

**Background Report
Draft Rule 68A-15.062
Agenda Item 15.A.(1) and (2)
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DRAFT RULE

RULE NO.: 68A-15.062

RULE TITLE: Specific Regulations for Wildlife Management Areas – North Central Region.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose of the proposed rule amendment is to revise specific area regulations on wildlife management areas (WMAs) in the North Central 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 amendments would adjust season dates to conform to calendar year changes and revise specific area regulations on wildlife management areas (WMAs) in the North Central Region as follows:

Andrews WMA – harvesting antlered deer not having 1 antler with 2 or more points is prohibited, except persons less than 16 years of age may harvest any antlered deer with 1 antler 5 inches or more in length; and extend the shooting hours during spring turkey season from 1 p.m. to sunset.

Bayard WMA – harvesting antlered deer not having 1 antler with 3 or more points or 1 antler with a main beam of 10 inches or more is prohibited, except persons less than 16 years of age may harvest any antlered deer with 1 antler 5 inches or more in length.

Belmore WMA – as an alternative to existing 3 point antler point restriction, also allow the harvest of antlered deer having at least 1 antler with a main beam of 10 inches or more; persons less than 16 years of age may harvest any antlered deer with 1 antler 5 inches or more in length; and clarify that during spring turkey season the area limit of 1 per day and the statewide season limit of 2 apply.

Big Bend WMA, Hickory Mound Unit – harvesting antlered deer not having 1 antler with 2 or more points is prohibited, except persons less than 16 years of age may harvest any antlered deer with 1 antler 5 inches or more in length.

Big Bend WMA, Jena Unit – harvesting antlered deer not having 1 antler with 2 or more points is prohibited, except persons less than 16 years of age may harvest any antlered deer with 1 antler 5 inches or more in length.

Big Bend WMA, Snipe Island Unit – harvesting antlered deer not having 1 antler with 2 or more points is prohibited, except persons less than 16 years of age may harvest any antlered deer with 1 antler 5 inches or more in length; extend small game season from 30 to 58 days and begin 14 days earlier; allow the use of dogs with a shoulder height of 15 inches or less to hunt small game during small game season; extend the shooting hours during spring turkey season from 1 p.m. to sunset; and clarify that during archery and spring turkey seasons the area limit of 1 turkey per day and the statewide season limit of 2 apply.

Big Bend WMA, Spring Creek Unit – harvesting antlered deer not having 1 antler with 2 or more points is prohibited, except persons less than 16 years of age may harvest any antlered deer with 1 antler 5 inches or more in length.

Big Bend WMA, Tide Swamp Unit – as an alternative to existing 3 point antler point restriction, also allow the harvest of antlered deer having at least 1 antler with a main beam of 10 inches or more; and persons less than 16 years of age may harvest any antlered deer with 1 antler 5 inches or more in length.

Big Shoals WMA – harvesting antlered deer not having 1 antler with 3 or more points or 1 antler with a main beam of 10 inches or more is prohibited, except persons less than 16 years of age may harvest any antlered deer with 1 antler 5 inches or more in length; and extend small game season from 12 to 39 days and begin on Thanksgiving Day.

Camp Blanding WMA – as an alternative to existing 3 point antler point restriction in the archery only and still hunt areas, also allow the harvest of antlered deer having at least 1 antler with a main beam of 10 inches or more; in the dog hunt area, harvesting antlered deer not having 1 antler with 3 or more points or 1 antler with a main beam of 10 inches or more is prohibited; and persons less than 16 years of age may harvest any antlered deer with 1 antler 5 inches or more in length.

Cary WMA – harvesting antlered deer not having 1 antler with 3 or more points or 1 antler with a main beam of 10 inches or more is prohibited, except persons less than 16 years of age may harvest any antlered deer with 1 antler

5 inches or more in length; allow hunting with centerfire rifles during family, general gun and wild hog-still hunts; allow fishing and frogging year-round; allow horses to be ridden on named or numbered roads and designated trails only; and clarify that during spring turkey season the area limit of 1 per day and the statewide season limit of 2 apply.

Cedar Key Scrub WMA – harvesting antlered deer not having 1 antler with 2 or more points is prohibited, except persons less than 16 years of age may harvest any antlered deer with 1 antler 5 inches or more in length.

Citrus WMA – harvesting antlered deer not having 1 antler with 2 or more points is prohibited, except persons less than 16 years of age may harvest any antlered deer with 1 antler 5 inches or more in length; expand quail hunting in the field trial area during small game season from two 2-day hunts to two 3-day hunts; and clarify that during spring turkey season the area limit of 1 per day and the statewide season limit of 2 apply.

Cypress Creek WMA – harvesting antlered deer not having 1 antler with 3 or more points or 1 antler with a main beam of 10 inches or more is prohibited, except persons less than 16 years of age may harvest any antlered deer with 1 antler 5 inches or more in length; extend small game season from 55 to 107 days; and allow the harvest of furbearers.

Devil's Hammock WMA – harvesting antlered deer not having 1 antler with 2 or more points is prohibited, except persons less than 16 years of age may harvest any antlered deer with 1 antler 5 inches or more in length; allow camping year-round by permit from the Suwannee River Water Management District or the Levy County Commission; and remove the requirement during small game season for hunters to sign in and out.

Flying Eagle WMA – harvesting antlered deer not having 1 antler with 3 or more points or 1 antler with a main beam of 10 inches or more is prohibited, except persons less than 16 years of age may harvest any antlered deer with 1 antler 5 inches or more in length; and clarify that hunting is allowed during the September teal season only during periods that coincide with archery season.

Four Creeks WMA – as an alternative to existing 3 point antler point restriction, also allow the harvest of antlered deer having at least 1 antler with a main beam of 10 inches or more; persons less than 16 years of age may harvest any antlered deer with 1 antler 5 inches or more in length; and clarify that during spring turkey season the area limit of 1 per day and the statewide season limit of 2 apply.

Goethe WMA – harvesting antlered deer not having 1 antler with 2 or more points is prohibited, except persons less than 16 years of age may harvest any antlered deer with 1 antler 5 inches or more in length; and allow the use of bird dogs and waterfowl retrievers during the family hunt.

Grove Park WMA – harvesting antlered deer not having 1 antler with 3 or more points or 1 antler with a main beam of 10 inches or more is prohibited, except persons less than 16 years of age may harvest any antlered deer with 1 antler 5 inches or more in length.

Gulf Hammock WMA – harvesting antlered deer not having 1 antler with 2 or more points is prohibited, except persons less than 16 years of age may harvest any antlered deer with 1 antler 5 inches or more in length; and allow public access the day before archery/muzzleloading gun season.

Hatchet Creek WMA – as an alternative to existing 3 point antler point restriction, also allow the harvest of antlered deer having at least 1 antler with a main beam of 10 inches or more; persons less than 16 years of age may harvest any antlered deer with 1 antler 5 inches or more in length; and clarify that during spring turkey season the area limit of 1 per day and the statewide season limit of 2 apply.

Holton Creek WMA – harvesting antlered deer not having 1 antler with 3 or more points or 1 antler with a main beam of 10 inches or more is prohibited, except persons less than 16 years of age may harvest any antlered deer with 1 antler 5 inches or more in length; and clarify that during spring turkey season the area limit of 1 per day and the statewide season limit of 2 apply.

Homosassa WMA – as an alternative to existing 3 point antler point restriction, also allow the harvest of antlered deer having at least 1 antler with a main beam of 10 inches or more; persons less than 16 years of age may harvest any antlered deer with 1 antler 5 inches or more in length; and clarify that during spring turkey season the area limit of 1 per day and the statewide season limit of 2 apply.

Jennings Forest WMA – as an alternative to existing 3 point antler point restriction, also allow the harvest of antlered deer having at least 1 antler with a main beam of 10 inches or more; persons less than 16 years of age may harvest any antlered deer with 1 antler 5 inches or more in length; during small game season, allow hunting and the use of bird dogs and waterfowl retrievers in the Normandy Unit; and clarify that during spring turkey season the area limit of 1 per day and the statewide season limit of 2 apply.

Little River WMA – harvesting antlered deer not having 1 antler with 3 or more points or 1 antler with a main beam of 10 inches or more is prohibited, except persons less than 16 years of age may harvest any antlered deer with 1 antler 5 inches or more in length; establish a 2-day family hunt (quota of 5, no exemptions); allow a bag limit for deer during the family hunt of one antlered and one antlerless deer per quota permit; and clarify that during spring

turkey season the area limit of 1 per day and the statewide season limit of 2 apply.

Lochloosa WMA – harvesting antlered deer not having 1 antler with 3 or more points or 1 antler with a main beam of 10 inches or more is prohibited, except persons less than 16 years of age may harvest any antlered deer with 1 antler 5 inches or more in length; allow vehicle access on named or numbered roads only; and allow bicycles and horses on named or numbered roads and designated trails only.

Log Landing WMA – harvesting antlered deer not having 1 antler with 2 or more points is prohibited, except persons less than 16 years of age may harvest any antlered deer with 1 antler 5 inches or more in length.

Lower Econfina River WMA – harvesting antlered deer not having 1 antler with 2 or more points is prohibited, except persons less than 16 years of age may harvest any antlered deer with 1 antler 5 inches or more in length.

Mallory Swamp WMA – harvesting antlered deer not having 1 antler with 2 or more points is prohibited, except persons less than 16 years of age may harvest any antlered deer with 1 antler 5 inches or more in length.

Middle Aucilla WMA – harvesting antlered deer not having 1 antler with 2 or more points is prohibited, except persons less than 16 years of age may harvest any antlered deer with 1 antler 5 inches or more in length.

Osceola WMA – harvesting antlered deer not having 1 antler with 3 or more points or 1 antler with a main beam of 10 inches or more is prohibited, except persons less than 16 years of age may harvest any antlered deer with 1 antler 5 inches or more in length.

PotashCorp – White Springs WMA – prohibit the use of airboats and allow the use of any other motorized boat at idle speed only.

Potts WMA – harvesting antlered deer not having 1 antler with 3 or more points or 1 antler with a main beam of 10 inches or more is prohibited, except persons less than 16 years of age may harvest any antlered deer with 1 antler 5 inches or more in length; and clarify that during spring turkey season the area limit of 1 per day and the statewide season limit of 2 apply.

Raiford WMA – harvesting antlered deer not having 1 antler with 3 or more points or 1 antler with a main beam of 10 inches or more is prohibited, except persons less than 16 years of age may harvest any antlered deer with 1 antler 5 inches or more in length; expand archery/muzzleloading gun season by adding two 4-day hunts (no quota permit required); establish a 4-day wild hog-still hunt (no quota permit required); and expand spring turkey season by adding one 4-day hunt (no quota permit required).

Ralph E. Simmons Memorial WMA – harvesting antlered deer not having 1 antler with 3 or more points or 1 antler with a main beam of 10 inches or more is prohibited, except persons less than 16 years of age may harvest any antlered deer with 1 antler 5 inches or more in length.

Steinhatchee Springs WMA – harvesting antlered deer not having 1 antler with 2 or more points is prohibited, except persons less than 16 years of age may harvest any antlered deer with 1 antler 5 inches or more in length.

Thomas Creek WMA, Kings Road Unit – harvesting antlered deer not having 1 antler with 3 or more points or 1 antler with a main beam of 10 inches or more is prohibited, except persons less than 16 years of age may harvest any antlered deer with 1 antler 5 inches or more in length; and clarify that during spring turkey season the area limit of 1 per day and the statewide season limit of 2 apply.

Twin Rivers WMA – harvesting antlered deer not having 1 antler with 3 or more points or 1 antler with a main beam of 10 inches or more is prohibited, except persons less than 16 years of age may harvest any antlered deer with 1 antler 5 inches or more in length; allow public access from 1.5 hours before sunrise until 1.5 hours after sunset only, except by persons in possession of a special use permit from the Florida Forest Service; allow the use of vehicles on named or numbered roads only; allow persons to enter and exit the area only at designated entrances, via the Florida Trail, Suwannee River or Withlacoochee River; allow the harvest of furbearers and migratory birds in season; extend small game season from 23 to 39 days and begin on Thanksgiving Day; and clarify that during spring turkey season the area limit of 1 per day and the statewide season limit of 2 apply.

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

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS AS FOLLOWS:

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

(1) Camp Blanding Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. through 2. No change.

3. Youth turkey hunt – As established by subparagraph 68A-13.004(2)(e)2., F.A.C., except with specific hunt

dates and locations to be determined by the Camp Blanding Post Commander.

4. No change.

5. Archery – September 29 through October 1 ~~23-25~~ and October 6-8 ~~September 30 through October 2~~, only in the still hunt areas; and the Monday before Thanksgiving and continuing for 55 days thereafter in the archery-only area, which is within the area described by a line beginning at the intersection of County Road 225 and Woodbury Road, then southeast on County Road 225 to State Road 16, then south on State Road 16 and County Road 230 to the Camp Blanding boundary on the east side of County Road 230, then east along the Camp Blanding boundary to Duval Road, then south on Duval Road to Yerkes Road, then west on Yerkes Road to Treat Road, then north on Treat Road to Lightning Strike Road, then west and north on Lightning Strike Road to State Road 230, then west on State Road 230 to the Camp Blanding boundary, then north along the Camp Blanding boundary to State Road 16, then east on the south side of State Road 16 to Lightning Strike Road, then north on Lightning Strike Road to Bessent Road, then north on Bessent Road to the starting point. A disjunct portion of the archery-only area is south of County Road 215, east of Rifle Range Road, north of State Road 16 and west of the Camp Blanding boundary.

6. No change.

7. Muzzleloading gun – October 13-15 ~~7-9~~ and 20-22 ~~14-16~~, only in the still hunt areas.

8. No change.

9. Trapping – December 1 through January 10 ~~4~~, only in the still hunt areas.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish and furbearers. Turkeys of either sex may be taken during the archery and muzzleloading gun seasons, the last two days of each of the two general gun still quota periods, the first two days of the non-quota period of the general gun still season and the last three days of each general gun dog hunt. Taking antlered deer not having at least one antler with three or more points or one antler with a main beam of ten inches or more in length, each point one inch or more in length, is prohibited, ~~in the archery only and still hunt areas except by persons less than 16 years of age. Antler restrictions shall not apply during the supervised youth hunt.~~ During the supervised youth hunts, only wild hogs and one antlered or antlerless deer may be taken per youth.

(c) through (d) No change.

(2) Cypress Creek Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Youth turkey hunt – March 12-13 ~~14-15~~.

2. Spring turkey – March 19-27 ~~21-29~~.

3. Archery – September 26 ~~20~~ through October 11 ~~5~~.

4. Muzzleloading gun – October 24-26 ~~18-20~~.

5. No change.

6. Small game – Opening the Saturday before Thanksgiving and continuing for 106 ~~54~~ days thereafter.

(b) Legal to take: Antlered deer, gray squirrel, rabbit, ~~furbearers~~ ~~faeeoon~~ and fish. Taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with three or more points or one antler with a main beam of ten inches or more in length is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age.

(c) through (d) No change.

(3) Gulf Hammock Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November 7 ~~4~~ through January 24 ~~18~~.

2. Youth turkey hunt – March 12-13 ~~14-15~~.

3. Spring turkey – March 19 ~~21~~ through April 24 ~~26~~.

4. Archery – September 19 ~~13~~ through October 18 ~~12~~.

5. Archery and muzzleloading gun – October 24 through November 6 ~~18-31~~.

6. Small game – January 30 ~~24~~ through February 28 ~~22~~.

7. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers. Taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with two or more points is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age.

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. No change.

2. Public access is allowed only when hunting is allowed, ~~and~~ on the Friday prior to archery/muzzleloading gun and spring turkey seasons ~~season~~ and on the consecutive Friday, Saturday, and Sunday prior to the archery and general gun seasons.

3. through 8. No change.

(4) Lochloosa Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November 7-20, ~~1-14~~ and November 21 through December 6 ~~15-30~~ and December 7 through January 3 ~~1-28~~.

2. Youth turkey hunt – March 12-13 ~~14-15~~.

3. Spring turkey – March 19 ~~21~~ through April 24 ~~26~~.

4. Archery – September 26 ~~20~~ through October 25 ~~19~~.

5. Muzzleloading gun – October 30 through November 1 ~~24-26~~.

6. No change.

7. Small game – January 4 ~~December 29~~ through March 6 ~~1~~.

8. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers. Taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with three or more points or one antler with a main beam of ten inches or more in length is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age.

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. No change.

2. Vehicles may be operated only on named or numbered roads. ~~Vehicles are restricted to established roads.~~ Tracked vehicles, all-terrain vehicles and unlicensed vehicles are prohibited. Non-motorized bicycles are allowed, but may be ridden only on named or numbered roads and designated trails ~~established roads~~.

3. through 5. No change.

6. Horses are prohibited during general gun season. Horses may be ridden only on named or numbered roads and designated trails ~~established roads~~.

(5) Osceola Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November 14 ~~8~~ through January 10 ~~4~~.

2. Small game – January 11 ~~5~~ through March 6 ~~1~~.

3. Youth turkey hunt – March 12-13 ~~14-15~~.

4. Spring turkey – March 19 ~~21~~ through April 24 ~~26~~.

5. Archery – September 26 ~~20~~ through October 18 ~~12~~.

6. Muzzleloading gun – October 24-31 ~~18-25~~ in the still hunt area and Big Gum Swamp Wilderness only.

7. Fox, raccoon, opossum and bobcat – November 14 ~~8~~ through March 6 ~~1~~ in the dog hunt portion of the area.

8. ~~Special~~ September duck – During the ~~special~~ September duck seasons ~~season~~ established by Rule 68A-13.003, F.A.C.

9. No change.

10. Trapping – January 11 ~~5~~ through March 1.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers. Taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with three or more points or one antler with a main beam of ten inches or more in length is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age.

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. No change.

2. Deer dogs may be trained from October 31 ~~25~~ through November 9 ~~3~~, except in the still hunt area.

3. through 7. No change.

(6) Big Bend Wildlife Management Area – Tide Swamp Unit.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~7~~ 4 through January 3 ~~December 28~~.

2. Archery – September ~~26~~ 20 through October ~~25~~ 19.

3. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~30~~ through November 1 ~~24~~ 26.

4. Small game – January 4 ~~December 29~~ through February ~~28~~ 22.

5. through 6. No change.

7. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~12-13~~ 14-15.

8. Spring turkey – March ~~19~~ 24 through April ~~24~~ 26.

9. Trapping – January ~~11~~ 5 through March 1.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers. Taking antlered deer not having at least one antler with three or more points or one antler with a main beam of ten inches or more in length each point one inch or more in length, is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age.

(c) through (d) No change.

(7) Big Bend Wildlife Management Area – Spring Creek Unit.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~7-15~~ 4-9 and November ~~16~~ 10 through January 3 ~~December 28~~.

2. Archery – September ~~26~~ 20 through October ~~25~~ 19.

3. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~30~~ through November 1 ~~24~~ 26.

4. Small game – January 4 ~~December 29~~ through March ~~6~~ 4.

5. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~12-13~~ 14-15.

6. Spring turkey – March ~~19~~ 24 through April ~~24~~ 26.

7. Trapping – January ~~11~~ 5 through March 1.

8. through 9. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers. Taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with two or more points is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age.

(c) through (d) No change.

(8) Big Bend Wildlife Management Area – Hickory Mound Unit.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~7-15~~ 4-9, ~~16-22~~ 10-16 and November ~~23~~ 17 through January 3 ~~December 28~~.

2. Small game – January 4 ~~December 29~~ through February ~~28~~ 22.

3. Spring turkey – March ~~19~~ 24 through April ~~24~~ 26.

4. Archery – ~~October 3~~ ~~September 27~~ through November 1 ~~October 26~~.

5. ~~Special~~ September duck – Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays on the Hickory Mound Impoundment and allowed every day of the seasons ~~season~~ on the remainder of the area as established by Rule 68A-13.003, F.A.C.

6. through 7. No change.

8. Trapping – January ~~11~~ 5 through March 1.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers. Taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with two or more points is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age.

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 11. No change.

12. Hunting with dogs is prohibited during the archery season except that waterfowl retrievers may be used during the ~~special~~ September duck seasons ~~season~~.

13. No change.

(9) Big Bend Wildlife Management Area – Jena Unit.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~26~~ 20 through October ~~25~~ 19.

2. General gun – November ~~7-15~~ ~~1-9~~ and November ~~16~~ ~~10~~ through ~~January 3~~ ~~December 28~~.

3. Spring turkey – March ~~19~~ ~~21~~ through April ~~24~~ ~~26~~.

4. Small game – ~~January 4~~ ~~December 29~~ through February ~~28~~ ~~22~~.

5. through 6. No change.

7. Trapping – January ~~11~~ ~~5~~ through March 1.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers except that during archery season, taking antlerless deer or turkey other than bearded turkey or gobbler is prohibited. Taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with two or more points is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age.

(c) through (d) No change.

(10) Big Bend Wildlife Management Area – Snipe Island Unit.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~26~~ ~~20~~ through October ~~25~~ ~~19~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~30~~ through ~~November 1~~ ~~24-26~~.

3. General gun – November ~~7-15~~ ~~1-9~~ and ~~16-29~~ ~~10-23~~.

4. Small game – December ~~19~~ ~~27~~ through ~~February 14~~ ~~January 25~~.

5. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~12-13~~ ~~14-15~~.

6. Spring turkey – March ~~19-27~~ ~~21-29~~, March ~~28~~ ~~30~~ through April ~~3~~ ~~5~~ and April ~~4-10~~ ~~6-12~~.

7. Trapping – January ~~9~~ ~~3~~ through March 1.

8. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers. The bag limit for deer shall be one per person per day. Taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with two or more points is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. During archery season quota periods, ~~the bag limit for wild turkey shall be one turkey~~ may be taken per person, but no more than two turkeys per quota permit. During archery season non-quota periods, ~~the bag limit for wild turkey shall be one turkey~~ may be taken per person. During spring turkey season quota periods, ~~the bag limit for wild turkey shall be one gobbler or bearded turkey~~ may be taken per person, but no more than two per quota permit. During spring turkey season non-quota periods, ~~the bag limit for wild turkey shall be one gobbler or bearded turkey~~ may be taken per person. Gobblers or bearded turkeys may be taken during spring turkey season from one-half hour before sunrise until sunset.

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 4. No change.

5. Hunting with ~~The possession or use of~~ dogs other than waterfowl retrievers or bird dogs is prohibited, except dogs with a shoulder height of 15 inches or less may be used to take small game during the small game season as provided by paragraph 68A-15.004(7)(c) or (d), F.A.C. The take of wild hog with dogs is prohibited.

6. through 7. No change.

(11) PotashCorp – White Springs Wildlife Management Area.

(a) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 2. No change.

3. The use of airboats is prohibited. All watercraft shall be operated at idle speed. The use of any boat motor, except electric motors, is prohibited.

4. through 7. No change.

(12) Raiford Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~26~~ ~~20~~ through October ~~11~~ ~~5~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~24-26~~ ~~18-20~~.

3. Archery and muzzleloading gun – November ~~7-15~~ ~~1-9~~, Thanksgiving Day through the Sunday following Thanksgiving Day and December 26-29.

4. Wild hog-still – January 2-5.

5.4. Youth turkey hunt – March 12-13 14-15.

6.5. Spring turkey – March 19-27 21-29 and April 7-10.

6. renumbered 7. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers. Taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with three or more points or one antler with a main beam of ten inches or more in length is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. Wild turkey may be taken during the muzzleloading gun and archery/muzzleloading gun seasons. Only wild hog may be taken during the wild hog-still season.

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 2. No change.

3. During archery, muzzleloading gun, ~~and~~ archery/muzzleloading gun and wild hog-still seasons, hunters are allowed on the area from 1.5 hours before sunrise until 1.5 hours after sunset. During spring turkey season, hunters are allowed on the area from 1.5 hours before sunrise until 1:30 p.m.

4. through 6. No change.

7. Public access is allowed during periods open to hunting, the weekend prior to each hunting period and from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on the day preceding and the day following archery, muzzleloading gun, ~~and~~ archery/muzzleloading gun and wild hog-still season hunts seasons. Public access is allowed from 1.5 hours before sunrise until 1.5 hours after sunset on the day preceding spring turkey season hunts. Public access is prohibited at all other times. No person shall enter the area during quota hunts ~~the muzzleloading gun, archery/muzzleloading gun and spring turkey seasons~~ except those hunters possessing Raiford quota permits for the appropriate season and those hunters exempt from quota permit requirements pursuant to Rule 68A-15.005, F.A.C.

(13) Cedar Key Scrub Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~7-15~~ 4-9.

2. Archery – September ~~26~~ 20 through October ~~11~~ 5.

3. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~24-26~~ 18-20.

(b) Legal to take: Antlered deer, antlerless deer (during archery season only), wild hog and gray squirrel. Taking any other animal is prohibited. Taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with two or more points is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age.

(c) through (d) No change.

(14) Andrews Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~25-27~~ 19-21 and October 2-4 ~~26-28~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – ~~November 6-8~~ ~~October 31~~ through ~~November 2~~ and 13-15 ~~November 7-9~~.

3. General gun – November 20-22 ~~14-16~~.

4. Small game – January 1-3 ~~December 26-28~~, January 8-10 ~~2-4~~, and 15-17 ~~9-11~~.

5. Family hunt – December 5-6 ~~November 29-30~~ and December 12-13 ~~6-7~~.

6. Youth turkey hunt – March 12-13 ~~14-15~~.

7. Spring turkey – March 25-27 ~~27-29~~ and April 15-17 ~~17-19~~.

8. Supervised deer/hog youth hunt – October 24-25 ~~18-19~~ and October 31 through November 1 ~~25-26~~.

9. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers. The bag limit for deer shall be one per quota permit. Taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with two or more points is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. During the family hunt, only wild hog and furbearers may be taken. During the supervised deer-hog youth hunt, only antlered deer, antlerless deer by antlerless deer permit only, and wild hog may be taken. Wild hog may not be taken during the small game season. Gobblers or bearded turkeys may be taken during spring turkey season from one-half hour before sunrise until sunset.

(c) through (d) No change.

(15) Big Shoals Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September 28 through October 3 ~~September 22-27, October 5-10~~ September 29 through October 4 and October 12-17 ~~6-11~~.
2. Muzzleloading gun – October 30 through November 1 ~~24-26~~ and November 6-8 ~~October 31 through November 2~~.
3. Small game – Opening on Thanksgiving Day and continuing for 38 days thereafter ~~December 15-20 and 22-27~~.
4. Youth turkey hunt – March 12-13 ~~14-15~~.
5. Spring turkey – March 24-26 ~~26-28~~ and April 14-16 ~~16-18~~.
6. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal fish. Taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with three or more points or one antler with a main beam of ten inches or more in length is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. During the archery season only antlerless and antlered deer, wild hog, turkey of either sex, rabbit, and gray squirrel may be taken. During the muzzleloading gun season only antlered deer, wild hog, rabbit and gray squirrel may be taken. During the small game season only wild hog, rabbit and gray squirrel may be taken. During the spring turkey season only bearded turkeys or gobblers may be taken.

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. No person shall hunt in any zone other than that to which he or she is assigned by zone tag. Zone tags shall not be transferred. Hunters shall keep the zone tag in their possession. Persons are not required to possess zone tags during small game season.

2. through 6. No change.

(16) Twin Rivers Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September 26 through October 2 ~~September 20-26 and October 3-11~~ September 27 through October 5.
2. Muzzleloading gun – October 24-26 ~~18-20~~.
3. Family hunt – November 7-8 ~~1-2~~.
4. General gun – November 9-15 ~~3-9~~ and 16-22 ~~10-16~~.
5. Small game – Opening on Thanksgiving Day and continuing for 38 days thereafter ~~November 22 through December 14~~.
6. Youth turkey hunt – March 12-13 ~~14-15~~.
7. Spring turkey – March 25-27 ~~27-29~~ and April 15-17 ~~17-19~~.
8. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish and furbearers. ~~Deer, turkey (archery and spring turkey seasons only), gray squirrel, quail, rabbit and fish.~~ Taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with three or more points or one antler with a main beam of ten inches or more in length is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. The bag limit for deer is one deer per person, but no more than two deer per quota permit during archery season. The bag limit for deer is one antlered deer per person, but no more than two antlered deer per quota permit during muzzleloading gun and general gun seasons. The bag limit for deer is one antlered and one antlerless deer per quota permit during the family hunt. ~~The bag limit for turkey is One~~ turkey may be taken per person, but no more than two per quota permit.

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 3. No change.

4. Horses are allowed only during daylight hours and only on designated roads.

5. Public access is prohibited from 1.5 hours after sunset until 1.5 hours before sunrise, except by persons in possession of a special use permit from the Florida Forest Service.

6. Vehicles may be operated only on named or numbered roads.

~~5. Vehicles may be operated only during daylight hours and only on the following roads: Zone A—Spring Road (only during the period from the first Monday after the close of the spring turkey season through Labor Day) and Loop Road; Zone B—Withlacoochee Road, Powerline Road, Loop Road and West Road; Zone C—Road A, Road B, Road C, Road 1, Road 2, Road 3, and Springs Road.~~

7. Persons shall enter and exit at designated entrances, via the Florida Trail, the Suwannee River or the Withlacoochee River.

6. renumbered 8. No change.

~~7. Persons may enter and exit the area only on the following roads and trails: Zone A—Loop Road; Zone B—Withlacoochee Road, Powerline Road, Loop Road and West Road; Zone C—Road A, Road B, Road C, Road 1, Road 2, Road 3, Springs Road, and the Florida Trail.~~

8. through 9. renumbered 9. through 10. No change.

(17) No change.

(18) Jennings Forest Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~26-29, 20-23~~ and September 30 through October 3 ~~24-27, October 4-7~~ September 28 through October 1 and ~~8-11~~ October 2-5.

2. Supervised small game – October ~~17-25~~ ~~11-19~~, east of Yellow Water Creek, and east of the North Fork Black Creek but only south of its convergence with Yellow Water Creek.

3. Muzzleloading gun – October 30 through November 1 ~~24-26~~.

4. Bird dog training – November ~~23~~ ~~17~~ through December ~~20~~ ~~14~~ in the quail enhancement area and in the Normandy Unit only on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays from October through January; except that bird dog training is prohibited during the archery season.

5. General gun – November ~~7-10~~ ~~1-4~~, ~~11-14~~ ~~5-8~~, ~~15-18~~ ~~9-12~~ and ~~19-22~~ ~~13-16~~.

6. Family hunt – December ~~26-27~~ ~~20-21~~.

7. Small game – January ~~8~~ ~~2~~ through February ~~7~~ ~~1~~, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only.

8. Wild hog-still – February ~~12-14~~ ~~6-8~~, ~~19-21~~ ~~13-15~~, May ~~6-8~~ ~~1-3~~, ~~20-22~~ ~~15-17~~ and June ~~3-5~~ ~~5-7~~.

9. No change.

10. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~12-13~~ ~~14-15~~.

11. Spring turkey – March ~~19-21~~ ~~21-23~~, ~~22-24~~ ~~24-26~~ and ~~25-27~~ ~~27-29~~.

12. through 13. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish and furbearers. Taking antlered deer not having at least one antler with three or more points or one antler with a main beam of ten inches or more in length, each point one inch or more in length, is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. The bag limit for deer shall be one per quota permit during the archery, muzzleloading gun and general gun seasons and one antlered and one antlerless deer per quota permit during the family hunt. The take of wild hog is prohibited during small game season and in the quail enhancement area in February during the wild hog-still season. Only wild hog may be taken during the wild hog-still season. During the spring turkey season, ~~the bag limit for turkeys shall be one gobbler or bearded turkey~~ may be taken per quota permit. Killing quail is prohibited on the quail enhancement area (that portion of the area lying north of the North Fork Black Creek, east of County Road 217 and west of the Yellow Water Creek) except during quail season. The bag limit for quail on the quail enhancement area is six per quota permit.

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 3. No change.

4. Taking wildlife with dogs is prohibited except that bird dogs are allowed during the bird dog training, small game and quail seasons and waterfowl retrievers are allowed during the duck, geese and coot season. In the Normandy Unit, the use of dogs is prohibited except bird dogs are allowed ~~only~~ during the bird dog training season and bird dogs and waterfowl retrievers are allowed during the small game season.

5. through 10. No change.

11. Wildlife may be taken in the Normandy Unit only during the bird dog training, ~~and~~ archery and small game

seasons.

12. through 13. No change.

(19) Holton Creek Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Mobility-impaired general gun – October ~~16-18~~ ~~10-12~~, October 30 through November 1 ~~24-26~~, November 6-8 ~~October 31 through November 2~~ and December 18-20 ~~12-14~~.

2. Mobility-impaired spring turkey – March 25-27 ~~27-29~~ and April 15-17 ~~17-19~~.

3. No change.

(b) Legal to take: Antlered deer, antlerless deer ~~Any deer (except spotted fawns)~~, gobbler or bearded turkey, gray squirrel, rabbit, fish and furbearers. Taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with three or more points or one antler with a main beam of ten inches or more in length is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. The bag limit shall be One deer and one turkey may be taken per quota permit.

(c) through (d) No change.

(20) Goethe Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September 26 ~~20~~ through October 18 ~~12~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October 30 through November 1 ~~24-26~~.

3. General gun (still hunt) – November 7-9 ~~1-3~~, 10-12 ~~4-6~~ and 13-16 ~~7-10~~.

4. General gun (dog hunt) – November 20-22 ~~14-16~~, 23-26 ~~17-20~~ and 27-30 ~~21-24~~.

5. Family hunt – December 12-13 ~~6-7~~.

6. Small game – January 9 ~~3~~ through February 7 ~~1~~.

7. Spring turkey – March 19-25 ~~21-27~~, March 26 ~~28~~ through April 3 ~~5~~, and April 4-10 ~~6-12~~.

8. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers. Taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with two or more points is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. During the family hunt, the bag limit for deer shall be one antlered and one antlerless deer per quota permit.

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 3. No change.

4. Hunting with dogs is prohibited during ~~the family hunt~~, general gun still hunt ~~season~~, archery ~~season~~, and muzzleloading gun ~~seasons~~ ~~season~~. During the family hunt and small game season, hunting with dogs other than waterfowl retrievers and bird dogs is prohibited during the small game season, except during small game season by persons hunting as specified in paragraph 68A-24.002(2)(b), F.A.C.

5. through 11. No change.

(21) Citrus Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – December 11-13 ~~5-7~~ and January 1-3 ~~26-28~~.

2. Small game – January 4 ~~December 29~~ through February 28 ~~22~~.

3. Muzzleloading gun – December 4-6 ~~November 28-30~~ and 18-20 ~~December 12-14~~.

4. Archery – November 7-29 ~~1-23~~.

5. Youth turkey hunt – March 12-13 ~~14-15~~.

6. Spring turkey – March 22-25 ~~24-27~~, April 5-8 ~~7-10~~ and 19-22 ~~21-24~~.

7. No change.

8. ~~Special~~ September duck – During the ~~special~~ September duck ~~seasons~~ ~~season~~ established by Rule 68A-13.003, F.A.C.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers. During the archery season, take of antlerless deer shall be by antlerless deer permit only. Taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with two or more points is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. Turkey may be taken only during the spring turkey season when ~~the bag limit shall be~~ one gobbler or bearded turkey may be taken per quota permit.

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 5. No change.

6. The take of quail is prohibited east of County Road 491 between Forest Road 16 and County Road 480, except for the second and third consecutive Tuesdays, ~~and~~ Wednesdays and Thursdays in February.

7. through 11. No change.

(22) Flying Eagle Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – ~~October 3-6~~ September 27-30 and ~~9-13~~ October 3-7.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~24-26~~ 18-20.

3. General gun – November ~~7-10~~ 1-4 and ~~13-17~~ 7-11.

4. Small game – November ~~27-29~~ 21-23 and December ~~18-20~~ 12-14.

5. Spring turkey – March ~~19-22~~ 21-24 and ~~25-29~~ 27-31.

6. ~~Special~~ September duck – In September, during the seasons established by Rule 68A-13.003, F.A.C., except hunting is prohibited during teal season during periods that do not coincide with archery season.

7. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers. Taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with three or more points or one antler with a main beam of ten inches or more in length is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age.

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. No change.

2. Hunting with dogs is prohibited except that waterfowl retrievers and bird dogs are allowed during small game and ~~special~~ September duck seasons. During non-hunting periods the possession of dogs shall only be as authorized by the Southwest Florida Water Management District.

3. through 7. No change.

8. During ~~the special~~ September duck season, shooting hours are from 0.5 hour before sunrise until noon each day.

9. No change.

(23) Potts Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Spring turkey – March ~~19-22~~ 21-24 and ~~25-29~~ 27-31.

2. Archery – October ~~8-11~~ 2-5 and ~~14-18~~ 8-12.

3. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~30~~ through November 1 ~~24-26~~.

4. Wild hog-dog – November ~~20-22~~ 14-16.

5. Small game – February 5-7 ~~January 30~~ through February 1, 19-21 ~~February 13-15~~ and March 4-6 ~~February 27~~ through March 1.

6. through 7. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers. Taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with three or more points or one antler with a main beam of ten inches or more in length is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. The bag limit for turkey shall be One gobbler or bearded turkey may be taken per person, but no more than two per quota permit during spring turkey season. Only wild hog may be taken during the wild hog-dog season.

(c) through (d) No change.

(24) Homosassa Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – October ~~15-18~~ 9-12, October 29 through November 1 ~~23-26~~, and November 5-8 ~~October 30~~ through November 2.

2. Small game – November 13 through December 6 ~~7-30~~ and December 26 ~~20~~ through January 17 ~~44~~.

3. Special-opportunity spring turkey – March ~~19-25~~ 21-27 and April ~~2-8~~ 4-10.

4. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers. Taking antlered deer not having at least one antler with three or more points or one antler with a main beam of ten inches or more in length, each point one inch or more in length, is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. During the archery season the bag limit for deer shall be one antlered and one antlerless deer per quota permit. Wild turkey may only be taken during the special-opportunity spring turkey season. The bag limit for turkeys shall be One gobbler or bearded turkey may be taken per special-opportunity permit.

(c) through (d) No change.

(25) Devil's Hammock Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~19-22~~ 13-16, ~~23-27~~ 17-21 and September 28 through October 2 ~~22-26~~.

2. Family hunt – October ~~10-11~~ 4-5 and ~~17-18~~ 11-12.

3. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~24-26~~ 18-20.

4. General gun – November ~~7-10~~ 1-4 and ~~11-15~~ 5-9.

5. Small game – November ~~21~~ 15 through December ~~20~~ 14.

6. Wild hog-still – January ~~18~~ 12 through February ~~14~~ 8.

7. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~12-13~~ 14-15.

8. Spring turkey – March ~~19-22~~ 21-24 and ~~23-27~~ 25-29.

9. through 10. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers. The take of deer is prohibited during the family hunt. Taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with two or more points is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. Only wild hog may be taken during the wild hog-still season.

(c) Camping: Camping is allowed by permit only from the Suwannee River Water Management District or the Levy County Commission. Prohibited during periods open to hunting and at designated sites by group camping permit only from the Levy County Commission during periods closed to hunting.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 3. No change.

4. Hunters shall check in and out at the check station and check all game taken during the archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun, and spring turkey seasons. During small game season, hunters shall sign in and out upon entry or exit at the designated entrances.

5. through 6. No change.

(26) Mallory Swamp Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~19~~ 13 through October ~~18~~ 12.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~24~~ through November 1 ~~18-26~~ (still hunt area only).

3. General gun – November ~~14~~ 8 through January ~~10~~ 4.

4. Small game – January ~~11~~ 5 through February ~~21~~ 15.

5. Wild hog-dog – February ~~27~~ 21 through March ~~13~~ 8.

6. Spring turkey – March ~~19~~ 21 through April ~~3~~ 5.

7. No change.

8. Trapping – January ~~11~~ 5 through March 1.

9. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers. Taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with two or more points is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. Only wild hog may be taken during the wild hog-dog season.

(c) through (d) No change.

(27) Middle Aucilla Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November 7 through December 3 ~~1-27~~ and December 4 ~~November 28~~ through January 3 ~~December 28~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October 24 through November 1 ~~18-26~~.

3. Small game – January 4 ~~December 29~~ through March 6 ~~1~~.

4. Archery – September 19 ~~13~~ through October 18 ~~12~~.

5. Youth turkey hunt – March 12-13 ~~14-15~~.

6. Spring turkey – March 19 ~~21~~ through April 24 ~~26~~.

7. through 8. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish and furbearers. Taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with two or more points is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age.

(c) through (d) No change.

(28) Little River Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September 26-28 ~~20-22~~, October 3-5 ~~27-29~~ and 10-12 ~~October 4-6~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October 24-26 ~~18-20~~.

3. Family hunt – November 7-8.

~~4.3.~~ Small game – November 28 ~~22~~ through January 10 ~~4~~.

~~5.4.~~ Youth turkey hunt – March 12-13 ~~14-15~~.

~~6.5.~~ Spring turkey – March 19-21 ~~21-23~~ and April 1-3 ~~3-5~~.

6. through 7. renumbered 7. through 8. No change.

(b) Legal to take: Antlered deer, antlerless deer (during the family hunt only), rabbit, gray squirrel, quail (only during the first 16 days of the small game season), furbearers and fish. Taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with three or more points or one antler with a main beam of ten inches or more in length is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. During the family hunt, one antlered and one antlerless deer may be taken per quota permit. During the spring turkey season, ~~the bag limit shall be one gobbler or bearded turkey~~ may be taken per person, but no more than two per quota permit.

(c) through (d) No change.

(29) Troy Springs Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Small game – November 14 ~~8~~ through January 10 ~~4~~, except on Sundays, ~~and only in that portion of the area known as the Adams Tract located northeast of US 27, east and south of County Road 251, and southwest of the Suwannee River.~~

2. No change.

(b) through (d) No change.

(30) Bayard Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September 26 ~~20~~ through October 11 ~~5~~ and November 14-22 ~~8-16~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October 24 through November 1 ~~18-26~~.

3. Youth turkey hunt – March 12-13 ~~14-15~~.

4. through 6. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs, and furbearers. The bag limit for deer shall be one deer per person, but no more than two deer per quota permit during archery season and one antlered deer per person, but no more than two antlered deer per quota permit during muzzleloading gun season. Taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with three or more points or one antler with a main beam of ten inches or more in length is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age.

(c) through (d) No change.

(31) Grove Park Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September 19 ~~13~~ through October 18 ~~12~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October 24 through November 6 ~~18-31~~.
3. General gun – November 7 ~~4~~ through January 10 ~~4~~.
4. Small game – January 11 ~~5~~ through March 6 ~~4~~.
5. No change.
6. Trapping – December 1 through January 10 ~~4~~.
7. Youth turkey hunt – March 12-13 ~~14-15~~.
8. Spring turkey – March 19 ~~21~~ through April 24 ~~26~~.
9. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers. Taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with three or more points or one antler with a main beam of ten inches or more in length is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age.

(c) through (d) No change.

(32) Steinhatchee Springs Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September 26 ~~20~~ through October 25 ~~19~~.
2. Muzzleloading gun – October 30 through November 1 ~~24-26~~.
3. General gun – November 7-15 ~~4-9~~ and November 16 through December 6 ~~10-30~~.
4. Small game – December 26 ~~20~~ through January 31 ~~25~~.
5. Wild hog-dog – February 5-7 ~~January 30 through February 1, 19-21~~ ~~February 13-15 and 26-28~~ ~~20-22~~.
6. Youth turkey hunt – March 12-13 ~~14-15~~.
7. Spring turkey – March 19-22 ~~21-24, 23-27~~ ~~25-29~~ and March 28 ~~30~~ through April 10 ~~12~~.
8. through 9. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers. Taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with two or more points is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. Only wild hog may be taken during the wild hog-dog season.

(c) through (d) No change.

(33) Cary Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September 26-28 ~~20-22~~ and October 2-4 ~~26-28~~.
2. Muzzleloading gun – October 24-26 ~~18-20~~ and October 30 through November 1 ~~24-26~~.
3. Family hunt – November 7-8 ~~1-2~~.
4. General gun – November 13-15 ~~7-9~~ and 27-29 ~~21-23~~.
5. Small game – December 4 ~~November 28~~ through January 10 ~~4~~ (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).
6. Wild hog-still – January 29-31 ~~23-25~~ and February 19-21 ~~13-15~~.
7. Spring turkey – March 19-21 ~~21-23, 25-27~~ ~~27-29~~ and April 1-3 ~~3-5~~.
8. No change.

9. Fishing and Frogging – Throughout the year.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish and frogs except that only wild hog, deer, ~~and~~ waterfowl, fish and frogs may be taken during the family hunt; and the muzzleloading gun and general gun seasons. Taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with three or more points or one antler with a main beam of ten inches or more in length is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. During the archery season the bag limit for deer shall be one deer per person, but no more than two deer per quota permit. During the family hunt the bag limit shall be one antlered and one antlerless deer per quota permit. During the muzzleloading gun and general gun seasons the bag limit shall be one antlered deer per person, but no more than two antlered deer per quota permit. Only wild hog may be taken during the wild hog-still season. During the spring turkey season ~~the bag limit for turkey shall be one~~ gobbler or bearded turkey may be taken per person, but no more than two per quota permit.

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 4. No change.

5. Horses may be ridden only on named or numbered roads and designated trails. On that portion of the area open for hunting, horses are allowed only on established roads during periods when hunting is allowed.

6. Taking wildlife with centerfire rifles is prohibited.

7. through 8. renumbered 6. through 7. No change.

(34) Ralph E. Simmons Memorial Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. General gun – November ~~21-29~~ 15-23.

2. Archery – September 19-27 ~~13-21~~.

3. Muzzleloading gun – October 24 through November 1 ~~18-26~~.

4. General gun for mobility-impaired – October 10-13 ~~4-7~~.

5. Family hunt – November 7-8 ~~1-2~~.

6. Small game – December 14-27 ~~8-21~~ and January 30 ~~24~~ through February 7 ~~1~~.

7. No change.

8. Youth turkey hunt – March 12-13 ~~14-15~~.

9. through 10. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers. Taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with three or more points or one antler with a main beam of ten inches or more in length is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. During the archery and general gun for mobility-impaired seasons and the family hunt, the bag limit for deer shall be one antlered and one antlerless deer per quota permit. During the muzzleloading gun and general gun seasons, the bag limit for deer shall be one antlered deer per person, but no more than two deer per quota permit. During the general gun for mobility-impaired season only certified mobility-impaired hunters may take antlerless deer.

(c) through (d) No change.

(35) Lower Econfina River Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – October 10-25 ~~4-19~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October 31 through November 2 ~~25-27~~.

3. Small game – January 18 ~~12~~ through February 28 ~~22~~.

4. Youth turkey hunt – March 12-13 ~~14-15~~.

5. Spring turkey – March 19-27 ~~21-29~~.

6. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers. Taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with two or more points is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age.

(c) through (d) No change.

(36) Belmore Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September 26-28 ~~20-22~~, October 2-4 ~~26-28~~ and 9-11 ~~October 3-5~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October 24-26 ~~18-20~~.

3. Family hunt – November 7-8 ~~1-2~~ and 21-22 ~~15-16~~.

4. General gun – November 12-15 ~~6-9~~ and 25-29 ~~19-23~~.

5. Small game – December 4 ~~November 28~~ through January 10 ~~4~~ (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).

6. No change.

7. Youth turkey hunt – March 12-13 ~~14-15~~.

8. Spring turkey – March 19-21 ~~21-23~~, 25-27 ~~27-29~~ and April 1-3 ~~3-5~~.

9. through 10. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers. During the archery season the bag limit for deer shall be one antlered or one antlerless deer per quota permit. During the family hunts the bag limit for deer shall be one antlered and one antlerless deer per quota permit. During the muzzleloading gun and general gun seasons the bag limit for deer shall be one antlered deer per quota permit. Taking antlered deer not having at least one antler

with three or more points ~~or one antler with a main beam of ten inches or more in length, each point one inch or more in length~~, is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. During the spring turkey season ~~the bag limit for wild turkey shall be one gobbler or bearded turkey~~ may be taken per quota permit.

(c) through (d) No change.

(37) Four Creeks Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~26-28~~ 20-22, October ~~2-4~~ 26-28 and ~~9-11~~ October 3-5.
2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~24-26~~ 18-20.
3. Family hunt – November ~~7-8~~ 1-2.
4. General gun – November ~~13-15~~ 7-9, ~~20-22~~ 14-16 and ~~27-29~~ 21-23.
5. Small game – ~~December 4~~ November 28 through January ~~10~~ 4 (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).
6. Wild hog-still – February ~~11-14~~ 5-8.
7. No change.
8. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~12-13~~ 14-15.
9. Spring turkey – March ~~19-21~~ 21-23, ~~25-27~~ 27-29 and April ~~1-3~~ 3-5.
10. through 11. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers. During the archery season the bag limit for deer shall be one deer per quota permit. During the family hunt the bag limit for deer shall be one antlered and one antlerless deer per quota permit. During the muzzleloading gun and general gun seasons the bag limit for deer shall be one deer per quota permit. Taking antlered deer not having at least one antler with three or more points or one antler with a main beam of ten inches or more in length, ~~each point one inch or more in length~~, is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. During the spring turkey season ~~the bag limit for turkey shall be one gobbler or bearded turkey~~ may be taken per quota permit. Only wild hog may be taken during the wild hog-still season.

(c) through (d) No change.

(38) Hatchet Creek Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~25-27~~ 19-21, October ~~2-4~~ 26-28 and ~~9-11~~ October 3-5.
2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~24-26~~ 18-20.
3. Family hunt – November ~~7-8~~ 1-2.
4. General gun – November ~~13-15~~ 7-9 and ~~27-29~~ 21-23.
5. No change.
6. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~12-13~~ 14-15.
7. Spring turkey – March ~~19-21~~ 21-23, ~~25-27~~ 27-29 and April ~~1-3~~ 3-5.
8. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers. During the archery season the bag limit for deer shall be one deer per person, but no more than two deer per quota permit. During the family hunt the bag limit for deer shall be one antlered and one antlerless deer per quota permit. During the muzzleloading gun and general gun seasons the bag limit for deer shall be one deer per person, but no more than two per quota permit. Taking antlered deer not having at least one antler with three or more points or one antler with a main beam of ten inches or more in length, ~~each point one inch or more in length~~, is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. During the spring turkey season ~~the bag limit for turkey shall be one gobbler or bearded turkey~~ may be taken per person, but no more than two ~~deer~~ per quota permit.

(c) through (d) No change.

(39) Log Landing Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~19~~ 13 through October ~~18~~ 12 and ~~November 6-15~~ October 31 through November 9 (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).
2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~24~~ through November 1 ~~18-26~~, November ~~20-29~~ 14-23 and December ~~25~~ through January 3 ~~19-28~~ (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).

3. Small game – ~~December 4-20~~ ~~November 28~~ through ~~December 14~~ and January ~~8~~ ~~2~~ through February ~~14~~ ~~8~~ (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).

4. No change.

5. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~12-13~~ ~~14-15~~.

6. Spring turkey – March ~~19~~ ~~21~~ through April ~~24~~ ~~26~~ (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).

7. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers, except that the take of turkey other than bearded turkey or gobbler is prohibited during the archery season. Taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with two or more points is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. The take of antlerless deer, gobbler or bearded turkey during the archery season is allowed only during the first 14 days.

(c) through (d) No change.

(40) Thomas Creek Wildlife Management Area – Kings Road Unit.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September ~~26-28~~ ~~20-22~~, ~~October 5-7~~ ~~September 29~~ through ~~October 1~~ and ~~12-14~~ ~~October 6-8~~.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October ~~24-26~~ ~~18-20~~.

3. Family hunt – November ~~7-8~~ ~~1-2~~.

4. General gun – November ~~20-22~~ ~~14-16~~ and ~~27-29~~ ~~21-23~~.

5. Small game – ~~December 4-9~~ ~~November 28~~ through ~~December 3~~, ~~14-16~~ ~~December 8-10~~, ~~25-27~~ ~~19-21~~, ~~January 1-3~~ ~~26-28~~ and ~~11-13~~ ~~January 5-7~~.

6. No change.

7. Youth turkey hunt – March ~~12-13~~ ~~14-15~~.

8. Spring turkey – March ~~19-21~~, ~~21-23~~, ~~28-30~~ ~~March 30~~ through ~~April 1~~ and April ~~4-6~~ ~~6-8~~.

9. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, fish, frogs and furbearers. Taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with three or more points or one antler with a main beam of ten inches or more in length is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. The bag limit for deer shall be one deer per person, but no more than two deer per quota permit during archery season. The bag limit for deer shall be one antlered deer per person during the family hunt. The bag limit for deer shall be one antlered deer per person, but no more than two antlered deer per quota permit during muzzleloading gun and general gun seasons. During spring turkey season, ~~the bag limit for wild turkey shall be one gobbler or bearded turkey~~ may be taken per person, but no more than two per quota permit.

(c) through (d) No change.

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