MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES, AND PARKS
DIVISION OF ENFORCEMENT, WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
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PUBLIC NOTICE OF RULE NUMBER W5 3776

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 Crawford, Mississippi on May 24, 2011 under authority of Section 25-43-3.103, Mississippi Code of 1972, adopted the following **2011-2012 Wild Turkey Seasons and Bag Limits**. This was done under authority of Sections 49-1-29 and 49-7-31.2, Mississippi Code of 1972.

Be it ordered Public Notice Number W4 3776 is hereby repealed and the following 2011-2012 Turkey Hunting Seasons are adopted.

Spring Season

March 15, 2012 - May 1, 2012, in all counties **except the following closed counties or parts thereof**:

Coahoma – West of Hwy. 61, east of Hwy. 1, north of Eagles Nest-Friars Pt. Road, and south of Coahoma-Friars Pt. Road.
Leflore - West of Hwy. 7 and Hwy. 49E and north of Moorehead Road and south of Hwy. 442.
Quitman – Entire county.
Sunflower - South of Hwy. 442 and east of Hwy. 3 and Hwy. 49W and north of Berclair Road.

BAG LIMIT: 1 adult gobbler or 1 gobbler with a 6 inch or longer beard per day, 3 per spring season. **EXCEPTION: HUNTERS 15 YEARS OF AGE AND YOUNGER,** may harvest 1 gobbler of choice (any age) per day, 3 per spring season. An adult gobbler is defined as a gobbler with at least one of the following characteristics: 1) a tail fan that has an unbroken, rounded contour to the outer perimeter of the tail feathers, 2) spurs at least 1/2 inch long, 3) a beard at least 6 inches long, or 4) 9th and 10th primary wing feathers with white barring extending to the outer tips of the feathers.

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Youth Turkey Hunt

March 8, 2012 - March 14, 2012 on **private lands and authorized state and federal lands only** in those areas open for turkey hunting.

BAG LIMIT: See Spring Season bag limit.

Authorized state and federal lands include Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and U. S. Corps of Engineers managed lands which designate the youth turkey season in their regulations and open U. S. Forest Service National Forest lands.

Persons eligible to participate in this special hunt are those who are fifteen (15) years of age or younger. A child at least twelve (12) years of age and under sixteen (16) years of age must have a certificate of satisfactory completion of a hunter education course approved by the department before hunting alone in this state; otherwise they must be in the presence and under the direct supervision of a licensed or exempt hunter at least twenty-one (21) years of age when hunting. A child under the age of twelve (12) must be in the presence and under the direct supervision of a licensed or exempt hunter at least twenty-one (21) years of age when the child is hunting. A licensed hunter supervising a child as provided in this section must hold a valid Mississippi license for the species being hunted.

Fall Turkey Hunting Seasons:

Season Dates:
October 15- November 15, 2011

Open Areas:
In the following counties or portion of counties, on private lands where the landowner/leaseholder completes a fall turkey hunting application and provides a copy of the property deed or lease agreement at an MDWFP regional office or the Jackson office.

Delta Zone:
Bolivar County - west of the main Mississippi River levee and those lands east of the main Mississippi River levee known as 27 Break Hunting Club.
Coahoma, Desoto, Issaquena, Tunica, and Washington Counties - west of the main Mississippi River levee.

North-Central Zone:
Benton, Lafayette, Marshall, Panola, Tippah, and Union Counties.

Southwestern Zone:

Adams, Amite, Claiborne, Copiah, Hinds, Franklin, Jefferson, Lincoln, Madison, Warren, Wilkinson, and Yazoo Counties.

Tags:

Fall either-sex turkey tags will be issued at a rate of one tag per 500 acres or part thereof. Tags are issued to a specific property and can only be used on that property. Tags must be attached immediately following harvest, prior to moving the turkey. Tags should remain attached to the turkey until it is processed.

Bag Limit:

Two turkeys of either sex.

Legal Weapons:

Archery and shotguns with shot no larger than number two.

Harvest Reporting:

The contact person listed on the fall turkey hunting application must complete and submit a harvest report provided by the MDWFP by January 1, 2012. Failure to comply may result in denial of application for fall turkey hunting in future years.

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This adopted public notice will become effective June 26, 2011.
Witness my hand and seal this the 24th day of May 2011.

MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES & PARKS

BY: _____
Charles Rigdon, Chairman

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES & PARKS

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

SALLY L. SUTHERLAND NOTARY PUBLIC Expires May 31, 2011 RANKIN COUNTY, MS

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