MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND PARKS
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PUBLIC NOTICE NUMBER LE1 – 3792

The Mississippi Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, at a meeting in Jackson, Mississippi on July 22, 2009, under authority of Section 25-43-3.103, Mississippi Code of 1972, made known its intent and thirty days thereafter did adopt the following regulations relative to **Running of Dogs During Spring Turkey Season.** This was done under authority of Sections 49-7-32, 49-1-29 and 49-4-4, Mississippi Code of 1972.

Public Notice Number LE-3792 is hereby repealed and the following rules and regulations are adopted:

Running of Dogs During Spring Turkey Season

It shall be unlawful to run, hunt, chase or pursue with dogs any raccoon, opossum, fox or other wild animals, or wild birds during the spring turkey season (March 8 - May 1), day or night, except as provided herein:

1. In areas that are closed to turkey hunting.
2. In permitted hunting enclosures (all free running dogs must remain inside the enclosure).
3. Bird dog field trials may be held in designated areas during the open spring turkey season after application, inspection, and obtaining a permit from the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.
4. Rabbit dog field trials may be permitted during the spring turkey season on lands owned or leased by organized beagle clubs provided the club property is posted by signs every 300 feet and the field trial has been approved by the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.
5. The running of raccoon dogs and rabbit dogs will be allowed from 1 hour after sunset until 3:00 a.m. on the following lands:
    a. A landowner and their accompanying guests may hunt on any lands titled in his/her name.
    b. Private lands where hunters have consent from the landowner(s) on a minimum of 250 contiguous acres.
    c. Public lands, excluding MDWFP Wildlife Management Areas, where the governmental agency charged with the management of said lands has not passed laws or regulations prohibiting the training of raccoon or rabbit dogs.

Hunters must obtain a dog permit, at no charge, for each dog and are limited to two dog permits per hunter. Dogs must wear a functional tracking collar and be identified at all times with the dog permit number and the owner's

contact information. A maximum of four dogs is allowed per party. Dogs must be kept upon properties for which consent has been obtained at all times.

In addition to any penalty prescribed by law, the Commission may suspend an individual's hunting privileges and dog permit(s) for a period of one year for violation of any rules and regulations pertaining to this Public Notice.

This adopted public notice will become effective September 23, 2009. Witness my hand and seal this the 18th day of August 2009.

MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES & PARKS

BY: _____
Bryan Jones, Chairman

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES & PARKS

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

I certify this to be a
true and correct copy.

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Executive Director

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Notary

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