MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES & PARKS
Bureau of Fisheries and Wildlife
1505 Eastover Drive
Jackson, MS 39211

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT No. F11-3424 (I)

TO: The Honorable Eric Clark
Secretary of State
Post Office Box 136
Jackson, MS 39205

AND

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS

The Mississippi Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks at a meeting in Jackson, Mississippi on January 18, 2006, under authority of Section 25-43-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, made known its intent to adopt the following size and creel limits on sport fish and lake closures/openings. This was done under authority of Sections 49-7-41 and 49-1-29, Mississippi Code of 1972.

Be it ordered that Public Notice F10-3424 is hereby amended and all regulations below are adopted.

Statewide creel limits on game and sport fish are as follows:

Species	Creel Per Day
Black Bass (combined largemouth, spotted and smallmouth)	10
Sauger	15
Walleye	3
White Bass	50
Striped Bass and Hybrids with 15" minimum size	3 *
Crappie (combined black and white)	30 *
Bream (combined bluegill, redear and other sunfish)	100
Aggregate Daily Limit of Game Fish	100
Alligator Gar	2
Paddlefish	2**

* Creel limits for crappie, striped bass and it's hybrids in waters adjoining adjacent states shall be that of the adjacent states, or the Mississippi limit, whichever is greater.

** No paddlefish harvest allowed in the Tenn-Tom Waterway, Tombigbee River or its tributaries.

Harvest and possession of all sturgeon species (Alabama, Atlantic, Pallid and Shovelnose) are prohibited in all Mississippi waters.

Be it ordered that the correct method for measuring fish and the definitions for length limits are as follows:

Correct Method for Measuring Fish Length

Fish measurements for length limit regulations shall be taken with the total length being measured using a flatboard with fish mouth closed and tail squeezed together to give the maximum over-all measurement.

Minimum Length Limit (MLL)

All fish on or less than the regulated size length in inches must be returned to the water immediately after capture and may not be in possession on the designated waters. All fish over the minimum length limit in total length may be kept not to exceed the legal daily creel limit.

Slot Length Limit (SLL)

All fish on or between the designated range of lengths in inches must be returned to the water immediately upon capture and may not be in possession on designated waters. All fish shorter than the lowest length limit and all fish longer than the highest length limit may be kept not to exceed the legal daily creel limit.

Be it further ordered until such time that it is amended by the Commission, the following MLL and creel limit regulations shall be in effect for crappie (combined black and white crappie):

Lake	County	Length Limit	Creel Limit
Sardis Lake	Lafayette, Marshall, Panola	10" MLL	30
Enid Lake	Yalobusha, Lafayette, Panola	10" MLL	30
Arkabutla Lake	Tate, Desoto	10" MLL	30
Grenada Lake	Grenada, Calhoun, Yalobusha	12" MLL	15
Okatibbee Reservoir	Lauderdale	10" MLL	30
Moon Lake (includes portion east of Hwy 1)	Coahoma	10" MLL	30 (5under10")
Pickwick and Tenn-Tom Waterway	Hwy 25 in Divide Section to Aliceville Lock & Dam	9" MLL	30

Be it further ordered until such time that it is amended by the Commission, the following creel limit regulations shall be in effect for bluegill:

Lake	County	Length Limit	Creel Limit
Leroy Percy State Park	Washington	None	25

Be it further ordered until such time that it is amended by the Commission, the following length and creel limit regulations shall be in effect for black bass (combined largemouth, spotted and smallmouth):

Lake	County	Length Limit	Creel Limit
Eagle Lake	Warren	16" MLL	10
Lake Bogue Homa	Jones	15" MLL	10
Malmaisson WMA Lakes	Grenada	15" MLL	2
Hamer WMA Ponds	Panola		0
Olive Branch CAP Open middle and amphitheater ponds April 1, 2006	Desoto	15"MLL	2
Lake Tom Bailey	Lauderdale	15" MLL	5 (1 over 20")
Roosevelt State Park	Scott	15" MLL	5 (1 over 20")
Lake Washington	Washington	15" MLL	5 (2 under15")
Ross Barnett Reservoir	Madison,Rankin,Leake,Hinds,Scott	15" MLL	7
Percy Quinn State Park	Pike	14-18" SLL	10
Lake Walthall	Walthall	14-18" SLL	10
Lake Mike Conner	Covington	14-18" SLL	10 (1 over18")
Kemper County Lake	Kemper	14-18" SLL	10 (1 over18")
Holmes County State PK	Holmes	14-18" SLL	10 (3 over18")
Lake Columbia	Marion	14-18" SLL	5 (1 over 18")
Lake Lincoln State Park	Lincoln	14-18" SLL	5 (1 over 18")
Lake Calling Panther (Open date to be announced)	Copiah	16-22" SLL	7 (1 over 22")
Sardis Lake	Lafayette, Marshall, Panola	16-20" SLL	7 (3 over 20")
Enid Lake	Yalobusha, Lafayette, Panola	16-20" SLL	7 (3 over 20")
Neshoba Co. Lake Open October 19, 2006	Neshoba	16-20" SLL	5 (1 over 20")

Continued black bass regulations

Lake	County	Length Limit	Creel Limit
Paul B. Johnson State Park	Forrest (No fishing 10:00pm- 6:00am)	18-22"SLL	10 (1 over 22")
Natchez State Park	Adams	18-22"SLL	7 (1 over 22")
Lake Bolivar (Scott, MS)	Bolivar	None	2
Moon Lake	Coahoma (includes portion east of Hwy 1)	None	2
Atchafalaya Bayou	Humphreys	None	2
Little Eagle Lake	Humphreys	None	2
Leroy Percy State Park	Washington	None	2
Lake Jackson	Washington	None	2
Wolf/Broad Lake	Yazoo, Humphreys	None	2
RecCon Lake	Bolivar	None	2
Arkabutla Lake	Desoto, Tate	None	7
Grenada Lake	Grenada, Calhoun, Yalobusha	None	7

Special Youth Lake Opening

Youth less than 16 years of age may fish if accompanied by an adult age 21 or older holding a valid fishing license from 7:00 AM – 1:00 PM, 50 fish limit including no more than 5 largemouth bass.

Neshoba County Lake	Neshoba County	September 30, 2006

Anyone wishing to comment on the above proposed action may do so in writing to the Executive Director, Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, 1505 Eastover Dr., Jackson, MS 39211 no later than February 18, 2006.

MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES & PARKS

BY: _____
William C. Deviney Jr., Chairman

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