MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES, AND PARKS
DIVISION OF ENFORCEMENT, WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
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PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT NUMBER W12 3464(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 April 21, 2009, under authority of Section 25-43-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, made known its intent to adopt the following wildlife management area regulations for the 2009-10 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Be it ordered that Public Notice Number W11 3464 is hereby repealed, and the following 2009-10 wildlife management area hunting regulations are adopted.

2009 - 2010 Regulations for
Sardis Waterfowl Management Area

Lafayette County

SPECIES	OPENING DATE	CLOSING DATE	COMMENTS
DEER			For deer hunting regulations see DEER DATA COLLECTION, DEER HUNTING, PERMITS, LEGAL BUCKS, and DOG RESTRICTIONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Youth Permit Hunt	Nov. 7	Nov. 8	Does and legal bucks.
Youth Permit Hunt	Nov. 14	Nov. 15	Does and legal bucks.
Special Youth Permit Hunt	Dec. 12	Dec. 13	Does and legal bucks.
TRAPPING	Jan. 1	Feb. 28	See Area Manager for permit.
Youth Dove Hunt	Sep. 5 Sep. 12	Sep. 5 Sep. 12	See DOVE HUNTING in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

NO OTHER SEASON shall be open and no other animals shall be hunted or disturbed, except hogs during the youth deer seasons.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR SARDIS WATERFOWL MANAGEMENT AREA
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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 and may be purchased wherever licenses are sold.

CLOSED AREA: Area is closed to access beyond the public viewing area EXCEPT during special youth hunts.

NO HUNTING ZONE: A zone around the WMA Headquarters and Sardis Lake will be marked with signs/flagging where hunting is not allowed.

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 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.

LEGAL BUCKS: Legal bucks are any bucks.

DEER DATA COLLECTION: All deer harvested must be checked at the WMA Headquarters before leaving the WMA.

DEER HUNTING PERMITS: Youth deer hunting 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 Sardis Waterfowl WMA Youth Deer Hunting Permit, MDWFP District 2 Office, Post Office Box 100, Enid, MS 38927. Only one application per hunter will be accepted. Completed applications must be received by Sep. 1, 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. Youth hunters who harvest a legal doe during their permitted hunt will be eligible for the special youth permit hunt on Dec. 12-13.

DOG RESTRICTIONS: Hunting with dogs is prohibited.

LEGAL WEAPONS: Only centerfire rifles, shotguns with slugs, primitive weapons, and centerfire handguns may be used for deer hunting.

DOVE HUNTING: Youth dove hunts will be held on a designated field on Sep. 5 and Sep. 12, 2009, beginning at 1:00 pm.

OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs: Off-road motorized vehicles/ATVs allowed only for the retrieval of harvested deer or hogs. No loaded weapon may be in possession when retrieving harvested game.

HORSES: No horses allowed.

CAMPING: No camping allowed.

BEARS: Black bears may occur on this WMA. 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. Army Corps of Engineers at (662) 563-4531.

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 May 21, 2009.

MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES & PARKS

BY: _____
John C Stanley IV, Chairman

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Sam Polles, Ph.D., Executive Director