MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES, AND PARKS
DIVISION OF ENFORCEMENT, WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
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PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT NUMBER W11 3549(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Be it ordered that Public Notice Number W10 3549 is hereby repealed, and the following 2010-11 wildlife management area hunting regulations are adopted.

2010 - 2011 Regulations for
Tuscumbia Wildlife Management Area

Alcorn County

SPECIES	OPENING DATE	CLOSING DATE	COMMENTS
UNIT 1			
DEER			For deer hunting regulations see DOG 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	Legal bucks only.
Primitive Weapon	Dec. 2	Dec. 15	Does and legal bucks.
Gun	Dec. 16	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	
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	
UNIT 2			
DEER			For deer hunting regulations see DOG RESTRICTIONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Archery	Oct. 1	Dec. 12	Does and legal bucks.
Youth Gun	Nov. 13	Nov. 19	Does and legal bucks.
YOUTH TURKEY	Mar. 5	Mar. 11	
TURKEY	Mar. 12	May 1	
RACCOON	Jul. 2	Sep. 25	Friday and Saturday nights only.
RABBIT, SQUIRREL, RACCOON	Feb. 1	Feb. 28	
DOVE	See Federal Regulations.		First season only.
TRAPPING	Feb. 1	Feb. 28	See TRAPPING in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
WATERFOWL – Permit Only	See Federal Regulations.		See WATERFOWL in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR TUSCUMBIA WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT NUMBER W11 3549(I)

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.

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.

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.

DOG RESTRICTIONS: Deer hunting with dogs is prohibited. Small game hunting with dogs is allowed during any small game season.

LEGAL WEAPONS: Only centerfire rifles, shotguns with slugs, primitive weapons, and centerfire handguns may be used for deer hunting.

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

WATERFOWL:

UNIT 1: Open with state seasons and bag limits. Shooting hours on Unit 1 are sunrise until 3:00 pm. Waterfowl hunters must wear hunter orange cap or vest to and from hunt site.

UNIT 2: Waterfowl hunting on UNIT 2 is by special permit only. Permits will be awarded by drawing process from applicants. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com. Only one application per hunter will be accepted. Hunters may apply for permitted waterfowl hunts on no more than 3 WMAs statewide during the 2010-11 season. Applications must be returned by Nov. 1, 2010 to be eligible for drawing. Waterfowl hunts will be held on Wednesdays and Saturdays beginning Dec. 15, 2010. Each permitted hunter will be allowed three hunting guests. All hunters must remain inside their assigned hunt station areas at all times. On the mornings of Unit 2 waterfowl hunts, non-permitted hunters may come to the WMA Headquarters and enter a random drawing for any openings created by permitted hunters not showing up by 5:30 am. All hunters must be checked in and out by area personnel. Shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise until 12:00 noon. All hunters and equipment must be removed from area by 1:00 pm. Spent shot shells must be removed from area. Waterfowl hunters must wear hunter orange cap or vest to and from hunt site.

OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs: ATVs are only allowed for retrieval of harvested deer and for waterfowl draw hunt and waterfowl youth weekend access on Unit 2 the day of the hunt. When retrieving harvested deer by ATV, no firearms may be in possession.

HORSES: No horses allowed.

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.

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

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES & PARKS

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