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PUBLIC NOTICE NUMBER W9 3174

The Mississippi Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, at a meeting in Utica, Mississippi on April 11, 2006, 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 2006-07 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 W8 3174 is hereby amended, and the following 2006-07 wildlife management area hunting regulations are adopted.

BASIC REGULATIONS FOR ALL WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS

Safety Precautions: All rules of gun safety shall be observed. Target shooting is prohibited. No hunting or shooting within 200 yards of any building. No alcoholic beverages allowed. Persons intoxicated or careless with firearms shall be expelled from hunts immediately.

Firearms: No firearms shall be permitted during the closed season on game birds and animals.

Primitive Weapons are those defined by Public Notice LE-2280.

Forfeiture of Privileges: If while on a wildlife management area any person violates any rule or regulation adopted by the Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, or any game and fish statute, and is convicted for that violation, that person may be required by a review panel of MDWFP officials to forfeit, for a period of one calendar year from the date of conviction, all hunting and fishing privileges on that wildlife management area. In addition, the Commission may revoke, for a period of one calendar year, the person's privileges to hunt and fish on all wildlife management areas within the state. Before the revocation of a person's privileges to hunt and fish on all wildlife management areas within the state, the person shall be given notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, setting out the grounds on which revocation is sought, and the person shall have a right to be heard before the Commission at its next regular meeting.

All Vehicles within, entering or leaving a wildlife management area are subject to being checked at roadblocks or checkpoints for compliance with game and fish and/or wildlife management area laws and regulations.

All Persons Fifteen (15) Years of Age or Younger, while hunting on a wildlife management area, must be in the immediate vicinity and under the direct supervision of an adult, twenty-one (21) years of age or older, at all times who will be responsible for the minor's actions. Furthermore, if the child is under the age of twelve (12), the supervising adult must be a licensed or exempt hunter.

Youth Hunts: Persons eligible to participate in specially designated youth hunts are those who are fifteen (15) years of age or younger.

Hunter Orange: When hunting deer during any firearm season on deer on a wildlife management area, including during special hunts, hunters must wear in full view a minimum of 500 square inches of solid unbroken fluorescent orange. When hunting quail or rabbit on a wildlife management area, hunters must wear a hunter orange vest or cap. During any Youth Hunt for Deer, ALL deer hunters on the area must wear 500 square inches of solid unbroken fluorescent orange.

Dogs: Dogs are not allowed on wildlife management areas during closed seasons except by field trial permit.

Roads/Vehicles: During all wildlife management area deer firearms seasons, no loaded weapons allowed within 100 feet of the right of way of any public road. Public roads are any roads maintained with federal, state, or local funds. No motorized vehicles allowed on any roads blocked or posted as closed. No ATV/ORV allowed on any public road open to licensed motorized vehicles or on power line/pipeline rights-of-ways. No loaded weapon may be in possession when operating an ORV/ATV. ORVs/ATVs may be used on the wildlife management area by any Federal, State, or Local Officers, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force engaged in the performance of an official duty. Vehicles blocking any gate, road, trail, levee, right-of-way, or permit station may be towed at the owner's expense.

Horses: Horses are defined as any equine species, or livestock, that may be ridden. No horses allowed on any levees within a wildlife management area.

Food Plots/Agricultural Leases: No horses, ATVs/ORVs or other vehicles allowed on wildlife food plots or on areas leased for agricultural purposes.

Harassment of wildlife, including spotlighting, is prohibited.

Tree Stands and Blinds: It shall be illegal to construct or to hunt from any permanent stands or blinds. Destroying, defacing, cutting, driving nails or spikes into, or otherwise damaging any standing live tree, natural feature, or plant is prohibited. Portable stands (including tripods) that are not removed from the area daily must have a stand identification number permanently and legibly written on the stand. Stand identification numbers may be obtained by calling the appropriate district office for the WMA where the stand will be placed. **Stands left on the area do not reserve hunting locations**. Portable stands may not be installed on the management area prior to 7 days before deer season opens, nor left longer than 7 days after deer season closes. Stands not in compliance with these regulations may be confiscated and disposed of by the MDWFP.

Baiting and Feeding: No bait or feed is allowed on the area at any time. Hunting over bait or feed is prohibited. No food plots may be placed on the area except by area personnel.

During Deer Seasons Without Dogs, the use of organized drivers and standers in which drivers make noises by shouting, whistling or any noise making devices is prohibited.

Raccoon, Opossum, and Bobcat: Raccoon, opossum, and bobcat hunting are allowed without dogs during daylight hours and with dogs from one-half hour after sunset until 4:00 AM.

Beavers, Coyotes, and Hogs may be killed during any open season on a wildlife management area with weapons and ammunition legal for that season. Hog hunters must wear a minimum of 500 square inches of hunter orange during all firearm seasons for deer.

Posting of Regulations: Area Managers shall post regulations, and changes thereto, at each check-in station and at the area headquarters.

Boundary Signs: It shall be the responsibility of each wildlife manager area manager or supervisor to properly identify boundaries with agency signs at intervals no greater than 300 feet. Signs shall be replaced as needed.

Guides/Outfitters: No person or group of persons may act as a guide, outfitter or in any other capacity on any Wildlife Management Area for which they are paid or promised to be paid by any other individual or individuals for services rendered to any other person or persons using said Wildlife Management Area, nor is commercial dog training allowed on any Wildlife Management Area.

Transporting or Releasing into the wild or capture and removal of any live animal or plant is prohibited without Commission approval.

Other Seasons: Hunting seasons for animals not listed in individual wildlife management area regulations are the same as statewide seasons.

Handicapped Hunter Access: Individuals who meet the criteria in Public Notice 3518 are eligible to access handicapped special use areas on WMAs, unless prohibited by federal regulations. Contact a MDWFP District Office for a permit application and additional information.

This adopted public notice will become effective June 20, 2006. Witness my hand and seal this the 18th day of May 2006.

MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES & PARKS

BY: _____
William C. Deviney, 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