

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 W9 3688(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**Be it ordered that Public Notice Number W8 3688 is hereby repealed, and the following wildlife management area hunting regulations are adopted.**

**Regulations for  
Graham Lake Waterfowl Area**

**Lafayette County**

SPECIES	SEASON	COMMENTS
DEER		
Archery	Oct. 1 - Jan. 31	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Youth Gun	First Saturday in Nov. - Jan. 31	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
TRAPPING	Nov. 1 - Feb. 28	
YOUTH WATERFOWL		See Federal Regulations.

**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.

**CLOSED AREA:** Area is closed to access beyond the public viewing area except during archery season and special youth hunt dates.

**BAG LIMITS:** Same as statewide bag limits.

**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.

**DEER DATA COLLECTION:** All deer harvested must be checked at the deer check station as denoted on the area map by the hunter who harvested them. If WMA personnel are not available to check the deer, the hunter is responsible for collecting and legibly recording ALL biological data. Instructions and equipment will be provided.

**LEGAL BUCKS:** Legal bucks are those with an inside spread of at least 10 inches OR one main beam length of at least 13 inches. For hunters 15 years of age or younger any antlered buck is a legal buck.

**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:** Deer hunting with dogs is prohibited. Hogs may be hunted with dogs during daylight hours Feb. 1 – Feb. 28 with weapons legal for small game.

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

**OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs:** Off-road motorized vehicles/ATVs are allowed on designated roads or trails for hunting or fishing access only. Off-road use of ORVs/ATVs is allowed for the retrieval of harvested deer or hogs. No loaded weapon may be in possession when retrieving harvested game.

**HORSES:** No horses allowed.

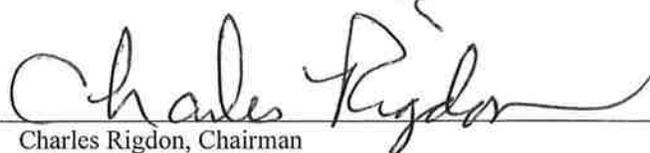
**CAMPING:** No camping allowed.

**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.

**CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 36,** will be enforced. For additional information, contact the Corps of Engineers at (662) 563-4531.

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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PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE NUMBER W9 3688(I) ~~W15 3470~~

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 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~~May 19, 2010~~, under authority of Section 25-43-3.1037, Mississippi Code of 1972, made known its intent to adopt~~adopted~~ 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 ~~W14 3470~~ and Public Notice Number ~~W8 3688~~ isare hereby repealed, and the following ~~2010-11~~ wildlife management area hunting regulations are adopted.**

**2010-2011 Regulations for  
Upper Sardis Wildlife Management Area (Including Graham Lake Waterfowl Management Area)**

**Lafayette County and Marshall Counties**

**UPPER SARDIS PORTION**

<u>SPECIES</u>	<u>SEASON</u> <u>OPENING DATE</u>	<u>CLOSING DATE</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>
DEER			<del>For deer hunting regulations see DEER DATA COLLECTION, LEGAL BUCKS, and DOG RESTRICTIONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.</del>
Archery	Oct. <del>1</del> - Jan. <u>31</u>	Nov. <del>19</del>	<u>Antlerless deer</u> <del>Does</del> and legal bucks.
Youth Gun	<u>First Saturday in Nov. - Jan. 31</u> <del>13</del>	Nov. <del>19</del>	<u>Antlerless deer</u> <del>Does</del> and legal bucks.
<del>Primitive Weapon</del>	Nov. <del>20</del>	Dec. <del>15</del>	<del>Does and legal bucks.</del>
<del>Gun</del>	Dec. <del>16</del>	Dec. <del>31</del>	<del>Does and legal bucks.</del>

<del>Primitive Weapon</del>	Jan. 1	Jan. 31	Does and legal bucks.
<del>YOUTH TURKEY</del>	Mar. 5	Mar. 11	
<del>TURKEY PERMIT ONLY</del>	Mar. 12	Mar. 25	See TURKEY HUNTING PERMITS in Special Instructions.
TURKEY	Mar. 26	May 1	
<del>YOUTH SQUIRREL</del>	Sep. 25	Oct. 1	
<del>SQUIRREL</del>	Oct. 2	Feb. 28	
<del>RACCOON</del>	Jul. 2	Sep. 25	Friday and Saturday nights.
<del>RACCOON, OPOSSUM, &amp; BOBCAT</del>	Oct. 1	Feb. 28	
TRAPPING	Nov. 1 - Feb. 28	Feb. 28	
<u>YOUTH WATERFOWL</u>	See Federal Regulations.		<u>See Federal Regulations.</u>
	Oct. 16	Feb. 28	

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

### SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

#### GRAHAM LAKE PORTION

SPECIES	OPENING DATE	CLOSING DATE	COMMENTS
DEER			For deer hunting regulations see DEER DATA COLLECTION and DOG RESTRICTIONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
<del>Archery</del>	Oct. 1	Nov. 19	Does and legal bucks.
<del>Youth Gun</del>	Nov. 13	Dec. 31	Does and legal bucks.
TRAPPING	Jan. 1	Feb. 28	See area manager for permit.
YOUTH WATERFOWL	See Federal Regulations		

NO OTHER SEASON shall be open and no other animals shall be hunted or disturbed, except hogs during archery, youth deer, and waterfowl seasons and as prescribed in "DOG RESTRICTIONS" under special instructions.

#### SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR UPPER SARDIS WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (INCLUDING GRAHAM LAKE WATERFOWL MANAGEMENT AREA)

**PUBLIC NOTICE NUMBER W15 3470**

**WMA USER PERMIT:** — ~~UPPER SARDIS PORTION~~ All persons ~~using~~ participating in hunting, fishing, or trapping on this wildlife management area, except those exempt from purchasing an annual hunting or fishing license ~~or those fishing on Puskus Lake~~, 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.

~~GRAHAM LAKE PORTION~~ All persons using this portion of the 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.

**CLOSED AREA:** ~~Area~~The Graham Lake Portion of the area is closed to access beyond the public viewing area except during archery season and special youth hunt dates.

**BAG LIMITS:** Same as statewide bag limits ~~except that for permitted turkey hunts the daily bag limit is one gobbler per permit.~~

**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.

**DEER DATA COLLECTION:** All deer harvested must be checked at ~~the a self service deer check~~ data collection station as denoted on the area map by the hunter who harvested them. If WMA personnel are not available to check the deer, the hunter is responsible for collecting and legibly recording ALL biological data. Instructions and equipment will be provided.

**LEGAL BUCKS:** Legal bucks are those with an inside spread of at least 10+2 inches OR one main beam length of at least 13+5 inches. For hunters 15 less than 16 years of age or younger any antlered, ~~one of the three~~ buck is a legal buck.

**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 bag limit 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 any buck.

**DOG RESTRICTIONS:** — ~~Deer hunting with dogs is prohibited. Hogs may be hunted~~ Small game hunting with dogs is allowed during any small game season. Hog hunting with dogs is allowed during daylight hours Feb. 1 – Feb. 28 with weapons legal for small game. -

~~**TURKEY HUNTING PERMITS:** Turkey season is closed on the Graham Lake tract. Turkey hunting on the Upper Sardis Portion from Mar. 12 – Mar. 25, 2011 is allowed by special permit only. You may apply online at [www.mdwfp.com](http://www.mdwfp.com). Only one application will be accepted per hunter for the Upper Sardis WMA permitted turkey hunt. Hunters may apply for permitted turkey hunts on no more than 3 WMAs statewide during the Spring 2011 season. Completed applications must be received by Feb. 15, 2011 to be eligible for drawing.~~

~~**LEGAL WEAPONS:** Only centerfire rifles, shotguns with slugs, primitive weapons, and centerfire handguns may be used for deer hunting. Only rimfire rifles .22 caliber or smaller or any caliber of handgun may be used when hunting hogs with dogs.~~

**OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs: Off**

~~**OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs:** Off road vehicle use will be governed by U. S. Forest Service and U. S. Army Corps of Engineers regulations. For additional information, contact the Forest Service at (662) 236 6550 or U. S. Army Corps of Engineers at (662) 563 4531. On the Graham Lake Portion off-road motorized vehicles/ATVs are allowed on designated roads or trails for hunting or fishing access only. Off-road use of ORVs/ATVs is allowed for the retrieval of harvested deer or hogs. No loaded weapon may be in possession when retrieving harvested game.~~

~~**HORSES:** UPPER SARDIS PORTION Hunting from horseback is allowed on U.S. Forest Service lands. On Corps of Engineers lands contact the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers at (662) 563 4531 for information.~~

~~————— GRAHAM LAKE PORTION No horses allowed.~~

~~**CAMPING:** UPPER SARDIS PORTION Camping is allowed subject to US Forest Service regulations.~~

~~————— GRAHAM LAKE PORTION 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.~~

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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 \_\_\_\_\_.

This adopted public notice will become effective \_\_\_\_\_, Witness my hand and seal this the 19<sup>th</sup> day of May 2010.

MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES & PARKS

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Charles Rigdon~~Bryan Jones~~, Chairman

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES & PARKS

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Sam Polles, Ph.D., Executive Director

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NOTARY

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