MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES, AND PARKS
DIVISION OF ENFORCEMENT, WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
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PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT NUMBER W15 3442(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Be it ordered that Public Notice Number W14 3442 is hereby repealed, and the following 2010-11 wildlife management area hunting regulations are adopted.

2010-2011 Regulations for
Chickasaw Wildlife Management Area

Chickasaw and Pontotoc Counties

SPECIES	OPENING DATE	CLOSING DATE	COMMENTS
DEER			For deer hunting regulations see AREA DESCRIPTION, DEER DATA COLLECTION, LEGAL BUCKS, and AREA RESTRICTIONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Archery	Oct. 1	Nov. 19	Does and legal bucks.
Youth	Nov. 13	Nov. 19	Does and legal bucks.
Gun	Nov. 20	Dec. 1	WITH DOGS north of Hwy 32; WITHOUT DOGS south of Hwy 32. Legal bucks daily; Does on Saturdays only.
Primitive Weapon	Dec. 2	Dec. 15	Does and legal bucks.
Gun	Dec. 16	Dec. 23	WITHOUT DOGS on entire WMA. Legal bucks daily; Does on Saturday only.
Gun	Dec. 24	Jan. 19	WITH DOGS north of Hwy 32; WITHOUT DOGS south of Hwy 32. Legal bucks only.
Primitive Weapon	Jan. 20	Jan. 31	Does and legal bucks.
YOUTH TURKEY	Mar. 5	Mar. 11	
TURKEY	Mar. 12	May 1	

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	
RABBIT	Oct. 16	Feb. 28	

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR CHICKASAW WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA
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WMA USER PERMIT: All persons participating in hunting, fishing, or trapping on this wildlife management area, except those exempt from purchasing an annual hunting or fishing license or those fishing on Davis Lake, 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 AREAS: Areas with boundaries marked with white paint around Davis Lake area, Girl Scout Camp area, Prairie U. M. Church, and area west of Chickasaw WMA work center are designated as NO SHOOTING/NO HUNTING AREAS and will be strictly enforced.

AREA RESTRICTIONS:
DEER HUNTING WITH DOGS AREA: That portion of the WMA located **north** of Hwy. 32. Deer and hog hunting with dogs is allowed Nov. 20-Dec. 1 and Dec. 24, 2010-Jan. 19, 2011. 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.

DEER HUNTING WITHOUT DOGS AREA: That portion of the WMA located **south** of Hwy. 32. 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.

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.

DEER DATA COLLECTION: All deer harvested must be checked in at the self-service check station across from the Area Headquarters 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.

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.

LEGAL WEAPONS: Only centerfire rifles, shotguns with slugs, primitive weapons, and centerfire handguns may be used for deer hunting. Only rimfire rifles .22 caliber or smaller or any caliber handgun may be used when hunting hogs with dogs.

OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs: Off-road vehicle use will be governed by U. S. Forest Service regulations. For additional information, contact the Forest Service at (662) 285-3264.

HORSES: Hunting from horseback is allowed.

CAMPING: Camping is allowed subject to U.S. Forest Service regulations.

BEARS: Black bears may occur on the WMA. Hunting or disturbing the 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 Forest Service at (662) 285-3264.

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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Sam Polles, Ph.D., Executive Director