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PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT NUMBER W 3806(I)

The Mississippi Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks, at a meeting in Jackson, Mississippi on May 19, 2010, under authority of Section 25-43-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, made known its intent to adopt the following regulations under authority of Section 49-1-29 pertaining to the rehabilitation of white-tailed deer (*Odocoileus virginianus*).

Persons or organizations may be issued an Administrative Possession Permit for the purpose of rehabilitating native wildlife for eventual release back into the wild. As specifically pertains to white-tailed deer, possession of and rehabilitation activities shall be conducted at and restricted to the physical geographic location designated on the Administrative Possession Permit. Possession and rehabilitation activities at organizational members' residences, businesses, satellite facilities, or other physical locations not designated on the Administrative Possession Permit are prohibited.

Exceptions to this rule are:

- 1) Temporary possession by a licensed veterinarian who is providing medical care to an injured, orphaned, or diseased animal.
- 2) Temporary possession by an individual who is transporting an animal to the Permittee's designated rehabilitation facility, to a licensed veterinarian for medical care, or for release into the wild.

Violation of this rule shall constitute a misdemeanor and shall be punished as provided in Section 49-7-101.

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 June 21, 2010.

MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES & PARKS

BY:  _____
Bryan Jones, Chairman

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