

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE , FISHERIES AND PARKS  
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PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT NO. LE3-3779 (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 on July 23, 2008 under authority of Section 25-43-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, made known its intent to adopt the following regulations relative to **Nuisance Animals**. This was done under authority of Section 49-7-1, 49-7-31.5, and 49-7-140 Mississippi Code of 1972:

Public Notice LE2 3779 is hereby amended and the following rules and regulations are adopted:

The following wild animals are classed as nuisance animals: Wild Hogs, Nutria, Beaver, Fox, Skunks & Coyote. Nuisance animals may be hunted, taken, killed, chased, pursued or trapped subject to the following:

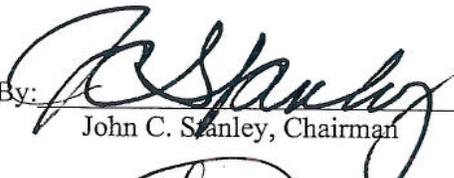
- 1. From March 1 to the day prior to the opening of deer archery season**  
Nuisance animals may be taken, killed, chased, or pursued on private lands at any time with no weapons restrictions and/or on public lands where the governmental agency charged with the management of said lands has passed laws or regulations allowing the taking of nuisance animals. However, nuisance animals may not be hunted or pursued with dogs during the open spring turkey season. Crossbows may be used to hunt nuisance animals by persons possessing either the General Crossbow License or the Special Crossbow License in addition to the All-Game or Sportsman License.
- 2. From the opening day of deer archery season to the last day of February**  
( *Private lands and open public lands that have statewide seasons without special regulations* )  
Nuisance animals may be hunted, taken, killed or pursued during daylight hours with weapons legal to use for the hunting season open at the time. Persons hunting, nuisance animals from one-half hour (½) after sunset until one-half hour (½) hour before sunrise with or without the aid of a light, are restricted to using a standard rim fire rifle or handgun no larger than .22 caliber ( all magnums are excluded ) and/or shotguns with shot size no larger than No. 6 shot . Persons hunting nuisance animals with archery equipment and/or with primitive weapons during the archery or primitive weapons season must possess a Sportsman License or an All Game Hunting License and Archery/Primitive Weapon License. Persons trapping nuisance animals, other than wild hogs and/or otherwise exempt, must have a valid trapping license.

3. **From the opening day of deer archery season to the last day of February ( *Special Permit* )**  
Landowners, agricultural leaseholders, or their designated agents may apply to the MDWFP for a permit which will allow them to hunt, take or kill nuisance animals at any hour, without weapons restriction on lands owned or leased by them. This permit is only valid for the dates specified and only on the property listed on the permit application. Each person hunting under authority of this section must possess the original or a copy of the permit issued by the MDWFP. Any penalty associated with the possession of this permit shall be waived if proof is provided to the arresting officer or the courts that the MDWFP had issued a permit for the property prior to the date of the citation and the person had permission from the landowner or agricultural leaseholder to be on the property. Crossbows may be used to hunt nuisance animals, under authority of this permit, by hunters possessing either the General Crossbow License or the Special Crossbow License in addition to the All-Game or Sportsman License.
4. **Trapping Wild Hogs** Wild hogs may be trapped with the aid of bait on private lands from May 16 to the day prior to the opening of deer archery season. Persons wishing to trap hogs with the aid of bait outside these dates will be required to apply for a depredation permit issued by the MDWFP. Persons trapping wild hogs must use a live cage-type trap only. This trap must be fashioned as follows : 1) live cage-type trap can be either a permanent or mobile containment system made of any type of material capable of confining the mobility of a wild hog until otherwise removed, 2) the trap must consist of a trap door, slide gate or similar mechanism, 3) the roof or tops of these traps must be constructed in a manner that has ample openings at the top to allow non-targeted deer, turkeys, or bears to escape. Dead fall traps or traps designed to kill or maim will not be allowed. All live cage-type traps used to trap wild hogs will have the owner or users name and address legibly written in waterproof ink or stamped or labeled in plain view on the trap. Traps must be checked every 36 hours. All non-targeted wild or domestic animals caught must be released immediately upon detection.
5. Nuisance animals may be hunted with the aid of electronic calls.
6. The holder of an All Game License, Sportsman License, or trapping License may sell any part of any nuisance animal year round.
7. Nuisance animals may not be hunted with the aid of bait. Landowners and/or agricultural lease holders may make application to the MDWFP for a depredation permit which will allow them to use bait to take nuisance animals under controlled circumstances.
8. Wild hogs may not be caught or trapped and released into the wild at a location different from the location where they were caught or trapped. Penalty for this section will be a Class I violation.
9. Non- exempt persons hunting nuisance animals must possess a All Game or Sportsman License and persons trapping nuisance animals, except wild hogs, must possess a Trapping License
10. Persons hunting wild hogs during any open gun season on deer will be required to wear, in full view, 500 square inches of solid unbroken hunter orange, unless they are hunting in a fully enclosed stand.

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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 23 ,2008.

MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES & PARKS

By:   
John C. Stanley, Chairman

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