

Background Report
Draft Rule 68A-15.062
Agenda Item 11 A.
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68A-15.062 Specific Regulations for Wildlife Management Areas – North Central Region.

(1) No change.

(2) Cypress Creek Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. through 3. No change.

4. Muzzleloading gun – October 24-26.

5. through 6. No change.

(b) Legal to take: Antlered deer, bear, gray squirrel, rabbit, 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.

(c) through (d) No change.

(3) No change.

(4) Lochloosa Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. through 3. No change.

4. Archery – September 26 through October 25.

5. Muzzleloading gun – October 30 through November 1.

6. through 8. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, bear, 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.

(5) Osceola Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. through 5. No change.

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

7. through 10. No change.

11. Bear - During the open season established for the North BMU in Rule 68A-13.004,

F.A.C.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, bear, 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.

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

(a) Open season:

1. No change.

2. Archery – September 26 through October 25.

3. Muzzleloading gun – October 30 through November 1.

4. through 9. No change.

10. Bear- During the open season established for the East Panhandle BMU in Rule 689A-13.004, F.A.C.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, bear, 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 is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age.

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 2. No change.

3. During the muzzleloading gun season, the bear season, the youth turkey hunt, and the first 16 days of the archery, general gun and spring turkey seasons, hunters shall check in and out at a check station when entering or exiting the area and check all game taken.

4. through 7. No change.

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

(a) Open season:

1. No change.

2. Archery – September 26 through October 25.

3. Muzzleloading gun – October 30 through November 1.

4. through 9. No change.

10. Bear- During the open season established for the East Panhandle BMU in Rule 689A-13.004, F.A.C.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, bear, 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. During the muzzleloading gun season, the bear season, the youth turkey hunt, and the first 16 days of the archery, general gun and spring turkey seasons, hunters shall check in and out at a check station when entering or exiting the area and shall check all game taken.

2. through 8. No change.

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

(a) Open season:

1. through 3. No change.

4. Archery – October 3 through November 1.

5. through 8. No change.

9. Bear- During the open season established for the East Panhandle BMU in Rule 689A-13.004, F.A.C.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, bear, 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 5. No change.

6. During the bear season and the first 16 days of the archery, general gun and spring turkey seasons, hunters shall check in and out at a check station when entering or exiting the area and check all game taken. Waterfowl hunters using the Hickory Mound Impoundment must check in and out at the check station whenever it is manned and check all game taken.

7. through 13. No change.

(9) No change.

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

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September 26 through October 25.
2. Muzzleloading gun – October 30 through November 1.
3. through 8. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, bear, 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, one turkey may be taken per person, but no more than two turkeys per quota permit. During archery season non-quota periods, one turkey may be taken per person. During spring turkey season quota periods, 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, 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) through (d) No change.

(11) No change.

(12) Raiford Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – September 26 through October 11.
2. Muzzleloading gun – October 24-26.
3. through 7. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, bear, 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) through (d) No change.

(13) through (15) No change.

(16) Twin Rivers Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. No change.
2. Muzzleloading gun – October 24-26.
3. through 8. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, bear, 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 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. One turkey may be taken per person, but no more than two per quota permit.

(c) through (d) No change.

(17) through (26) No change.

(27) Middle Aucilla Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. No change.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October 24 through November 1.

3. through 8. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, bear, 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. No change.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October 24-26.

3. through 8. No change.

(b) Legal to take: Antlered deer, antlerless deer (during the family hunt only), bear, 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, one gobbler or bearded turkey may be taken per person, but no more than two per quota permit.

(c) through (d) No change.

(29) No change.

(30) Bayard Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. No change.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October 24 through November 1.

3. through 6. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, bear, 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) through (32) No change.

(33) Cary Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. No change.

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

3. through 9. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, bear, fish and frogs except that only wild hog, deer, bear, 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 one gobbler or bearded turkey may be taken per person, but no more than two per quota permit.

(c) through (d) No change.

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

(a) Open season:

1. through 2. No change.

3. Muzzleloading gun – October 24 through November 1.

4. through 10. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, bear, 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.

2. through 6. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, bear, 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. No change.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October 24-26.

3. through 10. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, bear, 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 is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. During the spring turkey season 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. No change.

2. Muzzleloading gun – October 24-26.

3. through 11. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, bear, 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 is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. During the spring turkey season 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) through (40) No change.