

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND PARKS
DIVISION OF ENFORCEMENT, WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
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PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT NUMBER W3-3776(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 regulation pertaining to turkey hunting. This was done under authority of Sections 49-1-29 and 49-7-31.2, Mississippi Code of 1972.

Be it ordered Public Notice Number W2 3776 is hereby repealed and the following 2009-2010 Turkey Hunting Seasons are adopted.

Spring Season

March 15, 2010 - May 1, 2010, in all counties **except the following closed counties or parts thereof:**

Coahoma – West of Hwy. 61, east of Hwy. 1, north of Eagles Nest-Friars Pt. Road, and south of Coahoma-Friars Pt. Road.

Leflore - West of Hwy. 7 and Hwy. 49E and north of Moorehead Road and south of Hwy. 442.

Quitman – Entire county.

Sunflower - South of Hwy. 442 and east of Hwy. 3 and Hwy. 49W and north of Berclair Road.

BAG LIMIT: 1 adult gobbler or 1 gobbler with a 6 inch or longer beard per day, 3 per spring season. **EXCEPTION: FOR HUNTERS 15 YEARS OF AGE AND YOUNGER**, one of the 3-bird bag limit (which includes the youth hunt and the regular spring season combined) may be any gobbler regardless of beard length. An adult gobbler is defined as a gobbler with at least one of the following characteristics: 1) a tail fan that has an unbroken, rounded contour to the outer perimeter of the tail feathers, 2) spurs at least 1/2 inch long, 3) a beard at least 6 inches long, or 4) 9th and 10th primary wing feathers with white barring extending to the outer tips of the feathers.

Youth Turkey Hunt*

March 8, 2010 - March 14, 2010 on **private lands only** in those areas open for turkey hunting.

BAG LIMIT: See Spring Season bag limit.

- * Persons eligible to participate in this special hunt 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.

U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service and U. S. Army Corps of Engineers managed lands: These lands are authorized to provide youth turkey hunting opportunities on days designated by Federal Regulations. Contact local National Wildlife Refuge or Corps of Engineers managers for details.

Fall Turkey Hunting Seasons:

Season Dates:

October 15- November 15, 2009

Open Areas:

In the following counties or portion of counties, on private lands with a minimum of 100 acres, and where the landowner/leaseholder completes a fall turkey hunting application and provides a copy of the property deed or lease agreement at an MDWFP district office or the Jackson office.

Delta Zone:

Bolivar County - west of the main Mississippi River levee and those lands east of the main Mississippi River levee known as 27 Break Hunting Club;

Coahoma, Desoto, Issaquena, Tunica, and Washington Counties - west of the main Mississippi River levee; and,

Warren County - only on Davis Island, King's Point, and Brown's Point.

North-Central Zone:

Benton, Lafayette, Marshall, Panola, Tippah, and Union Counties.

Southwestern Zone:

Adams, Amite, Claiborne, Copiah, Hinds, Franklin, Jefferson, Lincoln, Madison, Warren, Wilkinson, and Yazoo Counties.

Tags:

A minimum of 100 contiguous acres must be owned or leased to receive a fall either-sex turkey tag. Fall either-sex turkey tags will be issued at a rate of one tag per 500 acres or part thereof. Tags are issued to a specific property and can only be used on that property. Tags must be attached immediately following harvest, prior to moving the turkey. Tags should remain attached to the turkey until it is processed.

Bag Limit:

Two turkeys of either sex

Legal Weapons:

Archery and shotguns with shot no larger than number two.

Harvest Reporting:

The contact person listed on the fall turkey hunting application must complete and submit a harvest report provided by the MDWFP by January 1, 2010. Failure to comply may result in denial of application for fall turkey hunting in future years.

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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BY: 

Sam Polles, Ph.D., Executive Director