

Background Report  
Final Rule 68A-25.032  
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-25.032 Regulations Governing the Establishment of Alligator Management Programs

**PURPOSE AND EFFECT:** The purpose of the proposed rule is to modify the Alligator Management Program Application form. The effect of the proposed rule will be to include a statement of the purpose for the collection of social security numbers as required per paragraph 119.071(5)(a), F.S. and to require on the form provision of GPS coordinates.

**SUMMARY:** The proposed rule would modify the Alligator Management Program Application form.

**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:** IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution; 379.3012 FS.

**LAW IMPLEMENTED:** Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution.

**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-25.032 Regulations Governing the Establishment of Alligator Management Programs.

Alligator management programs designed for the taking of alligator eggs and hatchlings and the trapping of non-hatchling alligators may only be established on private lands and on public lands, other than sovereign submerged lands, for which a governmental entity can demonstrate an ownership interest or a leasehold interest and approval of the owner (referred to as "public lands" in this section) under the following conditions:

- (1) Alligator Management Program – Application and review procedures.

(a) The owner or authorized lessee of property containing alligator habitat (as described in FWC form 1000PW) shall make written application, on forms provided by the Commission (Alligator Management Program Application, FWC form 1000PW, effective ~~February 12, 2014~~ ~~September 5, 2013~~, is incorporated to the rule by reference and may be obtained from the Commission and is found online at: <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-XXXXX> ~~<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-03228>~~), for establishment of an Alligator Management Program each calendar year. A group of landowners or authorized lessees may apply jointly provided their properties are adjoining.

(b) through (h) No change.

(2) through (5) No change.

*Rulemaking Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. Law Implemented Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const., 379.3012 FS. History--New 5-5-88, Amended 2-14-89, 4-11-90, 4-4-91, 4-15-92, 10-22-92, 4-29-93, 4-10-94, 3-30-95, 4-1-96, 9-15-96, 4-12-98, Formerly 39-25.032, Amended 5-28-00, 10-10-00, 5-13-02, 3-30-06, 3-19-08, 7-20-09, 3-24-13, 10-9-13, \_\_\_\_\_.*

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.

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