

## Notice of Proposed Rule

### FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

#### Freshwater Fish and Wildlife

RULE NO.      RULE TITLE:

68A-15.004      General Regulations Relating to Wildlife Management Areas

**PURPOSE AND EFFECT:** The purpose of the proposed rule amendment is to allow the extension of shooting hours during spring turkey season by specific rule for individual wildlife management areas (WMAs). The effect of the proposed rule amendment would allow staff to monitor the effects of extended shooting hours during spring turkey season on selected WMAs and use the information to potentially make future recommendations.

**SUMMARY:** The proposed rule amendment would allow the extension of shooting hours during spring turkey season by specific rule for individual WMAs.

**SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE RATIFICATION:** The Agency has determined that this will not have an adverse impact on small business or likely increase directly or indirectly regulatory costs in excess of \$200,000 in the aggregate within one year after the implementation of the rule. A SERC has not been prepared by the Agency.

The Agency has determined that the proposed rule is not expected to require legislative ratification based on the statement of estimated regulatory costs or if no SERC is required, the information expressly relied upon and described herein: The nature of the rule and the preliminary analysis conducted to determine whether a SERC was required

Any person who wishes to provide information regarding a statement of estimated regulatory costs, or provide a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative must do so in writing within 21 days of this notice.

**RULEMAKING AUTHORITY:** Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution.

**LAW IMPLEMENTED:** Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution n; Sections 379.2223, 379.354, FS.

**A HEARING WILL BE HELD AT THE DATES, TIMES AND PLACE SHOWN BELOW:**

**DATES AND TIMES:** During the Commission's regular meeting February 4 - 5, 2015, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., each day

**PLACE:** Hyatt Regency, 225 E. Coastline Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32202

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**THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS:** Diane R. Eggeman, Director, Division of Hunting and Game Management, Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, 620 South Meridian Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1600

**THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:**

68A-15.004 General Regulations Relating to Wildlife Management Areas.

(1) through (3) No change.

(4) Legal to hunt:

(a) Turkeys may not be taken during any fall season in which firearms may be used unless otherwise provided for a specific area. Notwithstanding provisions in Rule 68A-13.004, F.A.C., turkeys of either sex may be taken during muzzleloading and general gun seasons as specifically provided by area rule. During periods in which the taking of turkey is allowed, the daily bag limit for turkey shall be one per day unless otherwise provided by specific area regulation. The hours in which the hunting of gobblers or bearded turkeys is permitted during the spring season shall be from one-half hour before sunrise until 1 p.m., unless otherwise provided by specific area regulation.

(b) through (j) No change.

(5) through (16) No change.

**PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE:** July 1, 2015

*Rulemaking Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. Law Implemented Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const., 379.2223, 379.354 FS. History—  
New 8-1-79, Amended 6-4-81, 6-21-82, 6-9-83, 9-27-83, 7-5-84, 7-1-85, Formerly 39-15.04, Amended 5-7-86, 5-10-87, 4-13-88,  
8-18-88, 4-19-90, 4-4-91, 4-14-92, 10-22-92, 7-26-94, 11-6-94, 3-30-95, 10-23-95, 9-15-96, 6-1-97, 7-1-98, 12-28-98, 4-15-99,  
Formerly 39-15.004, Amended 7-1-00, 6-2-02, 5-1-03, 7-1-04, 7-1-05, 7-1-06, 7-29-07, 7-1-08, 7-1-09, 7-1-10, 1-1-11, 5-2-12, 4-  
9-13, 7-1-14, 7-1-15.*

**BE ADVISED THAT THESE PROPOSED RULES MAY BE FILED FOR ADOPTION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FOLLOWING THE COMMISSION MEETING AT WHICH THEY ARE CONSIDERED IF THE RULES ARE NOT CHANGED. IF CHANGED, THE RULES MAY BE FILED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER PUBLICATION OF A NOTICE OF CHANGE IN THE F.A.R.**

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE: Diane R. Eggeman, Director, Division of Hunting and Game Management, Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, 620 South Meridian Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1600

NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: November 21, 2014

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: January 8, 2015