MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES, AND PARKS
DIVISION OF ENFORCEMENT, WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
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PUBLIC NOTICE NUMBER W12 3461

The Mississippi Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, at a meeting in New Albany, Mississippi on April 12, 2007, 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 2007-08 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 W11 3461 is hereby amended, and the following 2007-08 wildlife management area hunting regulations are adopted.

2007-2008 Regulations for
Pearl River Wildlife Management Area

Madison County

SPECIES	OPENING DATE	CLOSING DATE	COMMENTS
DEER			For deer hunting regulations see YOUTH DEER HUNT, DEER DATA COLLECTION, LEGAL BUCKS, DEER WEIGHT LIMIT, and DOG RESTRICTIONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Archery	Oct. 1	Nov. 16	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Youth Season	Nov. 10	Nov. 16	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Primitive Weapon	Nov. 17	Nov. 30	Legal bucks only.
Primitive Weapon	Dec. 1	Dec. 14	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Primitive Weapon	Dec. 15	Jan. 17	Legal bucks only.
Primitive Weapon	Jan. 18	Jan. 31	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
YOUTH TURKEY	Mar. 8	Mar. 14	
TURKEY	Mar. 15	May 1	
YOUTH SQUIRREL	Oct. 6	Oct. 12	
SQUIRREL	Oct. 13	Feb. 28	
RABBIT	Oct. 13	Feb. 28	
WATERFOWL	See Federal Regulations.		No waterfowl hunting west of Pipeline Road except for special youth hunts in waterfowl refuge set by Commission.

RACCOON, OPOSSUM, & BOBCAT	Oct. 1	Feb. 28
TRAPPING	Nov. 1	Feb. 28

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR PEARL RIVER 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 NO ACCESS AREA: The area around Turcotte Lab and Hunter Safety Shooting Area within the Waterfowl Refuge is a NO ACCESS AREA.

SPECIAL YOUTH AND HANDICAPPED AREA: Hunting in the waterfowl refuge (see map) is allowed for youth and handicapped only, EXCEPT for raccoon and hog hunting and trapping. There is no waterfowl hunting allowed within this area, except for special youth hunts set by the Commission.

BAG LIMITS: Same as statewide bag limits.

PERMIT STATIONS: All visitors must obtain a DAILY VISITOR USE PERMIT 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 the 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.

YOUTH DEER HUNT: During Nov. 10 - 16, youth deer hunters may use shotguns with slugs, primitive weapons, or archery equipment. Antlerless deer and legal bucks may be taken.

DEER DATA COLLECTION: All deer harvested must be checked at the self-service deer check stations located on the Madison County Pipeline Road, on Rocks Road, and on Beach Bluff Road (see map) 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.

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

ANTLERLESS DEER REGULATIONS: This WMA is NOT open to antlerless deer hunting during statewide either-sex gun days (Dec. 15 - 16).

DEER WEIGHT LIMITS: 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 100 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 during daylight hours Feb. 1 - Feb. 28.

LEGAL WEAPONS: Only primitive weapons may be used for deer hunting, except during the Nov. 10-16 youth deer hunt when shotguns with slugs may be used. Legal weapons for small game hunting (excluding waterfowl) during daylight hours are shotguns using #2 shot or smaller, muzzleloading rifles of.40 caliber or smaller, and archery equipment using arrows with points other than broadheads. Only archery equipment and shotguns with #2 shot or smaller may be used for turkey hunting.

OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs: Off-Road Motorized Vehicles/ATVs are allowed only for retrieval of harvested deer or hogs. No loaded weapon may be in possession when retrieving harvested game.

HORSES: No horses allowed.

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.

FISHING: No fishing allowed in the waterfowl impoundments or in Fisheries Experimental Ponds.

This adopted public notice will become effective June 12, 2007. Witness my hand and seal this the 23rd day of May 2007.

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

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