MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES & PARKS
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PUBLIC NOTICE NUMBER W13-3434

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 and thirty days thereafter did adopt the following **2008-2009 White-tailed Deer Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits**. This was done under authority of Sections 49-1-29, 49-5-13, 49-7-20.1, 49-7-31, 49-7-35, 49-7-37, 49-7-39, and 49-7-41, Mississippi Code of 1972.

Be it ordered Public Notice W12-3434 is hereby amended as follows:

WHITE-TAILED DEER HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS:

Zone 1 - Areas north of U.S. Highway 84 plus areas south of U.S. Highway 84 and west of Mississippi Highway 35. OPEN PUBLIC LANDS include National Forests, Corps of Engineers lands, etc., that have statewide seasons without special regulations.

Archery

October 1, 2008 – November 21, 2008 (Either-sex on private land and open public land)

Gun (with dogs)

November 22, 2008 – December 1, 2008 (Either-sex on private land; legal bucks only on open public land.)

Primitive Weapon

December 2 – 15, 2008 (Either-sex on private land and open public land)

Gun (without dogs)

December 20 – 21, 2008 (Either-sex on open public land)
December 16 – 23, 2008 (Either-sex on private land; legal bucks only on open public land)

Gun (with dogs)

December 24, 2008 – January 21, 2009 (Either-sex on private land; legal bucks only on open public land.)

Primitive Weapon

January 22 – 31, 2008 (Either-sex on private land and open public land)

Zone 2 - Areas south of U.S. Highway 84 and east of Mississippi Highway 35. OPEN PUBLIC LANDS include National Forests, Corps of Engineers lands, etc., that have statewide seasons without special regulations.

Archery

October 15, 2008 – November 21, 2008 (Either-sex on private land and open public land)

Gun (with dogs)

November 22, 2008 – December 1, 2008 (Either-sex on private land; legal bucks only on open public land.)

Primitive Weapon

December 2 – 15, 2008 (Either-sex on private land and open public land)

Gun (without dogs)

December 20 – 21, 2008 (Either-sex on open public land)
December 16 – 23, 2008 (Either-sex on private land; legal bucks only on open public land)

Gun (with dogs)

December 24, 2008 – January 21, 2009 (Either-sex on private land; legal bucks only on open public land.)

Primitive Weapon

January 22 – February 15, 2009 (Legal Bucks Only)

Youth Deer Hunts*:

Zone 1: Private Lands Only
November 15 – 21, 2008
December 2 – 15, 2008
January 22 – 31, 2008

Zone 2: Private Lands Only
November 15 – 21, 2008
December 2 – 15, 2008
January 22 – February 15, 2009

* Persons eligible to participate in these special hunts are those who are fifteen (15) years of age or younger. A child at least twelve (12) years of age and under sixteen (16) years of age must have a certificate of satisfactory completion of a hunter education course approved by the department before hunting in this state or be in the presence and under the direct supervision of a licensed or exempt hunter at least twenty-one (21) years of age when hunting. A child under the age of twelve (12) must be in the presence and under the direct supervision of a licensed or exempt hunter at least twenty-one (21) years of age when the child is hunting. A licensed hunter supervising a child as provided in this section must hold a valid Mississippi license for the species being hunted.

The firearm type and caliber restrictions, set forth above, shall not apply to youths age 15 years and under, who are hunting during any Youth Hunting Season as set by the Commission. Youths hunting during special youth hunting seasons may carry and use any firearm with which they can safely hunt, and in compliance with other applicable laws, rules and regulations.

Both youth and adult must wear hunter orange, except while the hunters are in a fully enclosed deer stand. Archery hunters must wear hunter orange while this special hunt is in effect. Legal bucks and antlerless deer may be harvested.

U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, and U.S. Army managed lands:

These lands are authorized to provide youth deer hunting opportunities on days designated by Federal Regulations. Contact local National Wildlife Refuge, Corps of Engineers, or U.S. Army for details.

These lands are authorized to harvest antlerless deer on days designated by Federal Regulations. Contact local National Wildlife Refuge, Corps of Engineers, or U.S. Army

for details.

Bag limit:

Antlered Buck Deer:
The bag limit on antlered buck deer is one (1) buck per day, not to exceed three (3) per license year.

Zone 1 Legal Buck:
Only antlered buck deer with antlers of four (4) points or greater may be taken. An antler point is defined as any antler protrusion that would hold any size ring.

Zone 2 Legal Buck:
Only antlered buck deer with antlers of four (4) points or greater AND either a minimum inside spread of ten (10) inches OR a minimum main beam length of thirteen (13) inches may be taken. An antler point is defined as any antler protrusion that would hold any size ring.

Statewide:
Any antlered deer may be taken by permit if it is necessary to manage deer on lands under the Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP) or on wildlife management areas. A written management justification issued by the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks must accompany any request for such a permit. Any antlered deer harvested under this permit must be identified with a tag immediately upon possession. When being transported from the hunting area, all deer or parts thereof harvested under these permits must be tagged. Antlered deer taken by permit shall not be subject to the daily bag limit or the annual bag limit on antlered deer.

One (1) antlered deer with any hardened antler (regardless of number of points, main beam length, or spread) may be taken per license year by a person fifteen (15) years of age and younger.

Antlerless Deer:
The bag limit on antlerless deer is one (1) per day, not to exceed three (3) per license year; except that two (2) additional antlerless deer per license year may be taken with a bow and arrow. The annual and daily bag limit on antlerless deer shall not apply to private lands under the DMAP or the Fee-based Antlerless Program (FMAP) as approved by the Department. However, all harvested antlerless deer that exceed an individual hunter's daily or annual bag limit must be tagged prior to moving with a DMAP or FMAP tag provided by the Department.

This adopted public notice will become effective June 2, 2008. Witness my hand and seal this the 6th day of May 2008.

MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES & PARKS

BY: _____
John C Stanley IV, 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

SHARON S. MILLER, HINDS COUNTY, MS
NOTARY PUBLIC
My Commission Expires May 15, 2010