

**Background Report**  
**Draft Rule 68A-15.063**  
**Agenda Item 11 A.**  
**April 15, 2015**

**68A-15.063 Specific Regulations for Wildlife Management Areas – Northwest Region.**

(1) Apalachee Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. No change.
2. Archery – October 24 through November 22.
3. through 9. No change.

10. Bear - During the open season established for the East Panhandle 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. Quail may be taken in Zone A only during the archery, muzzleloading gun, and quail seasons.

(c) through (d) No change.

(2) Apalachicola Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open seasons:

1. through 5. No change.
6. Archery – October 24 through November 22.
7. through 12. No change.

13. Bear - During the open season established for the East Panhandle 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 two or more points is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. Bearded turkeys or gobblers may be taken during the muzzleloading gun season, and during the periods of November 26-29 and December 12-23. Killing quail is prohibited on the quail enhancement area (that portion of the area lying north of Oak Ridge Road, east of State Road 61 and U.S. Highway 319, south of State Road 263 and west of State Road 363) except by quail permit during the quail season. The bag limit for quail on the quail enhancement area is six (6) per quota permit.

(c) through (d) No change.

(3) Apalachicola Wildlife Management Area – Bradwell Unit.

(a) Open season:

1. No change.
2. Archery – October 24-30 and October 31 through November 8.
3. 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 two or more points is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. The bag limit for antlered deer shall be one per quota permit during the archery season and one per person, but no more than two per quota permit during muzzleloading gun and general gun seasons. During the family hunt, the bag limit shall be one antlered and one antlerless deer per quota permit. During spring turkey season, one gobbler or bearded turkey may be taken per person, but not more than two per quota permit. During the wild hog seasons, only wild hog may be taken.

(c) through (d) No change.

(4) through (6) No change.

(7) Joe Budd Wildlife Management Area.

(a) through (c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 11. No change.

12. During the archery, archery/muzzleloading gun, small game, and dove seasons, and prior to 1 p.m. during the youth spring turkey, and spring turkey seasons, access to the area shall be restricted to individuals authorized to participate in the hunt.

(8) No change.

(9) Talquin Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. through 2. No change.

3. Archery – October 24 through November 22 (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).

4. through 7. No change.

8. Bear - During the open season established for the East Panhandle BMU in Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C. (Friday, Saturdays and Sundays only).

(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. During the youth turkey hunt, one gobbler or bearded turkey may be taken per quota permit.

(c) through (d) No change.

(10) Ochlockonee River Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. through 2. No change.

3. Archery – October 24 through November 22 (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).

4. through 6. No change.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, bear, fish, frogs and furbearers. In that portion of the area south of I-10, 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. In that portion of the area north of I-10, 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. Gobblers or bearded turkeys may be taken during the archery/muzzleloading gun season. During the youth turkey hunt, one gobbler or bearded turkey may be taken per quota permit.

(c) through (d) No change.

(11) Tate's Hell Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. through 2. No change.

3. Archery – October 24 through November 22.

4. through 11. No change.

12. Bear - During the open season established for the East Panhandle 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 two or more points is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age.

(c) through (d) No change.

(12) Tate's Hell Wildlife Management Area – Womack Creek Unit.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – October 24 through November 1.
2. 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 two or more points is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. During the youth turkey hunt, one gobbler or bearded turkey may be taken per quota permit. The take of wild hog is prohibited during small game season.

(c) through (d) No change.

(13) Aucilla Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. through 5. No change.
6. Muzzleloading gun – October 24-26.
7. through 13. No change.

14. Bear - During the open season established for the East Panhandle BMU in Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., except in the Pinhook still hunt area.

(b) Legal to take: All legal game, bear, fish, frogs and furbearers. In the Pinhook still hunt area (which is that portion of the area south of US 98), 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. In the remainder of the area, 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 archery season in the Pinhook still hunt area the bag limit for deer shall be two deer, only one of which can be antlered, 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 in the Pinhook still hunt area, the bag limit for deer shall be one antlered deer per person, but not more than two per quota permit. During the wild hog-dog season, only wild hog may be taken.

(c) through (d) No change.

(14) No change.

(15) Pine Log Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – October 24 through November 15.
2. through 11. No change.

(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 is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. During the youth turkey hunt, one gobbler or bearded turkey may be taken per quota permit.

(c) through (d) No change.

(16) through (17) No change.

(18) Tyndall AFB Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – October 24 through November 25 during days specified by the Installation Commander.
2. through 9. No change.

10. Bear - During the open season established for the East Panhandle BMU in Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C. (only in areas and during days designated by the Installation Commander).

(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 in areas specified by the Installation Commander. The Installation Commander may specify areas and days where taking of antlered deer not having at least one antler with three or more points is prohibited and where persons less than 16 years of age may harvest antlered deer not meeting antler point criteria. Antler restrictions shall not apply during the supervised youth hunt. Antlerless deer may be taken during established seasons only by permit from the Installation Commander.

(c) through (d) No change.

(19) No change.

(20) Chipola River Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open seasons, except in the Altha Tract:

1. Archery – October 24 through November 22.

2. through 10. No change.

11. Bear - During the open season established for the East Panhandle BMU in Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C.

(b) Open seasons in the Altha Tract:

1. Archery – October 24-30 and October 31 through November 8.

2. through 7. No change.

(c) Legal to take: All legal game, bear, fish, frogs and furbearers. In that portion of the area south of I-10, 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. In that portion of the area north of I-10, 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 in the Altha Tract, the bag limit for deer shall be one antlered or one antlerless deer per person, but not more than two 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 season in the Altha Tract, the bag limit shall be one antlered deer per person, but not more than two per quota permit. One gobbler or bearded turkey may be taken per quota permit during the youth turkey hunt and one gobbler or bearded turkey may be taken per person, but not more than two per quota permit during spring turkey season in the Altha Tract.

(d) through (e) No change.

(21) No change.

(22) Econfina Creek Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season except in the mobility-impaired, Cat Creek and Fitzhugh Carter areas.

1. Archery – October 24 through November 22.

2. through 10. No change.

11. Bear - During the open season established for the East Panhandle BMU in Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C.

(b) No change.

(c) Open seasons in the Cat Creek (area south of State Road 20 and north of County Road 388) and Fitzhugh Carter (area west of State Road 77) areas:

1. Archery – October 24-30 and October 31 through November 8.

2. through 8. No change.

(d) Legal to Take: All legal game, bear, fish (except as provided below), 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. Taking bobcat and otter is prohibited in

the Fitzhugh Carter area. During the youth turkey hunt, one gobbler or bearded turkey may be taken per quota permit. In the mobility-impaired hunt area, antlerless deer (bag limit of two per three-day hunt) may be taken during general gun hunts only by persons possessing valid mobility-impaired certificates.

(e) through (f) No change.

(23) Box-R Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – October 24-30 and October 31 through November 8.
2. through 9. No change.

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

(c) through (d) No change.

(24) No change.

(25) Wakulla Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – October 17 through November 15 (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).
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 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 youth turkey hunt, one gobbler or bearded turkey may be taken per quota permit.

(c) through (d) No change.

(26) No change.

(27) Juniper Creek Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. through 2. No change.
3. Bear hunt - During the open season established for the East Panhandle BMU in Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C.

(b) Legal to take: Antlered deer with at least one antler with two or more points, antlerless deer, bear, and wild turkey (during the youth turkey hunt only). The bag limit for deer shall be one antlered or one antlerless deer per person. During the youth turkey hunt, one gobbler or bearded turkey may be taken per youth.

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:

1. through 2. No change.

3. A zone tag issued by the U.S. Forest Service is required to participate in each hunt. Each hunter shall obtain a zone tag prior to the hunt and keep it in his or her possession while hunting on the area. No person shall hunt in any zone other than that for which he or she has a zone tag. During the family hunt, one or two youth per zone tag, under 16 years of age but not younger

than 8 years of age, may hunt as provided in Section 790.22, F.S., under the supervision and in the presence of one adult not younger than 18 years of age. The adult may only hunt when in the presence of at least one youth under 16 years of age but not younger than 8 years of age. During the youth turkey hunt, one youth and one adult may participate as provided by Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., per zone tag. During the bear hunt, one youth and one adult may participate per zone tag.

4. through 7. No change.

(28) Beaverdam Creek Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

1. Archery – October 24 through November 22.

2. through 10. No change.

11. Bear - During the open season established for the East Panhandle 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 two or more points is prohibited, except by persons less than 16 years of age. During the family hunt, antlered or antlerless deer may be taken (limit one antlerless deer per person per day). During the muzzleloading gun season, antlered or antlerless deer may be taken (limit one antlerless deer per day). During the spring turkey season, one gobbler or bearded turkey may be taken per person, but not more than two per per quota permit. During the wild hog-dog season, only wild hog may be taken.

(c) through (d) No change.

(29) No change.