

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING
FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Division of Freshwater Fisheries Management

RULE NO: 68A-20.005 RULE TITLE.: Specific Fish Management Area Regulations.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: Under cooperative agreement with the City of Largo, Largo Central Park Nature Preserve Fish Management Area (a small 5-acre lake in the preserve) is proposed to be added as a fish management area (FMA) to provide additional quality fishing opportunities for freshwater anglers visiting the preserve. This rule change will implement site specific fishing regulations in the FMA designed to assist in maintaining fish population balance and incorporate appropriate city or county ordinances dealing with swimming, possession of alcohol or firearms.

SUMMARY: This rule change will open Largo Central Park Nature Preserve FMA as part of the Southwest Regional Freshwater Fisheries Management System. Specific bag and length limit regulations include: a catch-and-release provision for black bass; a 20 fish panfish daily bag limit; and a 10-inch length limit and 10- fish black crappie daily bag limit. Public use regulations include a prohibition of use or possession of cast nets and minnow seines, and prohibition of swimming, alcoholic beverages and firearms on the area.

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.

SPECIFIC AUTHORITY: Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution.

A PUBLIC RULEMAKING HEARING ON THE PROPOSED RULES WILL BE HELD AT THE TIME, DATE, AND PLACE SHOWN BELOW:

DATE AND TIME: During the Commission's regular meeting, February 7 – 8, 2006, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., each day.

PLACE: Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort, 9300 Emerald Coast Parkway West, Destin, Florida 32550.

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: Darrell Scovell, Director, Division of Freshwater Fisheries Management, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, 620 South Meridian Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1600.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS AS FOLLOWS:

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(1) - (3) No Change.

(4) Southwest Region:

(a) - (u) No Change.

(v) Largo Central Park Nature Preserve, Pinellas County:

1. The use or possession of cast nets or minnow seines is prohibited.

2. No person shall kill or possess any black bass.

3. No person shall take in any one (1) day more than twenty (20) panfish, in the aggregate.

4. No person shall kill or possess more than ten (10) black crappie. No person shall kill or possess any black crappie less than ten inches (10") in total length.

5. Swimming, possession of firearms or possession of alcoholic beverages is prohibited.

(5) No Change.

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, 7-1-06,_____.

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.

NAME OF PERSON(S) ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE: Mr. Darrell Scovell, Director, Division of Freshwater Fisheries Management, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, 620 South Meridian Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1600.

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

DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: December 6, 2006.

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN F.A.W.: December 22, 2006.

STATEMENT OF FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES JUSTIFYING PROPOSED RULES

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There is no federal standard or regulation on the same subject as this rule.