

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND PARKS
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PUBLIC NOTICE LE1-3779 (Emergency Amendment)

The Mississippi Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, at a meeting in Starkville, Mississippi on October 11, 2006, under authority of §25-43-3.103 and §25-43-3.108 Mississippi Code of 1972, made known its finding of imminent peril to the public health, safety and welfare, in that regulations for nuisance animals previously adopted contained certain terms and provisions that would negatively impact the fur trapping season. Inasmuch as the fur trapping season begins on November 1, 2006, the Commission adopts this temporary rule, amending the problem sections of Public Notice LE1-3779. The Commission adopts the following regulation concerning nuisance animals, due to the need for clarification of prior regulations regarding the trapping of nuisance animals within 21 days of the opening day of trapping season. The following regulation is promulgated under authority of §49-7-1, as amended by Senate Bill 2708, Regular Session of the Mississippi State Legislature, 2006.

Miss. Code Ann. §49-7-1, as amended, classifies nutria, beaver, wild hogs and coyotes as "nuisance" animals. Pursuant to the same authority in the amended statute, the Commission issues this regulation stating that nuisance animals may be taken at any time subject to the following:

Nuisance and predatory animals may be hunted, taken, killed, chased or pursued on private lands during daylight hours throughout the year. Nuisance animals may also be hunted, taken, killed, chased or pursued, with dogs, except during the spring turkey season. Nuisance animals may be hunted during the open archery season and special primitive weapon seasons, but may only be taken with the firearms or weapons lawful for those seasons.

Beaver, coyote, and nutria, as well as bobcats, fox, and raccoons, may also be taken at night, with the aid of a light, but are restricted to handguns or rifles using no larger than .22 caliber rimfire cartridges (.22 magnums are excluded) and shotguns with shot size no larger than No. 6.

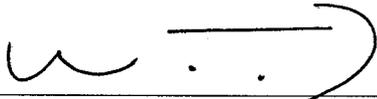
Unless otherwise exempt, persons hunting wild hogs must possess a big game hunting license. All other nuisance and predatory animals may be hunted with a small game license. Unless otherwise exempt, a trapping license is required to trap nuisance and predatory animals, pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. §49-7-13.

Persons hunting wild hogs during any open gun season on deer will be required to wear, in full view, 500 square inches of solid unbroken hunter orange, unless they are hunting from a fully enclosed stand.

A trapping license is required to sell the pelts and/or skins of nuisance animals, predatory animals, and furbearers and may be sold only during the trapping season and for 10 days thereafter, subsequent to other applicable statutes and regulations, to include Mississippi Code Ann. §49-7-13(6). The meat of legally taken nutria, beaver, coyote, raccoons, muskrats, and opossums may be sold only during the trapping season and for 10 days thereafter, subsequent to other applicable statutes and regulations. The meat of legally taken wild or feral hogs may be sold at any time.

This adopted notice will become effective on October 11, 2006. Witness my hand and seal this the 11th day of October, 2006.

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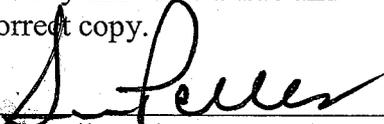
William C. Deviney, Jr., Chairman

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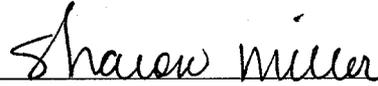


Sam Polles, Ph.D., Executive Director

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