## STATE OF FLORIDA FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Executive Order Number: EO 20-17

Special Regulations for Taking Non-Native Reptiles on Specified Commission-Managed Areas in the South Region

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 Region. This executive order replaces and supersedes executive order 17-11. These regulations are necessary due to biological concerns related to potential impacts of non-native reptiles on Florida's native wildlife.

- 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":
  - 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
  - i. Holey Land WMA
  - k. J. W. Corbett WMA
  - I. 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
  - g. 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 SGA
  - w. A1-FEB SGA
  - x. Big Cypress WMA
  - y. Okaloacoochee Slough WMA
- 2) Non-native reptiles may be taken at any time throughout the year except by:
  - a. Use of firearm, unless provided for by specific area regulation
  - b. Use of traps

- 3) A hunting license or management area permit is not required to take non-native 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- 6) This order shall take effect upon signing and shall remain in effect until rescinded or superseded by subsequent order or rule.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.

Given under my hand and seal of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission on this <u>28<sup>th</sup></u> day of May 2020.

**Eric Sutton** 

**Executive Director** 

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/s/ Quilla Miralia

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency