

Background Report
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68A-9.007 Special-use Permits; Short-term Use Permits; Fees; Special-Opportunity Hunting and Fishing.

Special-use permits, short-term use permits, and fees for such permits are hereby established as follows:

(1) Limited entry (special hunting and fishing) opportunities for which special-use permits are required shall be established by rule or, for small-game areas, by order of the Executive Director pursuant to Rule 68A-13.007, F.A.C., subject to the following provisions:

(a) Special-opportunity hunting and fishing ~~opportunities~~ shall be established on land owned, leased or managed by the Commission or the State of Florida based on its suitability as determined by relative abundance of fish and game species, habitat availability, and accessibility of the area for public use.

(b) There shall be no exemptions to the requirement for a special-use permit for limited entry (special hunting and fishing) opportunities.

(c) A management area permit shall not be required for special-opportunity hunting or fishing.

(d) Special-use permits shall be valid only for the dates and times specified on the permit.

(e) Special-use permits shall be transferable, except that special-use bear permits shall not be transferable and special-opportunity dove hunt permits shall not be transferable after the date and time they become effective.

(2) The Commission establishes fees for special-use permits and non-refundable application fees for limited entry (special hunting and fishing) opportunities as follows:

(a) Special-opportunity hunting and fishing permits:

~~1.(a)~~ Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, the fee for a special-opportunity deer hunt permit is \$175 for 7 days and the application fee is \$5.

~~a.1.~~ The fee for a special-opportunity deer hunt permit for Ft. Drum Wildlife Management Area is \$50.

~~b.2.~~ The fee for a special-opportunity deer hunt permit for Green Swamp WMA (West Unit) and Lake Panasoffkee WMA is \$100 each.

~~2.(b)~~ Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, the fee for a special-opportunity turkey hunt permit is \$175 for 7 days and the application fee is \$5.

~~a.1.~~ The fee for a special-opportunity turkey hunt permit for Ft. Drum WMA is \$50.

~~b.2.~~ The fee for a special-opportunity turkey hunt permit for Green Swamp WMA (West Unit) and Lake Panasoffkee WMA is \$100 each.

~~3.(c)~~ The fee for a special-opportunity dove hunt permit is \$35 per day. Under a special-opportunity dove hunt permit, one minor under 16 years of age may accompany an adult permittee and may hunt under the supervision and in the presence of the permittee as specified in Section 790.22, F.S., provided that the permittee and minor collectively may take only one daily bag limit. Notwithstanding other provisions in this chapter, the minor shall be considered to be in possession of a permit for the purpose of access to the special-opportunity dove hunt.

~~4.(d)~~ The fee for a special-opportunity dove hunt combination permit is \$45 per day. Under the combination permit, one minor under 16 years of age may accompany an adult permittee and may hunt under the supervision and in the presence of the permittee as specified in Section 790.22, F.S., provided that the permittee and the minor may each take one daily bag limit of doves. Notwithstanding other provisions of this chapter, the minor shall be considered to be in the possession of a permit for the purpose of access to the special-opportunity dove hunt.

~~5.(e)~~ The fee for an annual special-opportunity dove field permit is \$150. Under the annual permit, one minor child under 16 years of age may accompany an adult permittee and may hunt under the supervision and in the presence of the permittee as specified in Section 790.22, F.S., provided that the permittee and minor may each take one daily bag limit of doves. This permit shall be non-transferable and

shall be valid only for the dove field specified. Up to one-half of the daily quota for each special-opportunity dove field will be available as annual permits.

~~6.(f)~~ Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, the fee for a special-opportunity hog hunt permit is \$50 per day and the application fee is \$5.

~~7.(g)~~ The fee for a special-opportunity fishing permit is \$50 per day and the application fee is \$5.

~~8.(h)~~ The fee for a special-opportunity quail hunt permit is \$100 per day and the application fee is \$5.

~~9.(i)~~ The fee for a special-opportunity released-quail hunt permit is \$100 for 4 days, and the application fee is \$5.

(b) Special-use bear permit:

1. The fee for a special-use bear permit for a resident to take bears in this state pursuant to Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., is \$100.

2. The fee for a special-use bear permit for a non-resident to take bears in this state pursuant to Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., is \$300.

3. There shall be no application fee for a special-use bear permit and applications must be submitted by midnight the day prior to the bear season as established in Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C.

(3) through (4) No change.