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DIVISION OF ENFORCEMENT, WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
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PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT NUMBER W13 3467a(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 Jackson, Mississippi on July 23, 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Be it ordered that Public Notice Number W13 3467 is hereby repealed, and the following 2008-09 wildlife management area hunting regulations are adopted.

2008-2009 Regulations for
Sunflower Wildlife Management Area

Sharkey County

SPECIES	OPENING DATE	CLOSING DATE	COMMENTS
DEER			For deer hunting regulations see DEER DATA COLLECTION, LEGAL BUCKS, SPECIAL BUCK TAGS, and DOG RESTRICTIONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Archery	Oct. 1	Nov. 21	Does and legal bucks.
Youth Gun	Nov. 15	Nov. 21	Does and legal bucks.
Gun	Nov. 22	Nov. 23	WITHOUT DOGS. Does and legal bucks.
Gun	Nov. 24	Dec. 1	WITHOUT DOGS. Legal bucks only.
Primitive Weapon	Dec. 2	Dec. 15	Does and legal bucks.
Gun	Dec. 16	Dec. 23	WITHOUT DOGS. Legal bucks only.
Gun	Dec. 24	Jan. 21	WITH DOGS. Legal bucks only.
Archery	Jan. 22	Jan. 31	Does and legal bucks.
YOUTH TURKEY	Mar. 7	Mar. 13	
TURKEY - PERMIT ONLY	Mar. 14	Mar. 22	See TURKEY HUNTING PERMIT in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
TURKEY	Mar. 23	May 1	

YOUTH SQUIRREL	Oct. 11	Oct. 17	
SQUIRREL	Oct. 18	Feb. 28	
RACCOON	Jul. 4	Sep. 26	Friday nights only.
RACCOON, OPOSSUM & BOBCAT	Oct. 1	Feb. 28	
TRAPPING	Nov. 1	Feb. 28	
WATERFOWL	See Federal Regulations.		See WATERFOWL in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
RABBIT	Oct. 18	Feb. 28	

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUNFLOWER WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA
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WMA USER PERMIT: All persons participating in hunting, fishing, or trapping on 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.

BAG LIMITS: Same as statewide bag limits.

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 kept with the visitor while on 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 on Nov. 22 - Nov. 23 must be checked at the WMA Headquarters by the hunter who harvested them before leaving the WMA. On all other days, all harvested deer must be checked at either the WMA headquarters or at one of the self-service deer check stations located on Sunflower WMA(see map). 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 an inside spread of at least 15 inches OR one main beam length of at least 18 inches. 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. 20-21).

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. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com, or send an 8 ½" X 11" piece of paper with your name, address, social security number, and Sunflower WMA to Sunflower WMA Special Buck Tags, 506 Hwy 43 South, Canton, MS 39046. Only one application per hunter will be accepted. Applications must be received by Sep. 1, 2008 to be eligible for drawing. Hunters who are selected will be notified by mail. Tags must be attached to deer immediately after harvest.

DOG RESTRICTIONS: Deer hunting with dogs is allowed during Dec. 24-Jan. 17. Small game hunting with dogs is allowed during any small game season. Hog hunting with dogs allowed during daylight hours only from Oct. 18-Nov. 21 and Dec. 24-Feb. 28.

Turkey Hunting Permits: Turkey hunting from Mar. 14 - Mar. 22, 2009 is allowed by special permit only. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com or to receive an application, send a self-addressed, stamped, letter size envelope to Sunflower WMA Turkey Hunting Permits, 506 Hwy 43 South, Canton, MS 39046. Only one application will be accepted per hunter for the Sunflower WMA permitted turkey hunt. Hunters may apply for permitted turkey hunts on no more than 3 WMAs 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 or buckshot, 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 in artificially flooded greentree reservoirs. During waterfowl season, hunting on artificially flooded greentree reservoirs will be limited to waterfowl only. FOR LOCATION OF FLOODED GREENTREE RESERVOIRS, see map at permit stations or at www.mdwfp.com.

NO HUNTING FROM LEVEES or their right-of-ways of greentree reservoirs. No hunting from pipelines.

OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs: Off-road vehicle use will be governed by U. S. Forest Service regulations. For additional information, contact the Forest Service at (662) 873-6256.

HORSES: Hunting from horseback is allowed.

CAMPING: Camping allowed in designated U. S. Forest Service campsites according to U. S. Forest Service regulations.

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. Forest Service at (662) 873-6256.

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 August 22, 2008.

MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES & PARKS

BY: _____
John C Stanley IV, Chairman

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES & PARKS

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Sam Polles, Ph.D., Executive Director