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DIVISION OF ENFORCEMENT, WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
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PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT NUMBER W13 3454(I)

TO: The Honorable Delbert Hosemann
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 New Albany, Mississippi on April 2, 2008, under authority of Section 25-43-3.103, Mississippi Code of 1972, made known its intent to adopt the following wildlife management area regulations for the 2008-09 hunting year. This was done under authority of Sections 49-5-13 and 49-7-31, Mississippi Code of 1972.

Be it ordered that Public Notice Number W12 3454 is hereby amended, and the following 2008-09 wildlife management area hunting regulations are adopted.

**2008-2009 Regulations for
Mahannah Wildlife Management Area**

Issaquena and Warren Counties

SPECIES	OPENING DATE	CLOSING DATE	COMMENTS
DEER			For deer hunting regulations see BAG LIMITS, DEER DATA COLLECTION, DEER HUNTING PERMITS, LEGAL BUCKS, SPECIAL BUCK TAGS, and DOG RESTRICTIONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Archery - Permit Only	Oct. 1	Oct. 17	Does and legal bucks.
Primitive Weapon - Permit Only	Oct. 19	Nov. 11	Does and legal bucks
Youth Gun	Nov. 15	Nov. 16	Does and legal bucks
Gun - Permit Only	Nov. 12	Dec. 9	Does and legal bucks.
Special Primitive Weapon - Permit Only	Dec. 10	Dec. 14	Does and legal bucks.
Special Gun-Permit Only	Dec. 15 Dec. 26	Dec. 19 Dec. 30	Does and legal bucks.
Archery	Dec. 31	Jan. 31	Legal bucks only.
YOUTH TURKEY	Mar. 7	Mar. 13	
TURKEY - Permit Only	Mar. 14	May 1	Bag Limit One Gobbler See Turkey HUNTING PERMIT in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.

YOUTH SQUIRREL	Oct. 11	Oct. 11	
SQUIRREL	Oct. 18 Dec. 6	Nov. 8 Dec. 6	Saturdays only. Saturdays only.
	Nov. 26 Dec. 20 Dec. 31	Nov. 29 Dec. 25 Feb. 28	Daily. Daily. Daily.
RACCOON	Jul. 4	Sep. 26	Friday nights only.
RACCOON, OPOSSUM & BOBCAT	Oct. 3 Nov. 25 Dec. 5 Dec. 19 Dec. 30	Nov. 7 Nov. 28 Dec. 5 Dec. 24 Feb. 28	Friday nights only. Daily. Friday nights only. Daily. Daily.
TRAPPING	Jan. 1	Feb. 28	
WATERFOWL - Permit Only - Except for youth waterfowl hunts and the Special Blue-winged Teal season.	See Federal Regulations.		See WATERFOWL in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
RABBIT	Oct. 18 Dec. 6	Nov. 8 Dec. 6	Saturdays only. Saturdays only.
	Nov. 26 Dec. 20 Dec. 31	Nov. 29 Dec. 25 Feb. 28	Daily. Daily. Daily.
QUAIL	Nov. 27 Dec. 6 Dec. 20 Dec. 31	Nov. 30 Dec. 6 Dec. 25 Mar. 1	Daily.
YOUTH DOVE	Sep. 13	Sep. 13	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 **by the hunter who harvested them** 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. **Hunters may apply for permitted deer hunts on no more than 3 WMAs statewide during the 2008-09 season.** 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, 506 Hwy 43 South, Canton, MS 39046. Completed applications must be received by Sep. 1, 2008 to be eligible for drawing. Hunters who are selected will be notified by mail. Hunters who harvest a legal doe 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 provide an e-mail address will be notified by e-mail if drawn. Hunters who are selected and do not provide an e-mail address will be notified by mail.

LEGAL BUCKS: Legal bucks are those with **an inside spread of at least 16 inches OR one main beam length of at least 20 inches.** 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.

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.

TURKEY HUNTING PERMITS: Turkey hunting from Mar. 14-May 1 is allowed by special permit only. **Hunters may apply for permitted turkey hunts on no more than 3 WMAs statewide during the Spring 2009 season.** You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com, or to receive an application, send a self-addressed, stamped letter size envelope to Mahannah WMA Turkey Hunting Permits, 506 Hwy 43 South, Canton, MS 39046. Only one application will be accepted per hunter for the Mahannah WMA permitted turkey hunt. Also, each hunter can apply for permitted turkey hunts on no more than 3 Wildlife Management Areas statewide during the Spring 2009 season. Completed applications must be received by Feb. 15, 2009 to be eligible for drawing. Hunters who provide an e-mail address will be notified by e-mail if drawn. Hunters who are selected and do not provide an e-mail address will be notified by mail.

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, rifles or handguns no larger than .22 rimfire magnum, muzzleloading rifles .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. **Only rimfire rifles .22 caliber or smaller or any caliber handgun with a six inch barrel or less may be used when hunting hogs with dogs.**

WATERFOWL: Shooting hours end at 12:00 noon. No boats, blinds, or decoys are to be left out overnight. **All waterfowl hunts, except for the waterfowl youth hunts, September teal season, and the post season light goose conservation order, are draw hunts only.** **Hunters may apply for permitted waterfowl hunts on no more than 3 WMAs statewide during the 2008-09 season.** You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com, or to receive an application, send a self-addressed, stamped, letter size envelope to Mahannah WMA Duck Hunts, 506 Hwy 43 South, Canton, MS 39046. Completed applications must be received by Nov. 1, 2008 to be eligible for drawing. Hunters who provide an e-mail address will be notified by e-mail if drawn. Hunters who are selected and do not provide an e-mail address will be notified by mail.

DOVE: No dove hunting shall be allowed prior to the special youth dove hunt on Sep. 13. Youth dove hunters must register at the WMA Headquarters on Sep. 13 between 11:00 am and 1:00 pm. Dove hunting will be allowed daily from Sep. 14 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. 15, Nov. 22, Dec. 13, and Dec. 27. 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.

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, P. O. Box 451, Jackson, MS 39205, no later than May 2, 2008.

MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES & PARKS

BY: _____
John C Stanley IV, Chairman

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