MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES, AND PARKS
DIVISION OF ENFORCEMENT, WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
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PUBLIC NOTICE NUMBER W1 3736

The Mississippi Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, at a meeting in Jackson, Mississippi on May 18, 2005, under authority of Section 25-43-3.103, Mississippi Code of 1972, made known its intent and thirty days thereafter did adopt the following wildlife management area regulations for the 2005-06 hunting year. This was done under authority of Sections 49-1-29, 49-5-13 and 49-7-31, Mississippi Code of 1972.

Be it ordered that Public Notice Number W 3736a is hereby amended, and the following 2005-06 wildlife management area hunting regulations are adopted.

2005 - 2006 Regulations for
Hamer Wildlife Management Area

Panola County

SPECIES	OPENING DATE	CLOSING DATE	COMMENTS
DEER			For deer hunting regulations see LEGAL BUCKS, SPECIAL BUCK TAGS, DEER DATA COLLECTION, DEER HUNTING PERMITS, DEER WEIGHT LIMIT, and DOG RESTRICTIONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Archery - Permit Only	Oct. 1	Dec. 1	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Youth Gun	Nov. 12	Nov. 18	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Primitive Weapon - Permit Only	Dec. 2	Dec. 15	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Archery - Permit Only	Dec. 16	Jan. 31	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
TURKEY	Season Closed		
YOUTH SQUIRREL	Sept. 24	Sept. 30	
SQUIRREL	Oct. 1	Feb. 28	
RACCOON, OPOSSUM, & BOBCAT	Oct. 1	Feb. 28	See RACCOON, OPOSSUM, AND BOBCAT in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
TRAPPING	Nov. 1	Feb. 28	
RABBIT	Oct. 15	Feb. 28	
QUAIL - Permit Only	Feb. 4	Feb. 12	See BAG LIMITS and QUAIL HUNTING PERMITS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR HAMER WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA
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BAG LIMITS: Same as statewide bag limits EXCEPT:
Quail - party limit of 8 quail per day.

PERMIT STATIONS: All visitors must obtain a DAILY VISITOR USE PERMIT card from a self-service permit station. Parts A and B of this permit must be legibly filled out before using the WMA. Part A of the permit must be deposited in the return box at a permit station before using the WMA. Part B must be displayed on the dash of the vehicle so that the name, address, and date are visible from outside the vehicle. Permits are invalid if not properly dated or if date has been changed. Before leaving the WMA, visitors must complete the reverse side of Part B of the permit and deposit it in the return box at a permit station. It is the responsibility of the Area Manager and other Agency personnel to have permit cards completed.

LEGAL BUCKS: Legal bucks are those with four or more antler points AND an inside spread of 12 inches or more. For hunters less than 16 years of age, one of the three buck bag limit may be any antlered buck.

SPECIAL BUCK TAGS: For research purposes, a limited number of special buck tags, which allow the harvest of bucks with at least one unforked antler, will be issued to hunters. To apply, send an 8 ½" X 11" piece of paper with your name, address, social security number, and Hamer WMA to Hamer WMA Special Buck Tags, Post Office Box 100, Enid, MS 38927. Only one application per hunter will be accepted. Applications must be received by Sept. 15, 2005 to be eligible for drawing. Hunters who are selected will be notified by mail. Tags must be attached to deer immediately after harvest.

DEER DATA COLLECTION: All deer harvested must be checked at the WMA Headquarters before leaving the WMA. If WMA personnel are not available to check the deer, the hunter is responsible for collecting and legibly recording ALL biological data. Instructions and equipment will be provided.

DEER HUNTING PERMITS: Deer hunting is allowed by special permit only. To receive an application, send a self-addressed, stamped, letter size envelope to Hamer WMA Deer Hunting Permits, MDWFP District 2 Office, Post Office Box 100,Enid, MS 38927. Only one application per hunter will be accepted. Completed applications must be received by September 15, 2005 to be eligible for drawing. Hunters who are selected will be notified by mail.

HANDICAP DEER HUNTING AREA: Only handicapped deer hunters are allowed to hunt in this area during deer season. Eligible handicapped hunters must meet the criteria specified in Public Notice 3518. Hunters may be accompanied by someone to assist (but not participate) in the hunt. Deer season dates and method of harvest will be the same as the rest of the WMA. This area will be open to all other hunters outside of deer season.

DEER WEIGHT LIMIT: All antlerless deer must weigh a minimum of 65 pounds live weight to be legal for harvest. The average live weight of an adult doe on this WMA is 110 pounds. Any harvested antlerless deer less than 65 pounds live weight is an illegal deer.

DOG RESTRICTIONS: Deer hunting with dogs is prohibited. Small game hunting with dogs is allowed during any small game season. Hog hunting with dogs is allowed EXCEPT during deer seasons.

LEGAL WEAPONS: Only archery equipment may be used for deer hunting. Legal weapons for small game hunting (excluding waterfowl) during daylight hours are shotguns using #2 shot or smaller and rifles or handguns no larger than .22 rimfire magnum. When hunting with a handgun, no other gun may be in possession.

RACCOON, OPOSSUM, AND BOBCAT: During deer seasons without dogs, raccoon, opossum, and bobcat hunting is allowed without dogs during daylight hours and with dogs from one-half hour after sunset until 4:00 a.m.

QUAIL HUNTING PERMITS: Quail hunting from Feb. 4 - 12, 2006 is allowed by special permit only. To receive an application, send a self-addressed, stamped, letter size envelope to Hamer WMA Quail Hunting Permits, MDWFP District 2 Office, Post Office Box 100, Enid, MS 38927. Only one application per hunter will be accepted. Completed applications must be received by Jan. 15, 2006 to be eligible for drawing. Hunters who are selected will be notified by mail.

OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs: Off-road motorized vehicles/ATVs are allowed on designated roads or trails for hunting and fishing access only. Off-road use of ORVs/ATVs is allowed for retrieval of harvested deer or hogs. No loaded weapon may be in possession when retrieving harvested game.

HORSES: Horseback riding is prohibited during WMA deer seasons. At all other times, horseback riding is restricted to roads open to motorized vehicles and designated ATV trails. Raccoon hunting from horses allowed on entire area during nighttime hours.

CAMPING: No camping allowed.

BEARS: Black bears may occur on this WMA. They are federally protected as a threatened subspecies. Hunting or disturbing bears is prohibited. Please report any bear sightings on your daily visitor use permit.

This adopted public notice will become effective July 31, 2005. Witness my hand and seal this the 30th day of June 2005.

MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES & PARKS

BY: _____
Noble Lee, Chairman

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES & PARKS

BY: _____
Sam Polles, Ph.D., Executive Director

I certify this to be a true and correct copy.

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Executive Director

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Notary

Notary Public State of Mississippi At Large
My Commission Expires: May 15, 2006
Bonded Thru Heiden, Brooks & Garland, Inc.

SHARON S. MILLER
NOTARY
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HINDS COUNTY, MS