Notice of Proposed Rule

FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Freshwater Fish and Wildlife
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, 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; 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 10 to 12 days and begin 2 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.
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.
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; 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 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.

Lower Econofina 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 2 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.
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, 375.313 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. to 5:00 p.m., each day.
PLACE: Hyatt Regency, 225 E. Coastline Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32202
Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 5 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: the ADA Coordinator, at (850)488-6411. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).
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-15.062 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 Rule subparagrap 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 27 and 20-22 44-46, 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 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:
3. Archery – September 26 29 through October 11 5.
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 raccoon 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:
4. Archery – September 19 24 through October 18 42.
5. Archery and muzzleloading gun – October 24 through November 6 48-34.
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, 44 and November 21 through December 6 45-30 and December 7 through January 3 48.
4. Archery – September 26 29 through October 25 49.
5. Muzzleloading gun – October 30 through November 1 24-26.
6. No change.
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.
1. 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.

2. 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:
   5. Archery – September 26 through October 18.
   6. Muzzleloading gun – October 24-31 in the still hunt area and Big Gum Swamp Wilderness only.
   7. Fox, raccoon, opossum and bobcat – November 14 through March 1 in the dog hunt portion of the area.

(b) Special September duck – During the special September duck season established by Rule 68A-13.003, F.A.C.

(c) No change.

(d) General regulations:
   1. No change.
   2. Deer dogs may be trained from October 31 through November 9 and November 10 through January 1.
   3. Through 7. No change.

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

(a) Open season:
   1. General gun – November 7 through January 3.
   2. Archery – September 26 through October 25.
   3. Muzzleloading gun – October 30 through November 1.
   5. Through 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 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 through November 9 and November 10 through January 1.
   3. Through 7. No change.

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

(a) Open season:
   1. General gun – November 7 through January 3.
   2. Archery – September 26 through October 25.
   3. Muzzleloading gun – October 30 through November 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:
2. Small game – January 4-10 December 29 through February 28-32.
4. Archery – October 3-December 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 on the remainder of the area as established by Rule 68A-13.003, F.A.C.

6. through 7. No change.

(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) 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.
13. No change.

(9) Big Bend Wildlife Management Area – Jena Unit.
(a) Open season:
1. Archery – September 26-40 through October 25-49.
5. through 6. No change.

(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 26-40 through October 25-49.
6. Spring turkey – March 19-27 through April 21-29, March 28-30 through April 3, 5 and April 4-10, 12.
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.

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. 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.

(c) No change.
4. through 7. No change.

(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 through October 11
2. Muzzleloading gun – October 24-26
3. Archery and muzzleloading gun – November 7-15, Thanksgiving Day through the Sunday following Thanksgiving Day and December 26-29.
5. Youth turkey hunt – March 12-13
6. Spring turkey – March 19, 27, 28, 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:
2. Archery – September 26 20 through October 11 5.

(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 through November 4 6 through October 2 4 26 28.
2. Muzzleloading gun – October 6 8 through November 2 4 and 13-15 November 7 9.
3. General gun – November 20 22 4-16.
5. Family hunt – December 5 6 November 29 30 and December 12-13 6-7.
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 anterless 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 20 through 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.
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 20-26 and October 3-11 September 27 through 20-26.
October 5.

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

2. Supervised small game – October 17-25, 26-29, east of Yellow Water Creek, and east of the North Fork Black Creek but only south of its convergence with Yellow Water Creek.


4. Bird dog training – November 23-27, 28-30, and December 20-24 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.


7. Small game – January 8-15, through February 7, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only.


9. No change.
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 19-21, October 30 through November 1 24-26, November 6-8 October 31 through November 2 and December 18-20 21-23.
            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 27 through October 18 19.
         7. Spring turkey – March 19-21 22-23, March 26 27 through April 5 6, and April 10-11 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. 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 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:
2. Small game – January 4-26 and December 13.
7. No change.
8. Special September duck – During the special September duck seasons 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:
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. 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:
2. Archery – October 8-11 2-5 and 14-18 8-12.
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 turkeys shall be one gobbler or bearded turkey 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 7 2-30 and December 26 20 through January 17 14.
   3. Special-opportunity spring turkey – March 19-25 24-27 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:
   2. Family hunt – October 10-11 4-5 and 17-18 14-12.
   5. Small game – November 21 14 through December 20 44.
   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 through October 18.
2. Muzzleloading gun – October 24 through November 1.
5. Wild hog-dog – February 27 through March 15.
7. No change.
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 and December 4 through January 10.
2. Muzzleloading gun – October 24 through November 1.
5. Youth turkey hunt – March 12 through 15.
7. No change.
9. 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 through October 22, October 3 through 12, November 27 through 29 and 10 through 12.
3. Family hunt – November 7 through 8.
5. Youth turkey hunt – March 12 through 15.
7. No change.
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 through January 10, 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.
3. No change.
4. 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.
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 4-2 through October 18 4-2.
3. General gun – November 7 4-4 through January 10 4.
5. No change.
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 4-9.
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:
2. Muzzleloading gun – October 24-26 48-20 and October 30 through November 1 24-26.
3. Family hunt – November 7-8 4-2.
5. Small game – December 4 November 28 through January 10 4 (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).
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 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:

3. Muzzleloading gun – October 24 through November 1 4-26.
5. Family hunt – November 7-8 1-2.
7. No change.
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 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) through (d) No change.

(35) Lower Econfina River Wildlife Management Area.

(a) Open season:

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:

5. Small game – December 4, November 18, through January 10, 4 (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).
6. No change.
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 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 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:
5. Small game – December 4, November 18, through January 10, 4 (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).
7. No change.
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 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 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:
5. No change.
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 antlered 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 through October 18 and November 6-15 October 31 through November 9 (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).
2. Muzzleloading gun – October 24 through November 14-26, November 20-29 and December 25 through January 3 19-28 (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).
3. Small game – December 20 November 28 through December 14 and January 8-2 through February 14 8 (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).
4. No change.
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.
3. Family hunt – November 7-8 1-2.
5. Small game – December 4-9 November 28 through December 14, 16 December 8-10, 25-27 19-21, January 1-3 26-28 and 11-13 January 5-7.
6. No change.
8. Spring turkey – March 19-21, 21-23, 28-30 March 30 through April 1 and April 4-6 1-8.
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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