MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES, AND PARKS
DIVISION OF ENFORCEMENT, WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
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PUBLIC NOTICE NUMBER WL6-2280

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 August 2, 2010, under authority of Section 25-43-3.103, Mississippi Code of 1972, did adopt the following regulations concerning **Primitive Weapons.** This was done under authority of Sections 49-7-31, 49-7-38, and 49-7-41, Mississippi Code of 1972.

Be it ordered that Public Notice Number LE5-2280 is hereby repealed, and the following rules and regulations are adopted:

"Primitive firearms" for the purpose of hunting deer, are defined as single or double barreled muzzle-loading rifles of at least .38 caliber; single shot, breech loading, cartridge rifles (.35 caliber or larger) and replicas, reproductions or reintroductions of those type rifles; and single or double-barreled muzzle-loading, shotguns with single ball or slug. All muzzle-loading Primitive Firearms must use black powder or a black powder substitute with either percussion caps or #209 shotgun primers or flintlock ignition. Breech loading single shot rifles must have exposed hammers and use metallic cartridges.

For the purposes of this Public Notice, a 'black powder substitute' is defined as a substance designed, manufactured and specifically intended to be used as a propellant in muzzleloading or other black powder firearms, excluding modern smokeless powder. Nothing contained herein shall be construed as prohibiting the use of a primitive firearm with telescopic sights.

The firearm type and caliber restrictions, set forth above, shall not apply to hunters fifteen (15) years of age and younger, who are hunting during any Youth Hunting Season as set by the Commission. Youths hunting during special youth hunting seasons may carry and use any firearm with which they can safely hunt, and in compliance with other applicable laws, rules and regulations.

The requirement to purchase and possess a separate crossbow, archery and/or primitive weapon hunting license, as set forth in MISS. CODE ANN. §49-7-37(6), shall apply during the special open seasons for hunting deer with bow and arrow, crossbow and/or primitive firearms as set forth in MISS. CODE ANN. §49-7-31.

This adopted public notice will become effective Sept. 2, 2010. Witness my hand and seal this the 2nd day of ~~July~~ Aug. 2010.

MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES & PARKS

BY: _____
Charles Rigdon, Chairman

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES & PARKS

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

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