

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING
FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION
DIVISION Fish and Wildlife Research Institute and Division of Habitat and Species Conservation

RULE NO: 68-1.003 RULE TITLE: Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Grants Program.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose of the proposed rule is to revise the dates of three (3) Commission grant program guideline documents that are incorporated by reference in the rule. Each grant program, the Nongame Wildlife Grants Program, the Fish and Wildlife Research Institute Grants Program and Florida's State Wildlife Grants Program have revised their respective guidelines. These changes will primarily clarify and update certain programmatic and administrative processes to improve efficiency. Incorporated web sites, rule numbers, and details relating to travel and indirect rates have also been updated to reflect changes in agency and state policies.

SUMMARY: The proposed changes to Rule 68-1.003, F.A.C., will update the references to the program guideline documents in subsections (5), (10), and (11) of the rule. Specifically, reference to the Nongame Wildlife Grants Program guidelines incorporated by reference will be changed from December 2003 to March 2007; the date of incorporation by reference for the Fish and Wildlife Research Institute Grant Program guidelines will be changed from February 2005 to March 2007; and the date of incorporation by reference for the Florida's State Wildlife Grants Program guidelines will be changed from November 2004 to March 2007.

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; Section 370.023, Florida Statutes.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution; Section 370.023, Florida Statutes.

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, April 11 – 12, 2007, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., each day.

PLACE: Ramada Conference Center, 2900 North Monroe Street, Tallahassee, Florida.

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 five (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: Stuart Cumberbatch, Wildlife Research Section, 620 South Meridian Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399-1600; Telephone (850)488-3831; Email: Stuart.Cumberbatch@MyFWC.com.

NAME OF PERSON(S) ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE: Mr. Gil McRae, Director, Fish and Wildlife Research Institute.

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

DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: February 7, 2007.

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN F.A.W: October 27, 2006.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS AS FOLLOWS:

68-1.003 Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Grants Program.

(1) - (4) No Change.

(5) Nongame Wildlife Grants Program grants shall meet all additional program requirements set forth in the Florida Nongame Wildlife Grants Program Guidelines (dated March 2007 ~~December 2003~~), which are hereby incorporated

by reference. The guidelines are available from the Commission at 620 South Meridian Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1600.

(6) through (9) No change.

(10) Fish and Wildlife Research Institute Grants Program grants shall meet all additional program requirements set forth in the Fish and Wildlife Research Grants Program Guidelines (dated March 2007 ~~February 2005~~), which are hereby incorporated by reference. The guidelines are available from the Commission at the Fish and Wildlife Research Institute, 100 Eighth Avenue S.E., Saint Petersburg, Florida 33701-5020.

(11) Florida's State Wildlife Grants Program grants shall meet all additional program requirements set forth in Florida's State Wildlife Grants Program Guidelines (dated March 2007 ~~November 2004~~), which are hereby incorporated by reference. The guidelines are available from the Commission at 620 South Meridian Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1600.

Specific Authority 370.023 FS., Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. Law Implemented 370.023 FS., Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. History– New 4-4-04, Amended 3-15-05, Formerly 68A-2.015, Amended.