MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES, AND PARKS
DIVISION OF ENFORCEMENT, WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
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PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE NUMBER W15 3504

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 May 16, 2012, under authority of Section 25-43-3.103, Mississippi Code of 1972, adopted 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Be it ordered that Public Notice Number W14 3504 is hereby repealed, and the following wildlife management area hunting regulations are adopted.

Regulations for
Nanih Waiya Wildlife Management Area

Neshoba and Winston Counties

SPECIES	SEASON	COMMENTS
DEER		For deer hunting regulations see LEGAL BUCKS, DEER DATA COLLECTION, DOG RESTRICTIONS, and LEGAL WEAPONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Archery	Oct. 1 through the Friday prior to Thanksgiving.	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Youth Gun	Saturday two weeks prior to the opening day of Primitive Weapon season through the Friday prior to Thanksgiving.	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.

Primitive Weapon	Saturday prior to Thanksgiving through Jan. 31	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
YOUTH TURKEY	Mar. 8 - Mar. 14	See BAG LIMITS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
TURKEY	Mar. 15 - May 1	See BAG LIMITS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
YOUTH SQUIRREL	Saturday prior to the opening day of Squirrel season through the following Friday.	
SQUIRREL	Saturday nearest Oct. 15 - Feb. 28.	
RACCOON	Jul.1 - Sep. 30	Friday and Saturday nights only.
RACCOON, OPOSSUM, & BOBCAT	Oct.1 - Feb. 28	
TRAPPING	Nov.1 - Feb. 28	
WATERFOWL	See Federal Regulations.	
RABBIT		
With Dogs	By special permit only.	See BAG LIMITS, RABBIT, and RABBIT HUNTING WITH DOGS DRAW PROCEDURE in Special Instructions.
Without Dogs	Saturday nearest Oct. 15 - Feb. 28	
QUAIL	Thanksgiving Day through the first Saturday in March.	
DOVE	See Federal Regulations.	

Whenever the opening date set above falls on a Sunday, the season shall begin on the preceding Saturday.

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 EXCEPT:
Rabbit – 8 per hunting party if with dogs.

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 kept with the visitor while on the WMA. 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 by recording the number of animals harvested 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.

RABBIT: Rabbit hunting with dogs will be allowed by special permit only. Selected hunters must check in at the WMA headquarters by 8:00 a.m. on the draw dates. Hunting is allowed beginning no earlier than 8:00 a.m. on the draw dates. Selected hunters can bring 2 guests during each hunt. Each hunting party may have a maximum of 5 dogs afield. The bag limit is 8 per hunting party. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com. See application for hunt dates, application deadlines, and other information about permitted hunts.

RABBIT HUNTING WITH DOGS DRAW PROCEDURE: Two (2) reservation positions are drawn prior to season for each day designated for rabbit hunting with dogs. Reservation holders must check in at the WMA headquarters by 8:00 a.m. on their draw date. If reservation holders fail to check in at the WMA headquarters by 8:00 a.m., their position will be forfeited and will be open for drawing to standby hunters. Draws for available standby positions will be conducted at 8:00 a.m.

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 the WMA Headquarters building or 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.

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 only 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. See restrictions for rabbit hunting with dogs in **RABBIT** above. 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.

LEGAL WEAPONS: Only primitive weapons may be used for deer hunting, EXCEPT that youth may use centerfire rifles and shotguns with slugs during the youth deer hunt and during primitive weapon season.

OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs: ORVs/ATVs are allowed on designated graveled roads for hunting and fishing access only. Off-road use of ORVs/ATVs is allowed for retrieval of harvested deer or hogs.

HORSES: No horses allowed.

CAMPING: A WMA Camping Permit is required for any individual or group (maximum of 6 people) that is camping on this WMA and may be purchased wherever licenses are sold. Campers must also use a designated, primitive camp site and obtain a camping permit from the Area Manager prior to camping. Camping is limited to 14 consecutive days. Camping equipment may not be left unattended for more than 24 hours. All camping equipment and garbage must be removed before final departure.

BEARS: Black bears may occur on this WMA. They are federally protected as a threatened subspecies. 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 U. S. Army Corps of Engineers at (662) 327-2142.

W15 3504
May 16, 2012 Commission Meeting

This adopted public notice will become effective the 1 day of July, 2012.
Witness my hand and seal this the 16th day of May, 2012.

MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES & PARKS

BY: _____
William "Billy" Deviney, Chairman

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES & PARKS

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

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