

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES, AND PARKS
DIVISION OF ENFORCEMENT, WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
POST OFFICE BOX 451
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI 39205

PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE NUMBER W5 3788(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 March 16, 2011, under authority of Section 25-43-3.103, Mississippi Code of 1972, made known its intent to adopt the following wildlife management area regulations. This was done under authority of Sections 49-5-13, Mississippi Code of 1972.

Be it ordered that Public Notice Number W4 3788 is hereby repealed, and the following wildlife management area hunting regulations are adopted.

**Regulations for
Howard Miller Wildlife Management Area**

Issaquena County

SPECIES	SEASON	COMMENTS
WATERFOWL - PERMIT ONLY - Except for youth waterfowl hunts and the post season Light Goose Conservation Order.	See Federal Regulations.	See WATERFOWL HUNTING PERMITS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
SEPTEMBER TEAL SEASON - Permit Only	See Federal Regulations.	See SEPTEMBER TEAL SEASON PERMITS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
POST SEASON LIGHT GOOSE CONSERVATION ORDER	Open after waterfowl season. See Federal Regulations.	
WATERFOWL YOUTH HUNT	Open concurrent with statewide season.	
OTHER MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS	See Federal Regulations.	See OTHER MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.

TRAPPING

Feb. 1 - Feb. 28

NO OTHER SEASON shall be open and no other animals shall be hunted or disturbed.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

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.

BAG LIMITS: Same as statewide bag limits.

LEGAL SHOT: Only non-toxic shot may be used for hunting migratory game birds on this area.

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.

SEPTEMBER TEAL SEASON PERMITS: Hunting during the September teal season is allowed by special permit only. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com. See application for hunt dates, application deadlines, and other information about permitted hunts.

WATERFOWL HUNTING PERMITS: All waterfowl hunts, except for the waterfowl youth hunts and the post season light goose conservation order, are draw hunts only. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com. See application for hunt dates, application deadlines, and other information about permitted hunts.

OTHER MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS: All other migratory game birds may be hunted in assigned units while on permitted waterfowl hunts during the legal season for the species. Doves may be hunted during the first statewide season split east of the main gravel road. After the regular waterfowl season, migratory game birds may be hunted daily on the WMA during the legal seasons for those species.

NON-HUNTING USE OF THE AREA: During Waterfowl seasons, non-hunting use of the area is allowed by foot traffic only on Sundays and Tuesdays from 12:00 Noon until 3:00 P.M.

WILD HOGS: Wild hogs are classified as nuisance animals and hunters are encouraged to kill them at every lawful opportunity. The opportunity to kill hogs on WMAs is provided only for population control purposes and not for sport. Wild hogs may be killed during daylight hours during any open WMA hunting season with

weapons and ammunition legal for that season. Trapping (including snaring) of hogs is prohibited. Moving or transporting live hogs is prohibited.

DOG RESTRICTIONS: Retrievers allowed during waterfowl hunts. All other dogs prohibited. Hunting, running, or pursuing hogs with the use of dogs is prohibited.

OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs: Off-road motorized vehicles/ATVs are allowed on designated roads or trails for hunting and fishing access only. No vehicles allowed on levees.

HORSES: No horses allowed.

CAMPING: No camping allowed.

SHOOTING HOURS: Shooting hours for waterfowl end at 12:00 noon. Waterfowl hunters must check-out by 1:00 pm. For first season dove hunting shooting hours are from 2:00 pm until sunset. All other migratory bird shooting hours are the same as statewide seasons.

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 04/25/2011.

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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Be it ordered that Public Notice Number W4W3 3788 is hereby repealed, and the following ~~2010-11~~ wildlife management area hunting regulations are adopted.

**~~2010-2011~~ Regulations for
Howard Miller Wildlife Management Area**

Issaquena County

SPECIES	<u>SEASON</u> <u>OPENING</u> <u>DATE</u>	<u>CLOSING</u> <u>DATE</u>	COMMENTS
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TRAPPING	Feb. 1	Feb. 1 - Feb. 28

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**SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR HOWARD MILLER WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA
PUBLIC NOTICE NUMBER W5 3788(I)**

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BAG LIMITS: Same as statewide bag limits.

LEGAL SHOT: Only non-toxic shot may be used for hunting migratory game birds on this area.

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.

SEPTEMBER TEAL SEASON PERMITS: Hunting during the September teal season is allowed by special permit only. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com. See application for hunt dates, application deadlines, and other information about permitted hunts. ~~Only one application per hunter will be accepted. Hunters may apply for permitted September teal hunts on no more than 3 WMAs statewide during the 2010-11 season. Completed applications must be received by Aug. 15, 2010 to be eligible for drawing.~~

WATERFOWL HUNTING PERMITS: All waterfowl hunts, except for the waterfowl youth hunts and the post season light goose conservation order, are draw hunts only. ~~Hunters may apply for permitted waterfowl hunts on no more than 3 WMAs statewide during the 2010-11 season.~~ You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com. See application for hunt dates, application deadlines, and other information about permitted hunts. ~~Only one application per hunter will be accepted. Completed applications must be received by Nov. 1, 2010 to be eligible for drawing.~~

WATERFOWL DRAW HUNTING PROCEDURES: ~~Hunt days are Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays. Eight reservation positions are allocated for each day before the season starts. Reservations on Tuesdays and Thursdays are for a 1-day hunt and reservations for Saturdays and Sundays are for a 2-day hunt.~~

~~Reservation holders draw numbers first from numbered dowels that represent the number of available hunting positions. After reservation holders draw, dowels are added until there are enough dowels for all standby parties to draw. All hunters then select their positions starting with the lowest number first. Draws will be conducted at 5:00 AM. If reservation holders fail to check in by 5:00am, they risk losing their spot to another hunting party if all hunting positions are filled. A total party of 4 hunters per hunt unit is allowed.~~

OTHER MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS: All other migratory game birds may be hunted in assigned units while on permitted waterfowl hunts during the legal season for the species. Doves may be hunted during the first statewide season split east of the main gravel road. After the regular waterfowl season, migratory game birds may be hunted daily on the WMA during the legal seasons for those species.

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~~This adopted public notice will become effective _____.~~ Witness my hand and seal this
the _____ day of July 2010.

MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES & PARKS

_____ BY: _____
Charles Rigdon, Chairman

_____ MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES & PARKS

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

—NOTARY

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