

STATE OF FLORIDA  
FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Executive Order Number: EO 19-41

**SPECIAL REGULATIONS FOR  
IMPORTATION OF DEER CARCASSES**

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC), pursuant to Article IV, Section 9, of the Florida Constitution, and acting through its Executive Director as unanimously directed by the Commission on October 3, 2019 at their meeting in Cape Canaveral, Florida, hereby establishes the following special regulations related to the importation of deer carcasses or parts thereof into the State of Florida, as follows:

(1) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in Title 68A, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), no person shall import or possess the carcass or parts thereof of any species in the family Cervidae originating from any place outside of Florida except:

- (a) boned-out meat or products thereof;
- (b) clean hides with no tissue or head attached;
- (c) 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.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions in paragraph (1), a person may import and possess the carcass or parts thereof of any white-tailed deer originating and legally harvested from the states of Georgia or Alabama, provided that

(a) The person is in possession of an FWC Georgia/Alabama Carcass Importation Permit prior to the carcass being imported into Florida; and

(b) The person, hereafter "Permittee," reports the carcass importation within 24 hours of entering Florida using the FWC's online Georgia/Alabama Carcass Importation Reporting Form; and

(c) The Permittee ensures the carcass or parts thereof not retained for consumption or use are double-bagged and 1) disposed of in a waste receptacle for collection by a waste disposal provider, 2) taken directly to a Class I landfill, or 3) disposed of by commercial incineration.

(3) Notwithstanding the provisions in paragraphs (1) and (2), a person may import or possess the carcass or parts thereof of any white-tailed deer originating and legally harvested from properties in Georgia or Alabama if such property where it was harvested is bisected by the Florida state line and under the same ownership.

(4) In the event CWD is documented on a list maintained by the United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service in the states of Georgia or Alabama, the provisions of paragraph (1) shall apply as to that state and the provisions of (2) and (3) shall be null and void as to that state.

(5) Any imported carcass, regardless of origin, of any species in the family Cervidae testing

positive for CWD shall be surrendered to FWC personnel.

Violations of rules or orders of the commission, including the prohibitions found herein, may result in noncriminal and 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 November 1, 2019 and shall remain in effect until rescinded or replaced by subsequent order or rule of the Commission.

**AUTHORITY:** Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution



Attest:

Agency Clerk

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF  
THE FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION  
COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA  
THIS 23<sup>rd</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER, 2019.

Thomas H. Eason, Ph.D.  
Assistant Executive Director

APPROVED as to form and legality:

Commission Attorney