

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 W11 3549(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**Be it ordered that Public Notice Number W10 3549 is hereby repealed, and the following wildlife management area hunting regulations are adopted.**

**Regulations for  
Tuscumbia Wildlife Management Area**

**Alcorn County**

SPECIES	SEASON	COMMENTS
<b><u>UNIT 1</u></b>		
DEER		For deer hunting regulations see DOG RESTRICTIONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Archery	Oct. 1 through the Friday prior to Thanksgiving.	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Youth Deer	Saturday two weeks prior to opening day of Gun season through the Friday prior to Thanksgiving.	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Gun	Saturday prior to Thanksgiving - Dec. 1	Antlerless deer and legal bucks only.
Primitive Weapon	Dec. 2 - Dec. 15	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Gun	Dec. 16 - Dec. 23	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.

Gun	Dec. 24 - until 47 days of regular gun hunting for entire deer season.	Legal Bucks only.
Primitive Weapon	Day after the final day of Gun season - Jan. 31	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
YOUTH TURKEY	Mar. 8 - Mar. 14	
TURKEY	Mar. 15 - May 1	
YOUTH SQUIRREL	Saturday prior to opening day of Squirrel season through the following Friday.	
SQUIRREL	Saturday nearest Oct. 1 – Feb. 28	
RACCOON	Jul. 1 - Sept. 30	Friday and Saturday nights only.
RACCOON, OPOSSUM, & BOBCAT	Oct. 1 - Feb. 28	
TRAPPING	Nov. 1 - Feb. 28	See TRAPPING in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
WATERFOWL	See Federal Regulations.	See WATERFOWL in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
RABBIT	Saturday nearest Oct. 15 - Feb. 28	
<b><u>UNIT 2</u></b>		
DEER		For deer hunting regulations see DEER HUNTING - Unit 2 and DOG RESTRICTIONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Archery	Oct. 1 – Jan. 31	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Youth Gun	Saturday two weeks prior to opening day of Gun season through the Friday prior to Thanksgiving.	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
YOUTH TURKEY	Mar. 8 – Mar. 14	
TURKEY	Mar. 15 – May 1	
RACCOON	Jul. 1 – Sept. 30	Friday and Saturday nights only.

RABBIT, SQUIRREL, RACCOON	Feb. 1 – Feb. 28	
DOVE	See Federal Regulations.	First season only.
TRAPPING	Feb. 1 – Feb. 28	See TRAPPING in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
WATERFOWL – Permit Only	See Federal Regulations.	See WATERFOWL in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
POST SEASON LIGHT GOOSE CONSERVATION ORDER	Open after waterfowl season. See Federal Regulations.	

### 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.

**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.

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

**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.

**DEER DATA COLLECTION:** All deer harvested must be checked at a check station by the hunter who harvested them before leaving the WMA. 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.

**DEER HUNTING – UNIT 2:** Once the waterfowl draw hunts begin, archery hunting will be allowed only on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.

**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. Small game hunting with dogs is allowed during any small game season. Hunting, running, or pursuing hogs with the use of dogs is prohibited.

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

**TRAPPING:** All kill type traps must be at least 50% submerged in water.

**WATERFOWL:**

UNIT 1: Open with state seasons and bag limits. Shooting hours on Unit 1 are sunrise until 3:00 pm.

UNIT 2: Waterfowl hunting on UNIT 2 is by special permit only. 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](http://www.mdwfp.com). See application for hunt dates, application deadlines, and other information about permitted hunts.

All hunters must remain inside their assigned hunt station areas at all times. All hunters must be checked in and out by area personnel. Shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise until 12:00 noon. All hunters and equipment must be removed from area by 1:00 pm. Spent shot shells must be removed from area.

**OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs:** ATVs are only allowed for retrieval of harvested deer and hogs for waterfowl draw hunt and waterfowl youth weekend access on Unit 2 the day of the hunt. When retrieving harvested deer by ATV, no firearms may be in possession.

**HORSES:** No horses allowed.

**CAMPING:** No camping allowed.

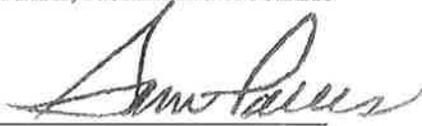
**BEARS:** Black bears may occur on this WMA. Hunting or disturbing bears is prohibited. Please report any bear sightings on your daily visitor use permit.

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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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 W10 3549 is hereby repealed, and the following ~~2010-11~~ wildlife management area hunting regulations are adopted.**

**2010-2011 Regulations for  
 Tuscumbia Wildlife Management Area**

**Alcorn County**

SPECIES	<u>SEASON OPENING DATE</u>	<u>CLOSING DATE</u>	COMMENTS
<b><u>UNIT 1</u></b>			
DEER			For deer hunting regulations see DOG RESTRICTIONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Archery	<u>Oct. 1 through the Friday prior to Thanksgiving.</u> <del>Oct. 1</del>	<del>Nov. 19</del>	<u>Antlerless deer</u> <del>Does</del> and legal bucks.
Youth <u>Deer</u>	<u>Saturday two weeks prior to opening day of Gun season through the Friday prior to Thanksgiving.</u> <del>Nov. 13</del>	<del>Nov. 19</del>	<u>Antlerless deer</u> <del>Does</del> and legal bucks.
Gun	<del>Nov. 20</del>	<u>Saturday prior to Thanksgiving</u>	<u>Antlerless deer and legal</u> <del>Legal</del>

		<del>_ Dec. -1</del>	bucks only.
Primitive Weapon	<del>Dec. -2 - Dec. 15</del>	<del>Dec. 15</del>	<u>Antlerless deer</u> <del>Does</del> and legal bucks.
Gun	<del>Dec. 16 - Dec. 23</del>	<del>Jan. 19</del>	<u>Antlerless deer and legal</u> <del>Legal</del> bucks <del>only</del> .
<u>Gun</u>	<u>Dec. 24 - until 47 days of regular gun hunting for entire deer season.</u>		<u>Legal Bucks only.</u>
Primitive Weapon	<del>Jan. 20</del>	<u>Day after the final day of Gun season - Jan. -31</u>	<u>Antlerless deer</u> <del>Does</del> and legal bucks.
YOUTH TURKEY	<del>Mar. 8 - Mar. 14-5</del>	<del>Mar. 11</del>	
TURKEY	<del>Mar. 15 - May 142</del>	<del>May 1</del>	
YOUTH SQUIRREL	<u>Saturday prior to opening day of Squirrel season through the following Friday. <del>Sep. 25</del></u>	<del>Oct. 1</del>	
SQUIRREL	<u>Saturday nearest Oct. 1 - Feb. - 28</u>	<del>Feb. 28</del>	
RACCOON	<del>Jul. 1 - Sept. 30-2</del>	<del>Sept. 25</del>	Friday and Saturday nights only.
RACCOON, OPOSSUM, & BOBCAT	<del>Oct. -1 - Feb. 28</del>	<del>Feb. 28</del>	
TRAPPING	<del>Nov. 1 - Feb. 28</del>	<del>Feb. 28</del>	See TRAPPING in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
WATERFOWL	See Federal Regulations.		See WATERFOWL in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
RABBIT	<del>Oct. 16</del>	<u>Saturday nearest Oct. 15 - Feb. 28</u>	
<b><u>UNIT 2</u></b>			
DEER			For deer hunting regulations see <u>DEER HUNTING - Unit 2</u> and <u>DOG RESTRICTIONS</u> in

			SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Archery	Oct. <del>1</del> – Jan. 31	<del>Dec. 12</del>	<u>Antlerless deer</u> Does and legal bucks.
Youth Gun	<u>Saturday two weeks prior to opening day of Gun season through the Friday prior to Thanksgiving.</u>	<del>Nov. 19</del>	<u>Antlerless deer</u> Does and legal bucks.
YOUTH TURKEY	Mar. 8 – Mar. 14 –5	<del>Mar. 11</del>	
TURKEY	Mar. 15 – May 142	<del>May 1</del>	
RACCOON	Jul. 1 – Sept. 30 –2	<del>Sep. 25</del>	Friday and Saturday nights only.
RABBIT, SQUIRREL, RACCOON	Feb. <del>1</del> – Feb. 28	<del>Feb. 28</del>	
DOVE	See Federal Regulations.		First season only.
TRAPPING	Feb. -1 – Feb. 28	<del>Feb. 28</del>	See TRAPPING in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
WATERFOWL – Permit Only	See Federal Regulations.		See WATERFOWL in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
<u>POST SEASON LIGHT GOOSE CONSERVATION ORDER</u>	<u>Open after waterfowl season. See Federal Regulations.</u>		

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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.

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

**LEGAL BUCKS:** Legal bucks are those with an inside spread of at least ~~10~~<sup>12</sup> inches OR one main beam length of at least ~~13~~<sup>15</sup> inches. For hunters ~~15~~<sup>less than 16</sup> years of age or younger any antlered, one of the three buck is a legal buck.

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

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### **WATERFOWL:**

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~~waterfowl hunts on no more than 3 WMAs statewide during the 2010-11 season. Applications must be returned by Nov. 1, 2010 to be eligible for drawing. Waterfowl hunts will be held on Wednesdays and Saturdays beginning Dec. 15, 2010. Each permitted hunter will be allowed three hunting guests. All hunters must remain inside their assigned hunt station areas at all times. On the mornings of Unit 2 waterfowl hunts, non-permitted hunters may come to the WMA Headquarters and enter a random drawing for any openings created by permitted hunters not showing up by 5:30 am. All hunters must be checked in and out by area personnel. Shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise until 12:00 noon. All hunters and equipment must be removed from area by 1:00 pm. Spent shot shells must be removed from area. Waterfowl hunters must wear hunter orange cap or vest to and from hunt site.~~

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~~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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