

1 SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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3 RESOLUTION NO. 2008- _____

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5 A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE SOUTH FLORIDA WATER
6 MANAGEMENT DISTRICT AUTHORIZING THE FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE
7 CONSERVATION COMMISSION TO INITIATE RULEMAKING TO ESTABLISH
8 DISTRICT LANDS CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY 21,000 ACRES WITHIN THE
9 KISSIMMEE CHAIN OF LAKES AS A MANAGED AREA FOR THE 2009-10 PUBLIC
10 HUNTING SEASON AND FUTURE HUNTING SEASONS, AND MANAGE HUNTING
11 ON SUCH LANDS, SUBJECT TO TERMS AND CONDITIONS; PROVIDING AN
12 EFFECTIVE DATE
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15 WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 140-73 of the South Florida Water Management District
16 Policies Code, the District is directed to make "District lands open to public recreational access and
17 use activities as is practicable and in a manner consistent with legislative directives, intended uses,
18 legal considerations, and resources"; and

19 WHEREAS, the Governing Board of the South Florida Water Management District deems it
20 necessary, appropriate, and in the public interest to authorize the Florida Fish and Wildlife
21 Conservation Commission (the "Commission") to establish the Kissimmee Chain of Lakes as a
22 Managed Area for the 2009-10 public hunting season and future seasons in accordance with Rule
23 68A-25.042, Florida Administrative Code, and certain terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow; and

24 WHEREAS, the Commission will manage hunting and public use in the Kissimmee Chain of
25 Lakes in compliance with all applicable laws, statutes, regulations and requirements and in a similar
26 manner to other Commission-managed hunting areas in Florida.

27 NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Governing Board of the South Florida Water
28 Management District:

29 Section 1. The Governing Board of the South Florida Water Management District hereby
30 authorize the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (the "Commission") to initiate
31 rulemaking to establish District lands consisting of approximately 21,000 acres within the Kissimmee
32 Chain of Lakes as a Managed Area for the 2009-10 public hunting season and future seasons, and
33 manage hunting on such lands in accordance with Rule 68A-25.042, Florida Administrative Code, and
34 subject to the following initial terms and conditions:
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- 36 1. Prohibit the harvest of antlerless deer.
- 37 2. Prohibit the use of dogs for deer hunting but continue to allow the use of hog dogs and
38 retrievers for the hunting of feral hogs and small game.

3. Open the west shore of Lake Kissimmee and the north and south marsh areas of the east shore for small game, turkey, waterfowl, and feral hog hunting. Prohibit the use of center-fire rifles in these areas.
4. Allow hunting in portion of Rough Island and Johnson Island currently closed to hunting in accordance with existing hunting regulations (keep Universal tract in Rough Island and Ike Hammock closed to hunting and maintain existing permit requirements for northern Rough Island per District rule).
5. Continue to utilize statewide hunting season dates as established by the Commission on new properties opened to hunting. Allow the hunting of feral hogs year-round and at night in accordance with statewide hunting regulations.
6. Continue to allow hunting including deer hunting on the northwest shore of Lake Kissimmee. Prohibit the use of center-fire rifles which is currently allowed.
7. Allow seasonal airboat access into the southern marsh area of Johnson Island to facilitate hunting access. This is proposed as a one year trial to be evaluated for compliance.
8. Open the Drasdo Unit for small game, turkey, waterfowl, and feral hog hunting.

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED and **ADOPTED** this _____ day of December, 2008.

**SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT
DISTRICT, BY ITS GOVERNING BOARD**

By: _____
Chairman

ATTEST:

By: _____
District Clerk/Secretary

Approved as to form:

By: _____
Office of Counsel