MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES & PARKS
Bureau of Fisheries and Wildlife
1505 Eastover Drive
Jackson, MS 39211

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT No. F18-3424(I)

TO: The Honorable Delbert Hosemann
Secretary of State
Post Office Box 136
Jackson, MS 39205

AND
ALL INTERESTED PERSONS

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Violation of any of the Mississippi state laws or state regulations pertaining to paddlefish will be considered a Class I offense as specified in Section 49-7-90 of the Mississippi State Code of 1972 as amended.

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Horn Lake	Desoto Co.	10" MLL	30
Lake Okhissa	Franklin	10"MLL	10
Lake Washington	Washington	10" MLL	30 (5under 10")
Moon Lake (includes part east of Hwy 1)	Coahoma	10" MLL	30 (5under 10")
Pickwick & Tenn-Tom Waterway	Hwy 25 in Divide Section to Aliceville Lock & Dam	9" MLL	30
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Spillways of Arkabutla Enid Grenada Sardis & Barrow Lake	To Prichard Road Bridge To I-55 To Hwy 51 To Spaulding Creek		20 20 20 20

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Be it ordered that the aggregate daily boat creel limit for all species of crappies (white crappie, black crappie and their hybrids) for boats with 3 or more licensed or exempt anglers, the daily boat creel limit shall be 50 legal crappie per boat on the four North Mississippi Flood Control Reservoirs (Arkabutla, Sardis, Enid and Grenada Lakes) except on Sardis where 3 or more licensed or exempt anglers, the daily boat creel limit shall be 40 legal crappie per boat .

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Lake	County	Length Limit	Creel Limit
Aberdeen Lake	Monroe	14"MLL	10
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Atchafalaya Bayou	Humphreys	None	10
Charles Nix WMA Ponds	Panola	None	0
Columbus Lake	Lowndes, Monroe, Clay	14"MLL	10
Davis Lake	Chickasaw Co	18-22"SLL	10(1 over 22")

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Little Eagle Lake	Humphreys	12" MLL	5
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This adopted public notice will become effective February 19, 2013. Witness my hand and seal this the 16th day of January, 2013.

MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES & PARKS

BY: _____

Jerry Munro, Chairman

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES & PARKS

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