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DIVISION OF ENFORCEMENT, WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES  
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PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT NUMBER W15 3440(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 8, 2010, 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 2010-11 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**Be it ordered that Public Notice Number W14 3440 is hereby repealed, and the following 2010-11 wildlife management area hunting regulations are adopted.**

**2010-2011 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. 19	Does and legal bucks.
Youth Gun	Nov. 13	Nov. 19	Does and legal bucks.
Gun	Nov. 20	Dec. 1	Legal bucks only.
Primitive Weapon	Dec. 2	Dec. 15	Does and legal bucks.
Gun	Dec. 16	Dec. 23	Does and legal bucks.
Gun	Dec. 24	Jan. 19	Legal bucks only.
Primitive Weapon	Jan. 20	Jan. 31	Does and legal bucks.
YOUTH TURKEY	Mar. 5	Mar. 11	
TURKEY	Mar. 12	May 1	SEE ACKER LAKE TURKEY HUNTING INSTRUCTIONS.
YOUTH SQUIRREL	Sep. 25	Oct. 1	

SQUIRREL	Oct. 2	Feb. 28	
RACCOON	Jul. 2	Sep. 25	Friday and Saturday nights only.
RACCOON, OPOSSUM, & BOBCAT	Oct. 1	Feb. 28	
TRAPPING	Nov. 1	Feb. 28	See TRAPPING in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
WATERFOWL	See Federal Regulations.		See WATERFOWL in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
RABBIT	Oct. 16	Feb. 28	
QUAIL	Nov. 25	Mar. 5	

**SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR CANAL SECTION WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA AND  
JOHN BELL WILLIAMS WILDLIFE 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.

**CLOSED AREAS:** The Acker Lake handicap hunting area is closed to all small game hunting during Nov. 13, 2010 - Jan. 31, 2011. No deer or hog hunting from the Tenn-Tom Waterway Levee. No loaded centerfire rifles or muzzleloaders allowed on the Tenn-Tom Waterway levee. Hunters must be past the toe of the levee before loaded weapons for deer hunting are allowed. The Matubby Creek Island is closed to all firearms.

**HIGH WATER:** Hunting seasons (excluding waterfowl season) are closed from south of Walker's Levee boat ramp road to north of Ironwood Bluff Road on the WMA when the Tombigbee River gauge at Fulton reads 16.0 ft or higher. River gauge readings may be obtained by calling 888-771-4601 or from the internet at <http://water.sam.usace.army.mil/ttmframe.htm>.

**ARCHERY ONLY AREAS:** Archery only deer hunting areas include the portions of the WMA between the Tenn-Tom Waterway and the waterway levee from AB3 Waterfowl Impoundment (see map) south to Hwy. 45/25 at Aberdeen and between the Tombigbee River and the Tenn-Tom Waterway from Hwy. 6 south 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 buck.

**DEER DATA COLLECTION:** All deer harvested must be checked at a check station by the hunter who harvested them before leaving the WMA. If WMA personnel are not available to check the deer, the hunter is responsible for collecting and legibly recording ALL biological data. Instructions and equipment will be provided.

**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 Feb. 1 - Feb. 28, 2011.

**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 only allowed on Sundays, Mondays, and Tuesdays during the gun and primitive weapon seasons. All handicap hunters must pre-register by contacting the District One Office (662-840-5172).

**ACKER LAKE TURKEY HUNTING:** Only handicapped hunters will be allowed to turkey hunt this area on Sundays, Mondays and Tuesdays. Handicapped hunters will be allowed ATV access on those days. On Wednesday through Saturday of each week, all hunters are allowed to hunt, but access will be by foot traffic only. All handicap hunters must pre-register by contacting the District One Office (662-840-5172).

**LEGAL WEAPONS:** Only centerfire rifles, shotguns with slugs, primitive weapons, and centerfire handguns may be used for deer hunting. **EXCEPTION:** Only archery equipment is allowed for deer hunting in the ARCHERY ONLY DEER HUNTING AREA. Only rimfire rifles .22 caliber or smaller or any caliber handgun may be used when hunting hogs with dogs.

**TRAPPING:** All kill type traps must be at least 50% submerged in water.

**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. 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 May 10, 2010.

MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES & PARKS

BY:  \_\_\_\_\_  
Bryan Jones, Chairman

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