

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND PARKS
1505 EASTOVER DRIVE
JACKSON, MS 39211-6374

PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE W2 3070 (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 August 15, 2012, under authority of §25-43-3.103 Mississippi Code of 1972, made known its intent to adopt the following regulations concerning trapping and fur dealing. The following regulation is promulgated under authority of §49-1-29 and 49-7-16, Mississippi Code of 1972.

Be it ordered that Public Notice W1-3070 is hereby repealed and all regulations below are adopted.

Lure: Lure is allowed for trapping furbearers, beaver, nutria, coyote, and fox, provided that no more than two and one-half (2.5) cubic inches of such lure may be placed or located within twenty (20) feet of any trap. All lure within twenty (20) feet of any trap must be covered and not visible from above. However, there are no lure restrictions when used inside live-cage type traps that do not exceed forty-two (42) inches in length, fifteen (15) inches in width, and twenty (20) inches in height.

Tagging: The Department of Wildlife, Fisheries & Parks (MDWFP) shall provide federal CITES identification tags for bobcat and river otter upon which there are federal export quotas or controls. All pelts, skins, or carcasses of river otter and bobcat must be tagged with a CITES tag prior to shipping or transporting out of Mississippi. The MDWFP will charge a processing fee for CITES tags. Trappers, fur dealers, or owners will bear the expense of each tag. The MDWFP shall provide such tags for purchase at designated MDWFP locations.

Trapper Harvest Reports: Each licensed trapper shall be required to complete and return a trapper harvest report or survey provided by the MDWFP by May 1st of each year following each trapping season. Licensed trappers failing to satisfactorily complete or return such report or survey may be denied trapping license renewal for the following year.

Shipment of furs: All shipments of furs shall bear the name, address and trapper or fur dealer license number of the shipper.

Trapper identification numbers: According to Section 49-7-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, trappers are required to have an identification number attached to all traps by a metal tag or permanently inscribed, etched, or stamped. The trapper identification number shall be assigned to each trapping license holder by the MDWFP. Trappers shall be required to visit their traps at least every thirty-six (36) hours. Any conservation officer shall be authorized to take up any traps not properly marked.

Trappers may obtain their trapper identification number by contacting the MDWFP at 1505 Eastover Drive, Jackson, MS 39211-6374 or by telephone at 601-432-2400.

Other trapping and fur dealing statutory references:

- 49-7-1 (b) Classification of wild animals
- 49-7-8 Hunting, fishing trapping license for nonresidents; fees; violations.
- 49-7-13 Fees for resident trapper's license; agreements with landowners to trap; identification of traps; placing or setting traps near public roads or streets; selling of skins and meat of certain animals during trapping season.
- 49-7-16 Fur dealer or regular buyer of fur bearing animals; license; fees; possession of furs; tagging.
- 49-7-21 License certificates; hunting, trapping or fishing without license prohibited; penalties.
- 49-7-27 Revocation and suspension of licenses and privileges; penalties for hunting, trapping or fishing without license or privilege.
- 49-7-31 (f,h,j) Open season
- 49-7-33 Use of scents, lures or sound devices.
- 49-7-55 Certain acts of declared unlawful.
- 49-7-49 Prima facie evidence of hunting, trapping, or fishing.
- 49-7-53 Shipment and other transportation of game birds, animals or fish.
- 49-7-63 Use of traps, nets, etc., prohibited (wild fowl or game birds).
- 49-7-65 Unlawful to hunt, trap, take, kill, wound or capture, when.
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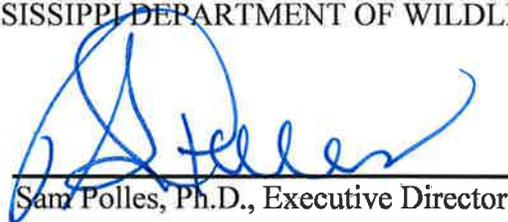
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Anyone wishing to comment on the above proposed action may do so in writing to the Executive Director, Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks, P. O. Box 451, Jackson, MS 39205, no later than September 22, 2012.

MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES, AND PARKS

BY: 
Jerry Munro, Chairman

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

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~~William "Billy" Deviney~~ Jerry Munro, Chairman

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