FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Freshwater Fish and Wildlife
RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:
68A-17.004 General Regulations Relating to Wildlife and Environmental Areas
PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose of the proposed rule amendment is to retain a daily bag limit of one per day
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 day 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 day 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.
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 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; 379.354, 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
Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to
participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 5 days before the workshop/meeting by
contacting: the ADA Coordinator at (850)488-6411. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the
agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).
THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Diane R. Eggeeman, 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-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 day
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, F.A.C., the take of bobcat with a gun is prohibited from March 2 through March 31.

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.


NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE: Diane R. Eggeman, Director, Division of Hunting and Game Management, Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, 620 South Meridian Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1600

NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: November 20, 2013
DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: January 8, 2014