MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES, AND PARKS
DIVISION OF ENFORCEMENT, WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
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PUBLIC NOTICE NUMBER W11 3454

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 W10 3454 is hereby amended, and the following 2006-07 wildlife management area hunting regulations are adopted.

**2006-2007 Regulations for**
**Mahannah Wildlife Management Area**

**Issaquena and Warren Counties**

| SPECIES | OPENING DATE | CLOSING DATE | COMMENTS |
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| DEER | | | For deer hunting regulations see BAG LIMITS, DEER DATA COLLECTION, DEER HUNTING PERMITS, LEGAL BUCKS, SPECIAL BUCK TAGS, DEER WEIGHT LIMIT, and DOG RESTRICTIONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS. |
| Archery - Permit Only | Oct. 1 | Oct. 17 | Antlerless deer and legal bucks. |
| Primitive Weapon - Permit Only | Oct. 18 | Nov. 10 | Antlerless deer and legal bucks |
| Youth Gun | Nov. 11 | Nov. 12 | Antlerless deer and legal bucks |
| Gun - Permit Only | Nov. 13 | Dec. 8 | Antlerless deer and legal bucks. |
| Special Primitive Weapon Permit Only | Dec. 10 | Dec. 14 | Antlerless deer and legal bucks. |
| Special Gun - Permit Only | Dec. 17<br>Dec. 26 | Dec. 21<br>Dec. 30 | Antlerless deer and legal bucks. |
| Archery | Jan. 1 | Jan. 31 | Legal bucks only. |
| YOUTH TURKEY | Mar. 8 | Mar. 14 | |
| TURKEY | SEASON CLOSED | | |
| YOUTH SQUIRREL | Oct. 7 | Oct. 7 | |
| SQUIRREL | Oct. 14<br>Dec. 2 | Nov. 4<br>Dec. 9 | Saturdays only.<br>Saturdays only. |
| | Dec. 15 | Dec. 16 | Fridays and Saturdays only. |
| | Nov. 22<br>Dec. 22<br>Dec. 31 | Nov. 25<br>Dec. 25<br>Feb. 28 | Daily.<br>Daily.<br>Daily. |

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| RACCOON, OPOSSUM & BOBCAT | Oct. 6 | Nov. 10 | Friday nights only. |
| | Nov. 21 | Nov. 24 | Daily. |
| | Dec. 1 | Dec. 22 | Friday nights only. |
| | Dec. 30 | Feb. 28 | Daily. |
| TRAPPING | Jan. 1 | Feb. 28 | |
| WATERFOWL | See Federal Regulations. | | See WATERFOWL in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS. |
| RABBIT | Oct. 14 | Nov. 4 | Saturdays only. |
| | Dec. 2 | Dec. 9 | Saturdays only. |
| | Dec. 15 | Dec. 16 | Daily. |
| | Nov. 22 | Nov. 25 | Daily. |
| | Dec. 22 | Dec. 25 | Daily. |
| | Dec. 31 | Feb. 28 | Daily. |
| QUAIL | Nov. 25 | Dec. 23 | Saturdays only. |
| | Dec. 31 | Mar. 5 | Daily. |
| YOUTH DOVE | Sep. 9 | Sep. 9 | See DOVE in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS. |
| DOVE | See Federal Regulations. | | See DOVE in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS. |
| WOODCOCK | See Federal Regulations. | | Woodcock hunting is allowed on any small game hunting day during legal woodcock season. |

## SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR MAHANNAH WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA
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**WMA USER PERMIT:** All persons using this wildlife management area, except those exempt from purchasing an annual hunting or fishing license, must carry on their person an annual statewide Wildlife Management Area User Permit. This permit is required in addition to the daily visitor use permit and any required license.

**CLOSED AREA:** The Waterfowl Sanctuary, enclosed by the East Sanctuary Road on the east, Anderson Tully Road on the south and the main levee on the west, is closed to hunting and scouting.

**BAG LIMITS:** Same as statewide bag limits **except** that during permit hunts on deer the legal buck bag limit is one per hunt.

**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.

**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, except for the youth gun hunt and the January archery hunt, is allowed by special permit only. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com, or to receive an application, send a self-addressed, stamped, letter size envelope to Mahannah WMA Deer Hunts, 2291 CR 145, Greenwood, MS 38930. Completed applications must be received by Aug. 1, 2006 to be eligible for drawing. Hunters who are selected will be notified by mail. Hunters who harvest a legal antlerless deer during their permitted hunt will be eligible for a drawing for the two Special Gun hunts or for the special Primitive Weapon hunt. Hunters who are selected will be notified by mail.

**LEGAL BUCKS:** Legal bucks are those with four or more antler points AND an inside spread of 15 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. A drawing will be conducted using the names of hunters selected for the permit only deer hunts. Hunters who are selected will be notified by mail.

**DEER WEIGHT LIMIT:** All antlerless deer must weigh a minimum of 85 pounds live weight to be legal for harvest. The average live weight of an adult doe on this WMA is 125 pounds. Any harvested antlerless deer less than 85 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 during daylight hours from Feb. 1 - Feb. 28 only.

**LEGAL WEAPONS:** Only centerfire rifles, shotguns with slugs, primitive weapons, and centerfire handguns 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. Only archery equipment and shotguns with #2 shot or smaller may be used for turkey hunting.

**WATERFOWL:** Shooting hours end at 12:00 noon. No person shall leave the main gravel road prior to 5:00 am. No boats, blinds, or decoys are to be left out overnight.

**DOVE:** No dove hunting shall be allowed prior to the special youth dove hunt on Sep. 9. Youth dove hunters must register at the WMA Headquarters on Sep. 9 between 11:00 am and 1:00 pm. Dove hunting will be allowed daily from Sep. 10 through the end of the first dove season, and on any small game hunting day during the legal dove season after Oct. 1.

**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 is allowed on entire area during nighttime hunting hours.

**CAMPING:** Camping is allowed in designated areas only (see map). In addition to the regular daily visitor use permit, campers must also fill out the front side of another daily visitor use permit from a self-service permit station and display it so the name and address are visible from the outside of the camping unit. Camping is limited to 14 consecutive days. Camping equipment may not be left unattended for more than 24 hours. All camping equipment and garbage must be removed before final departure.

**SCOUTING** is allowed daily prior to Oct. 1, and on Saturdays only during permitted deer hunts EXCEPT on Nov. 11 and Nov. 18. Scouting also will be allowed on any small game hunting day. Only those persons drawn to hunt, and waterfowl hunters during waterfowl season, will be allowed on the area during permitted hunts.

**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.

**CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 36**, will be enforced. For additional information, contact the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers at (662) 327-2142.

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