

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

RULE CHAPTER TITLE: FISH MANAGEMENT AREAS

RULE TITLES:

RULE NOS.:

Specific Fish Management Area Regulations.

68A-20.005

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The proposed rule would change the black bass regulation on Karick Lake in Okaloosa County to provide for more angler harvest of black bass and improve the overall black bass fish population in the lake.

SUMMARY: The proposed rule would change the black bass regulation on Karick Lake Fish Management Area from catch-and release to a 12-inch minimum length limit.

A STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COST HAS NOT BEEN PREPARED REGARDING THESE PROPOSED RULES.

Any person who wishes to provide information regarding the statement of estimated regulatory costs, or to provide a proposal for 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

THE FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION WILL CONDUCT A PUBLIC RULEMAKING HEARING ON THE PROPOSED RULES DURING THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSION TO BE HELD AT THE TIME, DATE, AND PLACE SHOWN BELOW:

TIME AND DATE: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., each day, February 1-2, 2006.

PLACE: Hilton University of Florida Conference Center, 1714 S.W. 34th Street, Gainesville, Florida 32607.

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 calendar 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 by calling (850)488-9542.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: James V. Antista, General Counsel, Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, 620 South Meridian Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1600.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS AS FOLLOWS:

68A-20.005 Specific Fish Management Area Regulations.

(1) Northwest Region.

(a) - (d) No Change.

(e) Karick Lake, Okaloosa County:

~~1. No person shall kill or possess any black bass.~~

1. ~~2.~~ The use of boats propelled by gasoline motors is prohibited.

2. ~~3.~~ Motor vehicles are prohibited on dams, spillways and fishing fingers.

(f) - (i) No Change.

(2) - (5) No Change.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2006.

Specific Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. Law Implemented Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. History—New 8-1-79, Amended 2-19-80, 5-19-80, 6-4-81, 9-28-81, 6-21-82, 7-1-83, 11-17-83, 7-1-84, 7-1-85, Formerly 39-20.05, Amended 2-27-86, 6-1-86, 5-10-87, 4-13-88, 7-1-89, 7-1-90, 4-11-91, 7-1-91, 7-2-92, 8-23-92, 4-20-93, 7-1-94, 8-15-95, 10-23-95, 4-1-96, 2-16-97, 6-1-97, 6-29-97, 1-1-98, 7-1-98, 11-2-98, Formerly 39-20.005, Amended 4-30-00, 7-1-00, 10-10-00, 4-1-01, 7-1-01, 10-9-01, 7-1-02, 1-1-03, 7-1-03, 1-1-04, 7-1-04, 7-17-05,_____.

NAME OF PERSON(S) ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE: Darrell L. Scovell, Director Division of Freshwater Fisheries Management.

NAME OF SUPERVISOR WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: Mr. Kenneth D. Haddad,

Executive Director.

DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: September 21, 2005.

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN F.A.W.: December 16, 2005.

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.W.