

*RULE 7.1 GENERAL REGULATION FOR THE TAKING OF NUISANCE ANIMALS.*

A. MISS. CODE ANN. §49-7-1, as amended, classifies nutria, beaver, fox, skunks, coyotes and wild hogs, as “nuisance” animals. Pursuant to the authority stated therein, the Commission issues this regulation for the taking of nuisance animals:

B. Nuisance animals may be hunted, trapped, taken, killed, chased, or pursued on private lands.

1. Landowners and any leaseholders may hunt nuisance animals year-round at any time of day or night with no weapon/caliber restrictions on property titled in their name or otherwise owned, or leased by them.

2. Designated agents of the landowners / leaseholders may hunt nuisance animals year-round at any time of day or night with no weapon / caliber restrictions, provided they have written permission from the landowner or leaseholder in his or her possession, when hunting nuisance animals. Permission letters must be signed and dated by the landowner or leaseholder, shall include:

- a. the contact information of the landowner or leaseholder;
- b. the contact information of the permitted person; and
- c. a specific a date of expiration.

3. Persons hunting nuisance animals during any open gun season on deer will be required to wear, in full view, 500 square inches of solid unbroken hunter orange, unless they are hunting from a fully enclosed stand.

4. Nuisance animals may be hunted with the aid of electronic calls.

C. On public lands, the governmental entity charged with the management of said lands may allow the taking of nuisance animals subject to applicable laws, rules, or regulations.

E. Nuisance animals may not be hunted or pursued with dogs during the open spring turkey season.

F. Live nuisance animals may not be possessed except:

- 1. Coyotes in permitted coyote enclosures;
- 2. Fox in permitted fox enclosures, or
- 3. Hogs for the purpose of slaughter in an enclosure no larger than 500 square feet in size and constructed in a manner that prevents the escape of any wild hog.

G. For the purpose of this rule, “wild hogs” are hereby defined as any feral hog, wild swine, Russian boar, or any pig that is not a domesticated pet or livesock, or has a wild-looking appearance or behavior.

1. Anyone transporting a live wild hog within the State of Mississippi must first obtain a Live Wild Hog Transportation Permit for each wild hog being transported.

a. Permits may be obtained by contacting the MDWFP’s 24 hour Communications Dispatcher at (601) 432-2170.

b. A violation of this section is a Class III violation, punishable as provided in MISS. CODE ANN. §49-7-101 with a fine of not less than Twenty-five Dollars (\$ 25.00) nor more than One Hundred Dollars (\$ 100.00).

c. Required information for a Live Wild Hog Transportation Permit:

i. Date and time of transportation

ii. Name and physical address of permittee

iii. Hunting License Number

iv. County

v. Point of origin (Road or Highway No.)

vi. Number of live wild hogs being transported

vii. Final destination

viii. Description of the transporting vehicle and license plate number

2. Wild hogs may not be transported within the State of Mississippi between the hours of sunset and sunrise and may not be released or removed alive from any mobile device or vehicle, except that wild hogs may be released alive for the purpose of slaughter into an enclosure no larger than 500 square feet in size and constructed in a manner that prevents the escape of any wild hog.

3. MISS. CODE ANN §49-7-140(2) states, no person may transport or relocate within the state any live feral hog, wild swine or Russian Boar and release the hog into the wild. Wild hogs may not be caught or trapped and released into the wild at a location different from the location where the wild hog was caught or trapped. A violation of this section, upon conviction, is punishable as a Class I violation. MISS. CODE ANN. §49-7-141 states, any person who has been convicted of a Class I violation shall be fined not less than Two Thousand Dollars (\$ 2,000.00) nor more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$ 5,000.00) and shall be imprisoned in the

county jail for five (5) days. The person shall also forfeit all hunting, trapping and fishing privileges for a period of not less than twelve (12) consecutive months from the date of conviction.

4. Wild hogs may be hunted with the aid of feed/bait with the following exceptions:

a. Any food or food products may be placed upon the ground, above the ground, in any type container year round for the purpose of hunting wild hogs, except whole, chopped, or ground-up grains may not be used.

b. Grain or grain products may be used, if placed inside any legally designed live capture-type trapping device for the sole purpose of trapping wild hogs.

5. Any live cage-type trap used to trap wild hogs must be tagged or labeled in plain view (written in waterproof ink or stamped) with the owner or users name, address, phone number and/or trapper license ID#.

6. All live cage-type traps must be checked every 36 hours. All non-targeted wild or domestic animals caught must be released immediately upon detection.

7. A wild hog live-cage-type trap is described as a permanent or mobile containment system made of any type material capable of confining the mobility of a wild hog until otherwise removed. The trap must consist of a trap door, slide gate, or similar mechanism. These traps must have at least 50% of the roof open to allow non-targeted deer, turkey, or bear the ability to escape.

#### H. Licenses needed:

1. Persons trapping nuisance animals, other than wild hogs, must have a valid Mississippi trapping license, unless otherwise exempt.

2. Persons trapping wild hogs must possess a valid Lifetime, All Game, Sportsman, or Trapping License, unless otherwise exempt.

3. Persons hunting nuisance animals must possess a valid Lifetime, All Game, or Sportsman's License, unless otherwise exempt.

4. Persons hunting nuisance animals with archery equipment and/or with primitive weapons during archery or primitive weapons season must possess either a valid Lifetime, Sportsman License, or an All Game Hunting License and the Archery/Primitive Weapon Permit, unless otherwise exempt.

5. The holder of a Lifetime, All Game, Sportsman or Trapping License may sell any part of any nuisance animal year-round. The only nuisance animals that may be sold alive

are coyotes and fox per 40 Miss. Admin. Code Pt 2 Rule 8.1 (General Rules for Fox, Coyote and Rabbit Pens).

I. Exceptions to nuisance animal regulations may be allowed by making application to the MDWFP for an Animal Control Permit.

History: Revised July 2013.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-4-4, 49-7-31.5, and 49-7-140.

~~RULE 7.1 GENERAL REGULATION FOR THE TAKING OF NUISANCE ANIMALS. Public Notice LE6 3779 is hereby amended.~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ A. MISS. CODE ANN. §49-7-1, as amended, classifies nutria, beaver, fox, skunks, wild hogs and coyotes (as defined in Miss. Code Ann. Section 49-7-140) as “nuisance” animals. Pursuant to the same authority in the amended statute, the Commission issues this regulation stating that nuisance animals may be taken at any time subject to the following:~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ B. Nuisance animals may be hunted, taken, killed, chased, or pursued during daylight hours on private lands and/or on public lands, where the governmental agency charged with the management of said lands has passed laws or regulations allowing the taking of nuisance animals, from opening day of deer archery season to the last day of February and during spring turkey season with the type of weapons and ammunition legal to hunt with during that season.~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ C. Outside of the above mentioned time frames, the hunting of nuisance animals is allowed during daylight hours on private lands with no caliber restrictions. Persons hunting nuisance animals during nighttime hours from one half (1/2) hour after sunset to one half (1/2) hour before sunrise, with or without the aid of a light, are restricted to using standard rim-fire rifles or handguns no larger than .22 caliber long rifle (all magnums excluded) and/or shotguns with shot size no larger than No. 6.~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ D. Exceptions:~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ 1. Landowners may hunt nuisance animals year-round at any time of day or night with no caliber restrictions on property deeded in their name.~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ 2. Anyone hunting nuisance animals with weapons and ammunition that are not legal from opening day of deer archery season to the last day of February and spring turkey season, or that exceed nighttime weapons and ammunition restrictions, upon lands that are not deeded/titled in his or her name:~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ a. Must have written permission from the landowner in his or her possession, when hunting.~~

~~b. Permission letters must be signed and dated by the landowner, shall include the contact information of the landowner and the permitted person, and specify a date of expiration, not to exceed 30 days from date of issuance.~~

~~c. Persons hunting property that is not deeded in their name during nighttime hours must notify the appropriate MDWFP Regional Office in advance of their intent to hunt.~~

~~i. North Region — Tupelo, MS 662-840-5172 8am-5pm M-F~~

~~ii. Central Region — Canton, MS 601-859-3421 8am-5pm M-F~~

~~iii. South Region — Magnolia, MS 601-783-2911 8am-5pm M-F~~

~~iv. Jackson Office — 601-432-2170 Nights and Weekends~~

~~E. Nuisance animals may not be hunted or pursued with dogs during the open spring turkey season.~~

~~F. For the purpose of this rule, “wild hogs” are hereby defined as any feral hog, wild swine, Russian boar, or any pig that is not domesticated or has a wild-looking appearance or behavior.~~

~~1. Wild hogs may not be transported within the State of Mississippi between the hours of sunset and sunrise and may not be released or removed alive from any mobile device or vehicle, except that wild hogs may be released alive for the purpose of slaughter into an enclosure no larger than 500 square feet in size and constructed in a manner that prevents the escape of any wild hog.~~

~~2. A violation of this provision is a Class 1 violation and is punishable as provided under section 49-7-141.~~

~~3. Anyone transporting a live wild hog within the State of Mississippi must first obtain a Live Wild Hog Transportation Permit for each wild hog being transported.~~

~~a. Permits may be obtained by contacting the department’s 24-hour Communications Dispatcher at ph. (601) 432-2170.~~

~~b. A violation of this regulation is a Class III violation, punishable as provided in Section 49-7-101, Mississippi Code of 1972.~~

~~c. Required information for a Live Wild Hog Transportation Permit:~~

~~i. Date and time of transportation~~

~~ii. Name and physical address of permittee~~

- ~~\_\_\_\_\_ iii. Hunting License Number~~
- ~~\_\_\_\_\_ iv. County~~
- ~~\_\_\_\_\_ v. Point of origin (Road or Highway No.)~~
- ~~\_\_\_\_\_ vi. Number of live wild hogs being transported~~
- ~~\_\_\_\_\_ vii. Final destination~~
- ~~\_\_\_\_\_ viii. Description of the transporting vehicle and license plate number~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ 4. Wild hogs may not be caught or trapped and released into the wild at a location different from the location where the wild hog was caught or trapped. A violation of this is a Class 1 violation and is punishable as provided under section 49-7-141.~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ 5. Wild hogs may be hunted with the aid of feed/bait with the following exceptions:~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ a. Any food or food products, except whole grains, chopped or ground-up grains, may be placed upon the ground, above the ground, in any type container year round for the purpose of hunting wild hogs only.~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ b. Grain or grain products may be used, if placed inside any legally designed live capture type trapping device for the sole purpose of trapping wild hogs.~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ 6. Any live cage type trap used to trap wild hogs must be tagged or labeled in plain view (written in waterproof ink or stamped) with the owner or users name, address, phone number and/or trapper license ID#.~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ 7. All live cage type traps must be checked every 36 hours. All non-targeted wild or domestic animals caught must be released immediately upon detection.~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ 8. A wild hog live cage type trap is described as a permanent or mobile containment system made of any type material capable of confining the mobility of a wild hog until otherwise removed. The trap must consist of a trap door, slide gate, or similar mechanism. The roof or tops of these traps must be constructed in a manner with ample opening in the top to allow non-targeted deer, turkey, or bear to escape.~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ G. Persons trapping nuisance animals, other than wild hogs, must have a valid Mississippi trapping license, unless otherwise exempt.~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ H. Persons trapping wild hogs must possess a valid Lifetime, All Game, Sportsman, or Trapping License, unless otherwise exempt.~~

~~—— I. Persons hunting nuisance animals must possess a valid Lifetime, All Game, or Sportsman's License, unless otherwise exempt.~~

~~—— J. Persons hunting nuisance animals with crossbows must possess either the General Crossbow License or the Special Crossbow License in addition to the All Game or Sportsman, unless otherwise exempt.~~

~~—— K. Unless otherwise exempt, persons hunting nuisance animals with archery equipment and/or with primitive weapons during archery or primitive weapons season must possess either a Sportsman License or an All Game Hunting License and the Archery/Primitive Weapon Permit.~~

~~—— L. The holder of a Lifetime, All Game, Sportsman or Trapping License may sell any part of any nuisance animal year round.~~

~~—— M. Persons hunting wild hogs during any open gun season on deer will be required to wear, in full view, 500 square inches of solid unbroken hunter orange, unless they are hunting from a fully enclosed stand.~~

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