MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES, AND PARKS
DIVISION OF ENFORCEMENT, WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
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JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI 39205

PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE NUMBER W17 3461

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Be it ordered that Public Notice Number W16 3461 is hereby repealed, and the following wildlife management area hunting regulations are adopted.

Regulations for
Pearl River Wildlife Management Area

Madison County

SPECIES	SEASON	COMMENTS
DEER		For deer hunting regulations see DEER DATA COLLECTION, LEGAL BUCKS, and DOG RESTRICTIONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Archery	October 1 through the Friday prior to Thanksgiving.	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Youth Season	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 - Jan. 31.	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.

YOUTH TURKEY	Mar. 8 - Mar. 14	
TURKEY	Mar. 15 - May 1	
YOUTH SQUIRREL	Saturday prior to the opening day of Squirrel season through the following Friday.	
SQUIRREL	Saturday nearest Oct.15 - Feb. 28	
RABBIT	Saturday nearest Oct.15 - Feb. 28	
WATERFOWL	See Federal Regulations.	No waterfowl hunting west of Pipeline Road except for youth hunters during waterfowl season.
RACCOON	Jul. 1 - Sep. 30	Friday and Saturday nights only.
RACCOON, OPOSSUM, & BOBCAT	Oct. 1 - Feb. 28	
TRAPPING	Nov. 1 - Feb. 28	

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.

CLOSED NO ACCESS AREA: The area around Turcotte Lab and the Hunter Safety Shooting Area within the Waterfowl Refuge is a NO ACCESS AREA.

SPECIAL YOUTH AND HANDICAPPED AREA: Hunting in the Youth and Handicapped Area is allowed by youth and handicapped only with the following exceptions: raccoon hunting and trapping is allowed during their respective seasons and deer hunting is allowed during the archery season. Waterfowl hunting is allowed in the area north of the road that runs from the rifle range to Pipeline Road by youth hunters during the entire waterfowl season. Waterfowl hunting is not allowed between the waterfowl impoundments and the road that

runs from the rifle range to Pipeline Road. Hunting in the Special Handicapped area (see map) is restricted to handicapped hunters only. Contact the Jackson Office at 601-432-2199 for access to this area.

BAG LIMITS: Same as statewide bag limits.

PERMIT STATIONS: All visitors must obtain a DAILY VISITOR USE PERMIT 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 the 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.

DEER DATA COLLECTION: All deer harvested must be checked at the self-service deer check stations located on the Madison County Pipeline Road, on Rocks Road, and on Beach Bluff Road (see map) 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.

LEGAL BUCKS: Legal bucks are those with an inside spread of 10 inches or more OR a main beam 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 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. Small game hunting with dogs is allowed during any small game season. Hog hunting with dogs is allowed during daylight hours only Feb. 1 - Feb. 28 with weapons legal for small game.

LEGAL WEAPONS: Only primitive weapons may be used for deer hunting, except for youth hunters during the Deer Youth Season and during primitive weapon seasons when shotguns with slugs may be used.

OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs: ORVs/ATVs are allowed only for retrieval of harvested deer or hogs.

HORSES: No horses allowed.

CAMPING: No camping allowed.

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.

FISHING: No fishing allowed in the waterfowl impoundments or in Fisheries Experimental Ponds.

W17 3461
May 16, 2012 Commission Meeting

This adopted public notice will become effective the 2 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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