MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES, AND PARKS
DIVISION OF ENFORCEMENT, WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
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PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT NUMBER W13 3440a(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 McComb, Mississippi on August 27, 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 3440 is hereby amended and the following 2008-09 wildlife management area hunting regulations are adopted.

2008-2009 Regulations for
Canal Section Wildlife Management Area and
John Bell Williams Wildlife Management Area

Itawamba, Monroe, Prentiss, and Tishomingo Counties

SPECIES	OPENING DATE	CLOSING DATE	COMMENTS
DEER			For deer hunting regulations see CLOSED AREAS, LEGAL BUCKS, DOG RESTRICTIONS, HANDICAP DEER HUNTING, and ARCHERY ONLY AREAS, LEGAL WEAPONS 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	Dec. 1	Legal bucks only.
Primitive Weapon	Dec. 2	Dec. 15	Does and legal bucks.
Gun	Dec. 16	Jan. 21	Legal bucks only.
Primitive Weapon	Jan. 22	Jan. 31	Does and legal bucks.
YOUTH TURKEY	Mar. 7	Mar. 13	

TURKEY	Mar. 14	May 1	
YOUTH SQUIRREL	Sep. 27	Oct. 3	
SQUIRREL	Oct. 4	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	
QUAIL	Nov. 27	Mar. 7	

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR CANAL SECTION WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA AND JOHN BELL WILLIAMS WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT NUMBER W13 3440a(I)

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 AREAS: The Acker Lake handicap hunting area is closed to all small game hunting during Nov. 11, 2007 - Jan. 31, 2008. No deer hunting from the Tenn-Tom Waterway Levee.

ARCHERY ONLY AREAS: Archery hunting only for deer between the Tenn-Tom Waterway and the waterway levee and from AB3 Waterfowl Impoundment (see map) south to Hwy. 45/25 at Aberdeen.

SMALL GAME ONLY HUNTING AREA: That portion of the WMA between the Tombigbee River and the Tenn-Tom Waterway from Hwy 278 southward to the intersection of the old Tombigbee River and the Tenn-Tom Waterway.

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 deposited in the return box at a permit station before using the WMA. Part B must be kept with the visitor while on the WMA. 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.

LEGAL BUCKS: Legal bucks are those with an inside spread of at least 12 inches OR one main beam length of at least 15 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).

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 Oct. 4, 2008-Feb. 28, 2008, EXCEPT Dec 2-Dec. 15, 2008 and Jan. 22-Jan. 31, 2009.

HANDICAP DEER HUNTING: Only handicapped hunters are allowed to deer hunt on the Acker Lake Tract. ATV access is allowed on the Acker Lake Handicap Hunting Area each day of the deer seasons and vehicular access is allowed on Sundays, Mondays, and Tuesdays during the gun and primitive weapon seasons. All handicap hunters must pre-register by contacting the Holcut Office (662-423-1455).

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: All man-made impoundment areas where waterfowl hunting is allowed will be open on Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays from one-half hour before sunrise until 12:00 noon. No waterfowl hunting allowed on AB3 Waterfowl Impoundment. The remainder of the WMA may be hunted each day from one-half hour before sunrise until sunset. Waterfowl hunters must wear hunter orange cap or vest to and from hunt site.

OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs: Off-road motorized vehicles/ATVs are not allowed on Canal Section WMA. Off-road motorized vehicles/ATVs are allowed on John Bell Williams WMA only for the retrieval of harvested deer or hogs.

HORSES: Horseback riding is prohibited during WMA deer and turkey seasons. At all other times, horseback riding is restricted to hard surface roads. No hunting from horses allowed on Canal Section WMA, however, raccoon hunting from horses is allowed on John Bell Williams WMA during nighttime hunting hours.

CAMPING: No camping allowed.

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 on Canal Section WMA. For additional information, contact the 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 September 26, 2008.

MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES & PARKS

BY: _____
John C Stanley IV, Chairman

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