility-impaired, muzzleloading gun and general gun seasons; and only by permit from the Florida Forest Service the Thursday prior to spring turkey season. During periods when the area is closed to hunting, public access is regulated by the Florida Forest Service.

4. through 8. No change.

9. Persons participating in hunts may take authorized hunting equipment onto the area when vehicle or all-terrain vehicle access is allowed for their respective hunts and must remove hunting equipment one day after the last day of each respective hunt.

(19) Triple N Ranch Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Wild hog-still – January ~~23-25~~ ~~24-26~~, January ~~30~~ ~~31~~ through February ~~1~~ ~~2~~, February ~~6-8~~ ~~7-9~~ and ~~13-15~~ ~~14-16~~.

2. Special-opportunity deer – October ~~11-17~~ ~~12-18~~ and October ~~25-31~~ ~~26~~ through ~~November 1~~.

3. Small game – November ~~22~~ ~~23~~ through January ~~18~~ ~~19~~.

4. Special-opportunity spring turkey – March ~~21-27~~ ~~15-21~~, ~~April 4-10~~ ~~March 29~~ through ~~April 4~~ and ~~18-24~~ ~~April 12-18~~.

5. through 6. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 5. No change.

6. Only individuals in possession of a special-opportunity fall permit may have vehicle access to the area on the Saturday, ~~and~~ Sunday and Friday preceding the hunt and only from sunrise to sunset on those days; Only individuals in possession of a special-opportunity spring turkey permit may have vehicle access to the area on the Thursday and Friday preceding the hunt and only except on the Saturday and Sunday preceding each spring turkey hunt, when vehicle access shall be allowed only from 5 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Authorized hunting equipment may be taken onto the area during these times. During special-opportunity deer, small game and wild hog-still seasons, vehicle access is only allowed from 5 a.m. until 8 p.m., except vehicle access after 8 p.m. is also allowed by hunters camping, but only to directly access campsites. One day prior to each small game and wild hog-still hunt, only individuals participating in the hunt are allowed vehicle access and only from sunrise to sunset. During special-opportunity spring turkey season, vehicle access is only allowed from 4:30 a.m. until 2 p.m., except vehicle access is also allowed after 2 p.m. by hunters camping, but only to directly access campsites.

7. through 8. No change.

(20) Etoniah Creek Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

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

2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~18-20 19-21~~ and ~~24-26 25-27~~.
3. General gun – November ~~6-9 7-10~~, ~~13-16 14-17~~ and ~~20-23 21-24~~.
4. Small game – November ~~24 25~~ through the first weekend in January.
5. Spring turkey – March ~~21-24 15-18~~, ~~27-30 21-24~~ and ~~April 3-6 March 28-31~~.
6. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(21) Little Big Econ Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

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

(b) through (d) No change.

(22) Lake Panasoffkee Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Special-opportunity spring turkey – March ~~26-29 20-23~~, April ~~7-10 1-4~~ and ~~23-26 17-20~~.
2. Special-opportunity archery – September ~~18-21 19-22~~, ~~September 30 through~~ October ~~3 1-4~~, ~~October 9-12 10-13~~, ~~21-24 22-25~~, October ~~30 31~~ through November ~~2 3~~, November ~~11-14 12-15~~, ~~November 27-30 28 through December 1~~ and December ~~9-12 10-13~~.
3. Wild hog-still – January ~~9-11 10-12~~.
4. Wild hog-dog – January ~~23-25 22-24~~ and February ~~20-22 19-21~~.
5. Small game – January ~~30 31~~ through February ~~1 2~~ and February ~~6-8 7-9~~.
6. through 7. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers (~~except bobcat and otter~~). Turkey may be taken only during the special-opportunity spring turkey hunts. The bag limit for turkey shall be one gobbler or bearded turkey per special-opportunity spring turkey permit. One antlered deer may be taken per special-opportunity deer permit. Antlerless deer may be taken by antlerless deer permit only. Taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with four or more points is prohibited. Only wild hog may be taken during the wild hog-still and wild hog-dog seasons. The take of wild hog is prohibited during small game season.

(c) through (d) No change.

(23) Ross Prairie Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~19-21 20-22~~.
2. Supervised small game – October ~~11-17 12-18~~, November ~~15-21 16-22~~, December ~~13-19 14-20~~ and January ~~10-16 11-17~~.
3. Spring turkey – March ~~27-29 21-23~~.

(b) through (d) No change.

(24) Buck Lake Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~20-28 21-29~~ and October ~~4-10 5-11~~.
2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~24-26 25-27~~.
3. General gun – November ~~8-11 9-12~~ and ~~12-16 13-17~~.
4. Small game – November ~~29 30~~ through December ~~14 15~~ and ~~opening the day following the close of wild hog-still season through the last Sunday in January~~.
5. Spring turkey – March ~~21-24 15-18~~ and ~~25-29 19-23~~.
6. Wild hog-still – ~~December 26 through~~ January ~~25 2-5~~ and ~~16-19~~.
7. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers (~~except bobcat and otter~~). During archery season, the bag limit for deer shall be one antlered and one antlerless deer per quota permit. During muzzleloading gun and

general gun seasons, the bag limit for deer shall be one antlered deer per person, but not more than two antlered deer per quota permit. Only wild hog, small game and furbearers may be taken during the wild hog-still season. During the spring turkey season, the bag limit shall be one gobbler or bearded turkey per person, but not more than two per quota permit.

(c) through (d) No change.

(25) Fort Drum Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Special-opportunity deer – October ~~25-31~~ 26 through November ~~1~~.
2. Small game – December ~~6-21~~ 7-22.
3. Special-opportunity spring turkey – March ~~21-27~~ 15-21, ~~April 4-10~~ March 29 through April ~~4~~ and ~~18-24~~ 12-18.
4. Wild hog-still – November 7-9, 14-16, 21-23; January 27-29 and February 3-5 ~~October 4-6, 11-13 and 18-20~~.
5. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, furbearers and fish. Turkey may be taken only during the special-opportunity spring turkey hunts. The bag limit for turkey shall be one gobbler or bearded turkey per special-opportunity spring turkey permit. One antlered deer per special-opportunity deer permit. Antlerless deer may be taken by antlerless deer permit only. Taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with four or more points is prohibited. Taking of wild hog during the small game season is prohibited.

(c) through (d) No change.

(26) Gores Landing Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~20~~ 21 through October ~~5~~ 6.
2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~24-26~~ 25-27.
3. General gun – November ~~8-16~~ 9-17.
4. Small game – November ~~29~~ 30 through December ~~14~~ 15.
5. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~14-15~~ 8-9.
6. Spring turkey – March ~~21-24~~ 15-18 and ~~25-29~~ 19-23.
7. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(27) Seminole Forest Wildlife Management Area – Lake Tracy Unit.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~18-21~~ 19-22 and ~~25-28~~ 26-29.
2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~23-26~~ 24-27.
3. General gun – November ~~6-9~~ 7-10.
4. Wild hog-still – November ~~14-16~~ 15-17, December ~~12-14~~ 13-15 and January ~~9-11~~ 10-12.
5. Small game – January ~~2-4~~ 3-5, ~~16-18~~ 17-19 and ~~23-25~~ 24-26.
6. Spring turkey – March ~~21-23~~ 15-17 and ~~27-29~~ 21-23.
7. through 8. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 2. No change.

3. The use of tracked vehicles, airboats, or all-terrain vehicles is prohibited during periods when hunting is allowed. Vehicle access is prohibited except persons participating in a hunt are allowed vehicle access during archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun, wild hog-still and spring turkey seasons and from the Monday prior to through one day prior to their scheduled hunts ~~each of these seasons~~. During periods when the area is closed to hunting, public access is regulated by the Florida Forest Service.

4. No change.

5. Persons participating in hunts may take authorized hunting equipment onto the area when vehicle access is allowed for their respective hunts and must remove hunting equipment one day after the last day of each respective hunt.

(28) Upper St. Johns River Marsh Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~13 14~~ through October ~~12 13~~.
2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~18-26 19-27~~.
3. General gun – November ~~1 2~~ through January ~~11 12~~.
4. Small game – January ~~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. through 9. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, furbearers, fish, and frogs. Antlerless deer may be taken during the period November ~~22-23 23-24~~. Turkey of either sex may be taken during the muzzleloading gun season. Gobblers or bearded turkey may be taken during the general gun season only from November ~~1 2~~ through December ~~28 29~~.

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 10. No change.

11. Authorized hunting equipment may be taken on the area after 8 a.m. one day before the opening of the season and shall be removed from the area no later than seven days following the close of the season.

(29) Dunns Creek Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~20 21~~ through October ~~5 6~~ and November ~~15-23 16-24~~.
2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~25 26~~ through November ~~2 3~~.
3. Wild hog-still – January ~~17-25 18-26~~.
4. Spring turkey – March ~~21-23 15-17~~, ~~April 3-5 28-30~~ and ~~17-19 April 11-13~~.
5. through 6. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(30) Salt Lake Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~20-28 21-29~~ and September ~~29 30~~ through October ~~5 6~~.
2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~24-26 25-27~~.
3. General gun – November ~~8-11 9-12~~ and ~~12-16 13-17~~.
4. Small game – December ~~5-7 6-8~~, ~~12-14 13-15~~; January ~~2-4 3-5~~, ~~9-11 10-12~~; February ~~6-8 7-9~~, ~~13-15 14-16~~.
5. Wild hog-dog – January ~~15-18 16-19~~.
6. Spring turkey – March ~~21-24 15-18~~ and ~~25-29 19-23~~.
7. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(31) Matanzas Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~20-26 21-27~~, September ~~27 28~~ through October ~~5 6~~ and October ~~6-12 7-13~~.
2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~24-26 25-27~~ and October 31 through November ~~2 1-3~~.
3. Family hunt – November ~~8-9 9-10~~.
4. General gun – November ~~10-16 11-17~~.
5. Wild hog-still – November ~~29 30~~ through December ~~5 6~~ and December ~~6-14 7-15~~.
6. Small game – January ~~5-20 6-21~~.
7. Spring turkey – March ~~21-24 15-18~~ and April 2-5 27-30 and ~~9-12 April 3-6~~.
8. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(32) No change.

(33) Charles H. Bronson Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~26 27~~ through October ~~2 3~~, October ~~3-9 4-10~~ and ~~10-18 11-19~~.
2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~24-26 25-27~~ and October 31 through November ~~2 1-3~~.
3. General gun – November ~~7-9 8-10~~, ~~14-16 15-17~~ and November ~~28-30 29~~ through ~~December 1~~.

4. Small game – December ~~6-14~~ 7-15 and January ~~3-9~~ 4-10.
5. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~14-15~~ 8-9.
6. Spring turkey – March ~~21-24~~ 15-18, ~~27-30~~ 21-24 and ~~April 3-6~~ March 28-31.
7. through 8. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(34) Marshall Swamp Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~13-19~~ 14-20, ~~20-26~~ 21-27, September ~~27~~ 28 through October ~~3~~ 4, October ~~4-10~~ 5-11 and ~~11-19~~ 12-20.

2. Muzzleloading gun – ~~October 31~~ through ~~November 2~~ 1-3.

3. General gun – November ~~14-16~~ 15-17, ~~21-23~~ 22-24 and ~~28-30~~ 29 through ~~December 1~~.

4. No change.

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

6. through 7. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

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