

**MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES & PARKS**  
**Bureau of Fisheries and Wildlife**  
**1505 Eastover Drive**  
**Jackson, MS 39211**

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT F2- 1405(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 October 22, 2010, under authority of Section 25-43-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, make known its intent to adopt the following regulations on possession of aquatic organisms under authority of Section 49-7-80.

Be it ordered that Public Notice 1405 is hereby repealed and the following rules, and regulations are adopted.

It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to transport into the state, offer for sale or have in their possession within the state live forms of the following fishes:

<u>Scientific names, Genus names or Family name</u>	<u>Common name(s)</u>
<i>Clarias batrachus</i>	Walking Catfish
All species in the Genera <i>Pygocentrus</i> , <i>Pristobrycon</i> , <i>Pygopristis</i> , <i>Serrasalmus</i>	Piranhas
<b>All species in the Family <i>Channidae</i></b> <b>All species in the Family <i>Synbranchidae</i></b>	<b>Snakeheads</b> <b>Swamp Eels</b>

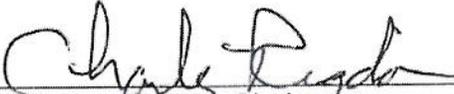
Any person or persons having these species in their possession shall immediately notify the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks of such possession.

Conservation Officers shall take possession of these fishes and dispose of them in any humane manner to prevent their introduction into any waters within the State of Mississippi.

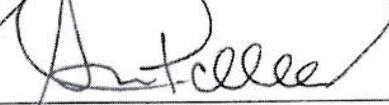
Except for legally permitted aquaculture facilities, it shall be illegal for any person, firm, company or agency to stock, release or cause to be released into any private or public pond, lake, stream, river or any other water body within the state any nonnative aquatic species as defined in Section 49-7-1 except for common carp (*Cyprinus carpio*) goldfish (*Carassius auratus*), koi (*Cyprinus carpio*), and triploid or sterile grass carp (*Ctenopharyngodon idella*). Rainbow trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) may only be stocked in private ponds but not in any other water body unless as specified in the MS Code of 1972, as amended under Section 49-7-80.

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, 1505 Eastover Dr., Jackson, MS 39211, no later than November 22, 2010.

**MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON WILDLIFE,  
FISHERIES AND PARKS**

BY:   
Charles Rigdon, Chairman

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