

FACT SHEET

Why VOTE NO on Florida Constitutional Amendment #2

BALLOT LANGUAGE: “RIGHT TO FISH AND HUNT. – Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to preserve forever fishing and hunting, including by the use of traditional methods, as a public right and preferred means of responsibly managing and controlling fish and wildlife. Specifies that the amendment does not limit the authority granted to the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission under Section 9 of Article IV of the State Constitution.”

Why Voting “NO” on Amendment 2 Protects Florida

1) “Traditional Methods” = Cruelty to Animals

→ The term “**traditional methods**” is intentionally vague and will enshrine in our constitution barbaric practices like steel-jaw traps, snares, clubbing, bear hunting with hounds, and gill nets - methods widely outlawed for their cruelty.

2) Undermines Non-Lethal Wildlife Management

→ By making hunting and trapping the “**preferred means**” of wildlife management, Amendment 2 shifts the focus from humane, science-based methods to lethal methods.

3) No Threat to Hunting & Fishing Rights

→ Amendment 2 proponents **falsely claim** that these rights are under threat. Florida state law already guarantees the right of every Florida citizen to hunt and fish (Fla. Statute §379.104).

4) Legislators Removed Private Property Protections

→ Amendment 2 implies that an individual’s right to hunt, fish and trap supersedes private property rights - enabling hunters and hunting dogs to trespass on private property and discharge firearms in pursuit of wildlife.

5) Special Interest Power Grab

→ Amendment 2 will be used to override Florida’s 30-year ban on gill nets that decimate fish populations and kill whales, dolphins, sea turtles, and seabirds.
→ It will be used to expand hunting into state parks and wildlife preserves.
→ It will also open the door for trophy hunting of Florida Black Bears.

**VOTE “NO” on Amendment 2 to protect Florida’s wildlife,
proven conservation practices, and property rights.**

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