MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES, AND PARKS
DIVISION OF ENFORCEMENT, WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
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PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT NUMBER W15 3461(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Be it ordered that Public Notice Number W14 3461 is hereby repealed, and the following 2010-11 wildlife management area hunting regulations are adopted.

2010-2011 Regulations for
Pearl River Wildlife Management Area

Madison County

SPECIES	OPENING DATE	CLOSING DATE	COMMENTS
DEER			For deer hunting regulations see YOUTH DEER HUNT, DEER DATA COLLECTION, LEGAL BUCKS, and DOG RESTRICTIONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Archery	Oct. 1	Nov. 19	Does and legal bucks.
Youth Season	Nov. 13	Nov. 19	Does and legal bucks.
Primitive Weapon	Nov. 20	Jan. 31	Does and legal bucks.
YOUTH TURKEY	Mar. 5	Mar. 11	
TURKEY	Mar. 12	May 1	
YOUTH SQUIRREL	Oct. 9	Oct. 15	
SQUIRREL	Oct. 16	Feb. 28	
RABBIT	Oct. 16	Feb. 28	
WATERFOWL	See Federal Regulations.		No waterfowl hunting west of Pipeline Road except for youth waterfowl season.
RACCOON	Jul. 2	Sep. 25	Friday and Saturday nights only.
RACCOON, OPOSSUM, & BOBCAT	Oct. 1	Feb. 28	

TRAPPING Nov. 1 Feb. 28

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR PEARL RIVER 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 and may be purchased wherever licenses are sold.

CLOSED NO ACCESS AREA: The area around Turcotte Lab and Hunter Safety Shooting Area within the Waterfowl Refuge is a NO ACCESS AREA.

SPECIAL YOUTH AND HANDICAPPED AREA: Hunting in the waterfowl refuge (see map) is allowed for youth and handicapped only, EXCEPT for raccoon hunting and trapping and EXCEPT for deer hunting during archery season only in the area north of the road that runs from the rifle range to Pipeline Road. There is no waterfowl hunting allowed within this area, except that the statewide youth hunt will be open concurrent with the statewide season outside the waterfowl impoundments. Hunting in the Special Handicapped area (see map) is restricted to handicapped hunters only. Contact the District 3 office located at the Turcotte Lab for access to this area.

BAG LIMITS: Same as statewide bag limits.

PERMIT STATIONS: All visitors must obtain a DAILY VISITOR USE PERMIT 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 the 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 at the self-service deer check stations located on the Madison County Pipeline Road, on Rocks Road, and on Beach Bluff Road (see map) 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 12 inches or more OR a main beam of at least 15 inches. For hunters less than 16 years of age, one of the three buck bag limit may be any buck.

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 Feb. 1 - Feb. 28.

LEGAL WEAPONS: Only primitive weapons may be used for deer or hog hunting, except for youth hunters during the Nov. 13-19 youth deer hunt and during primitive weapon seasons when shotguns with slugs may be used.

OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs: Off-Road Motorized Vehicles/ATVs are allowed only for 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. They are federally protected as a threatened subspecies. Hunting or disturbing bears is prohibited. Please report any bear sightings on your daily visitor use permit.

FISHING: No fishing allowed in the waterfowl impoundments or in Fisheries Experimental Ponds.

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