

STATE OF FLORIDA  
FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Executive Order Number: EO 23-16

**Special Regulations for Taking Non-Native  
Reptiles on Specified Commission-Managed  
Areas in the South and Southwest Regions**

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, acting under the authority of Article IV, Section 9, of the Florida Constitution, and acting through its Executive Director under 68-1.009, F.A.C., Delegations of Authority, February 14, 2013, Paragraphs 17 and 22 and Rule 68A-14.001, F.A.C., hereby establishes special regulations allowing the take of non-native reptiles on specified Commission-Managed Areas in the South and Southwest Regions. This executive order replaces and supersedes executive order 20-17. These regulations are necessary due to biological concerns related to potential impacts of non-native reptiles on Florida's native wildlife.

- 1) The regulations below apply to the following Wildlife Management Areas (WMA), Public Small Game Hunting Areas (SGA), and Wildlife and Environmental Areas (WEA) except on those portions of the areas posted as "Closed to Public Access":

South Region

- a. Allapattah Flats WMA
- b. Allapattah Flats SGA
- c. C-23/24 Reservoir SGA
- d. CREW WEA
- e. Dinner Island Ranch WMA
- f. Dupuis SGA
- g. Everglades and Francis S. Taylor WMA
- h. Fisheating Creek
- i. Frog Pond North SGA
- j. Holey Land WMA
- k. J. W. Corbett WMA
- l. John C. and Mariana Jones/Hungryland WEA
- m. John G. and Susan H. Dupuis Jr. WEA
- n. Picayune Strand WMA
- o. Rocky Glades SGA
- p. Rotenberger WMA
- q. Southern Glades WEA
- r. Spirit-of-the-Wild WMA
- s. STA 1 West SGA
- t. STA 2 SGA
- u. STA 3/4 SGA
- v. STA 5/6 SGA
- w. A1-FEB SGA
- x. Big Cypress WMA
- y. Okaloacoochee Slough WMA
- z. Everglades Headwaters WMA, Kissimmee Bend Unit
- aa. Everglades Headwaters National Wildlife Refuge WMA, Okeechobee Unit

bb. Hungryland SGA

Southwest Region

- a. Fred C. Babcock/Cecil M. Webb WMA
- b. Fred C. Babcock/Cecil M. Webb WMA - Yucca Pens Unit
- c. Myakka State Forest SGA
- d. Orange Hammock WMA

- 2) Non-native reptiles may be taken at any time throughout the year. The following specific provisions apply:
  - a. Use of a firearm is prohibited, unless authorized by specific area regulation.
  - b. In that portion of Fisheating Creek WMA lying west of U.S. Highway 27, use of a gun is prohibited, unless authorized by specific area regulation.
  - c. In that portion of Fisheating Creek WMA lying east of U.S. Highway 27, non-native reptiles may be taken only during the established season in the Special Opportunity Spring Turkey Area and only by individuals who possess a valid Special Opportunity Spring Turkey Permit.
  - d. Use of traps is prohibited.
  - e. Captive bolt stunners may be used except the use of a modified, or free-bolt captive bolt stunner is prohibited.
- 3) A hunting license or management area permit is not required to take non-native reptiles. Except a management area permit is required in the portion of Fisheating Creek WMA lying west of U.S. Highway 27, when using a gun to take nonnative reptiles.
- 4) All other Commission regulations not in conflict with this order shall apply.
- 5) Nothing herein shall be construed to authorize any activity or entrance upon private property without permission of the landowner.
- 6) This order shall take effect upon signing and shall remain in effect until rescinded or superseded by subsequent order or rule.

AUTHORITY: Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution  
Rule 68A-14.001, F.A.C.



Attest:

Agency Clerk

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF  
THE FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION  
COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA  
THIS 19 DAY OF JUNE, 2023.

Roger A. Young  
Executive Director

APPROVED as to form and legality:

/s/ Joseph Meyer

Commission Attorney