State of Florida Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

Executive Order Number: EO 23-19

ESTABLISHMENT OF A CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE (CWD) MANAGEMENT ZONE AND SPECIAL REGULATIONS FOR DEER

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission of the State of Florida, acting under the authority of Article IV, Section 9, of the Florida Constitution, and acting through its Executive Director under Paragraph 22 of the Delegations of Authority, hereby establishes the following special regulations related to the establishment of a Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Management Zone as follows:

- The CWD Management Zone includes that portion of Holmes, Jackson, and Washington counties north of Interstate 10, east of State Road 81 and west of U.S. Highway 231.
- Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in Title 68A, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), no person shall export the carcass or parts thereof of any species in the family Cervidae (deer) originating from within the CWD Management Zone except:
 - a. boned-out meat or products thereof;
 - b. clean hides with no head attached;
 - antlers, antlers with a clean skull plate with no tissue attached or clean skulls with no tissue attached;
 - d. finished taxidermy products; and
 - e. clean teeth with no tissue attached.
- Any carcass or portions or parts thereof, except those parts listed in 2 b. through e. above,
 of any species in the family Cervidae (deer) originating from Florida, testing positive for
 CWD shall be surrendered to FWC personnel.
- 4. The placement of grain, salt products, minerals and other products meant to be consumed by any species in the family Cervidae (deer) is prohibited year-round within the CWD Management Zone except as follows:
 - a. consumable products placed in a manner that excludes access by deer;
 - consumable products used solely for normal agricultural, forest management, or wildlife food plot production practices; and
 - c. consumable products used as part of any feral hog management effort (must be
 placed within a trap), or in operation of any licensed Game Farm or Hunting
 Preserve, or for any Commission-authorized CWD management activities.
- The rehabilitation or release of injured or orphaned white-tailed deer originating from or located within the CWD Management Zone is prohibited.

Violations of rules or orders of the Commission, including the prohibitions found herein, may result in noncriminal and/or criminal charges. All other provisions of Title 68A, F.A.C., not in

conflict with this Order shall remain in full force and effect.

This order shall take effect June 19, 2023 and shall remain in effect until rescinded or replaced by subsequent order or rule of the Commission.

Specific Authority: Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution

Rule 68-1.009, F.A.C.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF THE FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA THIS 9 DAY OF JUNE 2023.

Roger A. Young Executive Director

APPROVED as to form and legality:

Emily Norton Digitally signed by Emily Norton Date: 2023.06.16 16:48:05

Commission Attorney

