MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND PARKS
DIVISION OF ENFORCEMENT, WILDLIFE, AND FISHERIES
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PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT NUMBER LE6 – 2768(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 Iuka, Mississippi on May 6, 2008, under authority of Section 25-43-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, made known its intent to adopt the following regulations relative to **Field Trials**. This was done under authority of Sections 49-4-49, 49-1-29, and 49-7-41, Mississippi Code of 1972.

Public Notice of Intent Number LE5-2768 (I) is hereby amended and the following rules and regulations are adopted:

Field Trials

Be it ordered that a permit is required by any person, club, group or association, to sponsor or engage in any raccoon dog field trial, squirrel dog field trial, retriever dog field trial, bird dog field trial, rabbit dog field trial, or fox hound field trial.

Applications for such field trial shall be on a form prescribed by the Department and must contain the following information;

1. Name and address of applicant
2. Club, Group or Association
3. Type of Trial (UKC, AKC, ACHA, NFHA other)
4. Headquarters/ Meeting place
5. Counties involved
6. Wildlife Management Areas involved
7. Date or Dates of field trial

Applications must be received by the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks no less than fourteen (14) days prior to the date of the field trial and must be accompanied by a fifteen dollar ($15.00) money order or cashiers check made out to the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks. Additionally, a fee of $150 for one day and $50 for each additional day is required if the facilities at Black Prairie WMA or Hell Creek WMA will be used during the field trial/event.

The secretary or other official of the club sponsoring the field trials shall maintain a list of the names and addresses of all persons, including non-residents, who have dogs participating in the field trial, for a period of thirty (30) days after the close of the trial. Such a list must be available and open for inspection by a representative of the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks at all times. Nothing herein shall be construed as requiring participants in sanctioned/permitted field trials to have a current Mississippi hunting license or a Wildlife Management Area User Permit, as required by Public Notice L-3755.

All such trials must be sanctioned or recognized by the United Kennel Club, American Kennel Club, or other chartered clubs and must be conducted in accordance with the rules of the sanctioning organization. All dogs entered must comply with Section 45-53-1 regarding rabies.

Each club sanctioned or recognized by The United Kennel Club, American Kennel Club, or other chartered club may keep one (1) live male captive fur bearing animal. This animal is to be kept by a designated member. These animals shall be housed or caged so as to comply with laws relating to humane treatment of animals.

Pen reared tame quail may be released and used as provided by Section 49-7-42.

No person attending or participating in a field trial shall take, capture or kill any wild animal.

In addition to the penalty prescribed by law, any person convicted of a violation of any of these rules and regulations shall be barred from future participation in any field trial authorized by the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks for a period of twelve (12) months. However, before revocation of the privilege to participate in field trials becomes effective, the Executive Director shall notify the person by registered mail of his right to a hearing before the Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks at its next regular meeting.

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 June 5, 2008.

MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES & PARKS

BY: _____
John C Stanley, Chairman

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BY: _____
Sam Polles, Ph.D., Executive Director