

MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES, AND PARKS
MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES, AND PARKS

Title 40: Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks

Part 4: Law Enforcement

Part 4, Chapter 1: General regulations on hunting.

RULE 1.1 HUNTING RACCOONS FROM BOAT PROHIBITED.

It shall be unlawful to hunt, take, shoot, or kill any raccoon from a boat in any waters of the State of Mississippi.

History: Revised September 2014.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-4-4, and 49-7-45.

RULE 1.2 LAWFUL WEAPONS AFTER HOURS.

Legal weapons for hunting between one-half (½) hour after sunset to one-half (½) hour before sunrise are restricted to handguns or rifles using NO larger than .22 Long Rifle rimfire bullet or shot cartridges (.22 magnums are excluded), and shotguns with shot NO larger than No.6.

History: Revised September 2014.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-4-4, and 49-7-59.

RULE 1.3 PRIMITIVE WEAPON DEFINED.

A. Primitive firearms for the purpose of hunting deer, are defined as:

1. Single or double barreled muzzle-loading rifles of at least .38 caliber;
2. Single shot, breech loading, cartridge rifles (.35 caliber or larger) and replicas, reproductions or reintroductions of those type rifles; and
3. Single or double-barreled muzzle-loading shotguns with single ball or slug.
4. All muzzle-loading Primitive Firearms must use black powder or a black powder substitute with either percussion caps or #209 shotgun primers or flintlock ignition.
5. Breech loading single shot rifles must have exposed hammers and use metallic cartridges.

B. For the purposes of this rule, a 'black powder substitute' is defined as a substance designed, manufactured and specifically intended to be used as a propellant in muzzleloading or other black powder firearms, excluding modern smokeless powder.

C. Nothing contained herein shall be construed as prohibiting the use of a primitive firearm with telescopic sights.

D. The firearm type and caliber restrictions, set forth above, shall not apply to hunters fifteen (15) years of age and younger, who are hunting during any Youth Hunting Season as set by the Commission. Youths hunting during special youth hunting seasons may carry and use any firearm with which they can safely hunt, and in compliance with other applicable laws, rules and regulations.

E. The requirement to purchase and possess a separate ~~crossbow~~, archery and/or primitive weapon hunting license, as set forth in MISS. CODE ANN. §49-7-37(6), shall apply during the special open seasons for hunting deer with bow and arrow, and/or primitive firearms as set forth in MISS. CODE ANN. §49-7-31, *et. seq.*

History: Revised September 2014.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-4-4, and 49-7-37.

RULE 1.4 HUNTING FROM A MOTORIZED VEHICLE.

A. It is unlawful to shoot at any wild animal, or wild bird from a motorized vehicle or motorized conveyance unless the progress from such vehicle or conveyance has completely ceased.

B. It is unlawful to hunt, chase, take, kill, or pursue any wild animal other than squirrels and beaver from a motor boat or other water craft having a motor, unless the motor has been completely shut off and its progress has ceased.

C. It is unlawful to discharge any firearm, other than .22 Long Rifle (rimfire) caliber rifles or pistols, using "rat" or "snake shot" ammunition, from a boat or other watercraft operating on the public waters of this state during night time hours from 30 minutes after sunset until 30 minutes before sunrise; except the Commission may set special seasons and regulations for the taking of alligators at night during dates and times set by them.

History: Revised September 2014.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-4-4, and 49-7-45.

RULE 1.5 REGULATIONS REGARDING THE TAKING, CATCHING OR KILLING OF ANY WILD BIRD OR WILD ANIMAL ON LANDS AFFECTED BY FLOOD WATERS.

A. Be it ordered that no person shall take, catch or kill, or attempt to take, catch or kill any wild bird or wild animal, except waterfowl, between October 1 and February 1 on lands in DeSoto, Tunica and Coahoma Counties which lie south of the Tennessee State line, west of Highway 61 and north of Highway 49 when the Mississippi River level reaches thirty-four (34) feet on the Memphis, Tennessee gauge and shall remain so until the Mississippi River level falls to or below thirty-two (32) feet on the Memphis gauge.

B. Be it ordered that no person shall take, catch or kill, or attempt to take, catch or kill any wild bird or wild animal, except waterfowl, between October 1 and February 1 on lands in Coahoma, Bolivar and Washington Counties which lie south of Highway 49, west of Highway 61 to the intersection of Highway 61 and Highway 444, west of Highway 1 and north of Highway 82 when the Mississippi River level reaches forty-one (41) feet on the Helena, Arkansas gauge and shall remain so until the Mississippi River falls to or below thirty-nine (39) feet on the Helena gauge.

C. Be it ordered that no person shall take, catch or kill, or attempt to take, catch or kill any wild bird or wild animal, except waterfowl, between October 1 and February 1 on lands in Washington and Issaquena Counties which lie south of Highway 82, west of Highway 1 and North of Highway 14 when the Mississippi River level reaches forty-eight (48) feet on the Greenville, Mississippi gauge and shall remain so until the Mississippi River level falls to or below forty-six (46) feet on the Greenville gauge.

D. Be it ordered that no person shall take, catch or kill, or attempt to take, catch or kill any wild bird or wild animal, except waterfowl, between October 1 and February 1 on lands in Issaquena, Sharkey and Warren Counties which lie south of Highway 14, west of Highway 61 and north of the Big Black River when the Mississippi River level reaches forty-three (43) feet on the Vicksburg, Mississippi gauge and shall remain so until the Mississippi River level falls to or below forty-one (41) feet on the Vicksburg gauge.

History: Revised September 2014.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-4-4, and 49-7-77.

Part 4, Chapter 2: Rules and regulations regarding boat and water safety.

RULE 2.1 REGULATIONS REGARDING THE OPERATION OF COMMERCIAL VESSELS ON THE ROSS BARNETT RESERVOIR. Public Notice 2209 is hereby amended.

A. Pursuant to the authority granted by and in compliance with provision of Sections 59-21-117 and 59-21-129, Mississippi Code of 1972, and pursuant to the request of the Board of Directors of the Pearl River Valley Water Supply District for special rules and regulations with reference to the operation, equipment and safety of commercial vessels on the Ross Barnett Reservoir (Pearl River Valley Water Supply District), the following rules and regulations shall be applicable with reference to the operation, equipment and safety of commercial vessels carrying more than six (6) passengers offered for rental or charter in, along, upon or around the waters of the Ross Barnett Reservoir (Pearl River Valley Water Supply District).

B. For purposes of this regulation, the term "commercial vessel" shall be deemed to mean any power driven vessel carrying more than six (6) passengers, exclusive of crew, and offered for rental, charter or hire, with operator and crew furnished, in, along, upon or around the Ross Barnett Reservoir in Hinds, Madison, Rankin, Scott and Leake Counties.

C. Vessel Certification

1. From and after the effective date of this regulation, it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to operate or offer for rental or hire any commercial vessel in, along, upon or around the Ross Barnett Reservoir unless each person, firm or corporation shall have on file with the Mississippi Department of Wildlife Conservation and the Pearl River Valley Water Supply District, a current Certificate of Inspection with respect to such vessel from an approved registered Naval Architect or approved Marine Engineer stating that such vessel:

a. Has been constructed and arranged in substantial compliance with the requirements of subparts 177.01, 177.05, 177.10, 177.15, 177.20, 177.30, 177.35 of Title 46, Chapter 1, Subchapter T, Code of Federal Regulations as then in effect.

b. Is in substantial compliance with the requirements as to watertight integrity and subdivision as set out in subparts 178.01, 178.10, 178.15, 178.20, 178.25, 178.30, 178.35, 178.40 of Title 46, Chapter 1, Subchapter T, Code of Federal Regulations as then in effect.

c. Is in substantial compliance with the requirements as to stability as set out in Subparts 179.01, 179.05, 179.10, 179.15, 179.20 of Title 46, Chapter 1, Subchapter I, Code of Federal Regulations as then in effect.

d. Is equipped in substantial compliance with the requirements as to life saving equipment as set out in Subparts 180.01, 180.05, 180.10, 180.15, 180.20, 180.25, 180.30, 180.35 of Title 46, Chapter 1, Subchapter T, Code of Federal Regulations as then in effect.

e. Is equipped in substantial compliance with the requirements as to fire protection equipment as set out in Subparts 181.01, 181.05, 181.10, 181.15, 181.20, 181.30, 181.35 of Title 46 Chapter 1, Subchapter T, Code of Federal Regulations as then in effect.

f. Is constructed and equipped in substantial compliance with the requirements as to machinery installation as set out in Subparts 182.01, 182.05, 182.10, 182.15, 182.20, 182.25, 182.30 of Title 46, Chapter 1, Subchapter T, Code of Federal Regulations as then in effect.

g. Is constructed and equipped in substantial compliance with the requirements as to electrical installation as set out in Subparts 183.01, 183.05, 183.10 of Title 46, Chapter 1, Subchapter T, Code of Federal Regulations, as then in effect.

h. Is equipped in substantial compliance with the requirements as to vessel control and miscellaneous systems and equipment as set out in Subparts 184.01, 184.05, 184.10, 184.15, 184.20, 184.25 of Title 46, Chapter 1, Subchapter T. Code of Federal Regulations as then in effect the installation of suitable Citizens Band radio equipment will be considered substantial compliance with the Federal Communications Commission for purposes of the Ross Barnett Reservoir.

2. The maximum number of passengers permitted to be carried on a commercial vessel shall be determined by the approved registered Naval Architect or approved Marine Engineer and shall be stated on the vessel's Certificate of Inspection.

3. The Certificate of Inspection shall be deemed current for a period of three (3) years from and after the date on which the same shall be executed by an approved registered Naval Architect or approved Marine Engineer.

D. Requirements as to Operator and Crew

1. No vessel subject to the provisions of Part C., of this Regulation shall be operated while her Certificate from an approved registered Naval Architect or approved Engineer is in effect unless she shall have in her service and on board a currently licensed operator of commercial vessels on the Ross Barnett Reservoir and such crew as may be necessary for her safe operation.

2. For commercial vessels having a safe carrying capacity of forty-nine (49) or less, minimum crew shall consist of one (1) licensed operator of commercial vessels on the Ross Barnett Reservoir and one (1) deckhand at least seventeen (17) years of age, or older.

3. For vessels having a safe carrying capacity of fifty (50) or more, the crew shall consist of one (1) or more licensed operator of commercial vessels on the Ross Barnett Reservoir and, at least two (2) deckhands, seventeen (17) years of age, or older.

E. Licensing of Operators

1. Applicants for operator's licenses of commercial vessels shall file written application with the Mississippi Department of Wildlife Conservation, accompanied by satisfactory evidence that the applicant:

a. Has successfully completed an examination administered by the United States Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, which shall include, among other things, Inland Rules of the Road, firefighting and life saving procedures and techniques, and pollution regulations' applicable to Ross Barnett Reservoir.

b. Is at least twenty-one (21) years of age.

c. Has a certificate from a reputable physician as to the general physical condition of the applicant, stating that the applicant is under no physical or mental disability or

disease, or other defect, which would render the applicant incompetent to perform the ordinary duties of a licensed operator of a commercial vessel.

d. Is known to three (3) reputable persons who submit written endorsements which indicate that the applicant's habits of life and character are such as to warrant them to believe that he can be entrusted with the duties and responsibilities of a licensed operator of commercial vessels.

2. An operator's license shall be current for a period of three (3) years from and after the date the same was granted but may be extended for successive periods of three (3) years upon request for such extension accompanied by the certificate of a reputable physician and written endorsement from three (3) reputable persons, as provided in Paragraphs A-3 and A-4 above, together with evidence that the applicant has operated commercial vessels on the Ross Barnett Reservoir during the preceding three (3) years.

3. Such application for license or renewal shall be accompanied by a processing fee in such amount as shall be specified by the Commission on Wildlife Conservation.

4. An operator's license may be revoked or suspended by the Commission on Wildlife Conservation or any provision of the Boat and Water Safety laws of the State of Mississippi.

F. License in Operator's Possession

From and after the effective date of this regulation it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to operate or offer for rental or hire any commercial vessel in, along, upon, or around the Ross Barnett Reservoir unless the operator of such vessel shall have his current license as an operator of a commercial vessel on the Ross Barnett Reservoir in his possession, available for examination at all times when the vessel is being operated.

G. Notice of Accident

The owner or person in charge of the commercial vessel involved in a boating accident shall give notice as soon as possible as provided in Section 59-21-51, Mississippi Code of 1972, and shall furnish a copy of such notice to the General Manager of the Pearl River Valley Water Supply District.

H. Penalties

Any person who violates any Section of these rules and regulations shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be subject to a fine not to exceed One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) and or imprisonment in the County Jail not to exceed thirty (30) days, or both such fine and imprisonment. Each violation of a Section of these rules and regulations shall be deemed a separate offense. Fines or penalties for violations of the provisions of these rules and regulations shall be disposed of as provided by law.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-4-4, 59-21-111, and 59-21-129.

RULE 2.2 GENERAL REGULATIONS FOR THE ROSS BARNETT RESERVOIR. Public Notice LE2 2986 is hereby amended.

A. Pursuant to the request of the Pearl River Water Supply District under the authority of MISS. CODE ANN. §59-21-129, the following regulations are adopted:

B. Definitions:

1. "District" means the Pearl River Valley Water Supply District.
2. "Reservoir" means the waters of the Ross Barnett Reservoir.
3. "Reservoir Project Area" means the Ross Barnett Reservoir and any body of land or easement owned by the Pearl River Valley Water Supply District, except lands designated as Pearl River WMA.

C. Operation of Power Boats in Congested Areas:

1. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to operate any motor boat or other motor vessel in, along or around the Reservoir within the vicinity of any public launching ramp, commercial marina, yacht club or private lock or pier at a rate of speed which will cause a wake; provided that such area shall be conspicuously marked as a "no wake" zone.
2. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to operate any motor boat or other motor vessel in, along or around the following areas in the Reservoir at a rate of speed which will cause a wake; Flag Island, Coal Bluff and Low Head Dam; Eddie's Island and Cut-Thru Pass Island south of Flag Island; provided that such areas shall be conspicuously marked as a no wake zone.

D. Swimming and Water Skiing: It shall be unlawful to engage in water contact recreation within the Reservoir in violation of the following regulations:

1. Swimming is prohibited in the Reservoir within one-quarter mile of the spillway of the dam or any boat launching ramp.
2. Water skiing in the Reservoir is prohibited within a distance of one-quarter mile of the spillway of the dam, and in all boat channels and harbors, including those within residential developments in the Reservoir Project Area, and wherever prohibited by posted signs.
3. Water skiing on the Reservoir between sunset and sunrise is prohibited.
4. No boat shall pull or tow more than one water skier at a time on the Reservoir upstream from Mississippi State Highway No. 43

E. Fishing: It shall be unlawful to fish from the spillway structure of the main dam at the Reservoir, or from a boat within 200 feet downstream from said spillway structure.

F. Hunting:

1. It shall be unlawful to hunt quail, migratory game birds, squirrel and rabbit within the Reservoir Project Area except with shotguns and in conformity with the regulations and rules prescribed by law and by the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks. It shall be unlawful to use slugs, buckshot and any shotgun load larger than number four within the Reservoir Project Area; provided however that any non-toxic shot approved by the USFWS may be used for hunting waterfowl only.

2. It shall be unlawful to hunt deer with the Reservoir Project Area, except in the following instances:

a. Deer may be hunted upon District lands expressly leased for hunting purposes.

b. Deer may be hunted with archery or primitive weapons on District lands open to hunting generally, except that no hunting of deer with primitive firearms shall be permitted in any area of Hinds, Madison and Rankin Counties lying south of the main dam and Spillway Road.

c. The running of dogs across District land during a season when deer hunting with dogs is permitted shall not, of itself, be deemed the hunting of deer.

d. The District reserves the right to close any area to any and all hunting at any time, upon the posting of reasonable notice to said effect. It shall be unlawful to hunt in any area closed to hunting hereunder.

3. It shall be unlawful to hunt within the following areas of the Reservoir Project Area:

a. Any land area of Madison County south of Mississippi State Highway 43 and north of Spillway Road, except that persons can hunt with archery equipment on any land area of Madison County north or east of Twin Harbors.

b. Any area of Hinds, Madison and Rankin Counties lying south of and within one-quarter mile of the main dam and Spillway Road, except with archery equipment.

c. On that portion of the Reservoir Project Area located east of a line running between the emergency spillway of the main dam on Spillway Road in Rankin County on the south and Fannin Landing Boat Ramp on Fannin Landing Circle in Rankin County on the north, encompassing Pelahatchie Bay and its shoreline and that portion of Pelahatchie Creek that lies within the Reservoir Project Area.

d. Any area within one-quarter mile of any commercial or residential development.

4. It shall be unlawful to hunt hogs within the Reservoir Project Area except in those areas and during those periods that deer may be lawfully taken.

G. Each violation of this regulation shall also be considered a violation of the regulations of the Pearl River Valley Water Supply District and shall constitute a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00).

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-4-4, 59-21-111, and 59-21-129.

RULE 2.3 REGULATIONS REGARDING REGATTAS, MOTORBOAT OR OTHER RACES, OR EXHIBITIONS. Public Notice 3537 is hereby amended.

A. A permit is required by any person, organization or group sponsoring a regatta, motor boat or other race, marine parade, or exhibition.

B. Applications for such race or events shall be on a form prescribed by the Commission and must contain the following information;

1. Name and address of applicant
2. Date and time of the event
3. Location of event
4. Type of event

C. Applicant must submit a copy of any entry requirements as well as any special rules pertaining to equipment, rigs or procedures.

D. Applicant must attach a section of a chart or a scale drawing showing the boundaries and/or course and markers contemplated.

E. Applicant shall be responsible for providing adequate protection from marine traffic interference and hazards.

F. Applications must be received by the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks no less than thirty (30) days prior to the date of the event and must be accompanied by a ten dollar (\$10.00) cashier's check or money order.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-4-4, 59-21-111, and 59-21-121.

RULE 2.4 REGULATION REGARDING BOATING ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION REPORTS. Public Notice 3538 is hereby amended.

A. Pursuant to MISS. CODE ANN. §59-21-53, boating accident investigation reports shall be made available to the persons involved in the accident for a fee of \$10.00 and \$.50 per page, reproduction cost.

B. Requests for copies of such reports must be in writing, signed by the individual involved in the accident or his/her duly authorized legal representative, and addressed to: MDWFP Boating Enforcement, P.O. Box 451, Jackson, MS 39205.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-4-4, 59-21-111, 59-21-121, and 59-21-53.

RULE 2.5 DEMARCATION BETWEEN SALT AND FRESH WATERS. Public Notice 3306 is hereby amended.

A. The following rules and regulations relative to the line of demarcation between salt and fresh waters are adopted:

B. Be it ordered that the southern boundary of Interstate 10 extending from the Alabama state line to the Louisiana state line is hereby declared to be the boundary line between salt and fresh waters for purposes of the game and fish laws of this state.

C. Be it further ordered that on all waters south of I-10 and north of U.S. Highway 90, either a salt or fresh water sportfishing license will be valid for the purpose of recreational fishing.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-4-4, 59-21-111, 59-21-121, and 49-15-23.

RULE 2.6 "NO WAKE" ZONES FOR WATERS OF THE JOURDAN RIVER IN HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

A. Pursuant to the authority set forth in MISS CODE ANN. §59-21-129(1) and (2), the Board of Supervisors of Hancock County, Mississippi, at a regularly scheduled and noticed meeting thereof, brought forth a proposal to establish "no-wake" zones on the Jourdan River at the locations set forth below. After discussion and an opportunity for public comment, the board did unanimously vote and adopt a resolution requesting the promulgation of a special rule creating a No Wake Zone on the Jourdan River as set forth in the resolution.

B. The Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks, in its capacity as successor to the Mississippi Boat and Water Safety Commission, finds that the proposal satisfies and complies with the requirements set forth in the above-referenced statute for notice and a public hearing, and so finding, promulgates the following rule for the health, safety, and welfare of the general public while engaged in boating on the waters of the Jourdan River.

1. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation, to operate any motor boat or other motorized vessel in, along, or around that section of the Jourdan River beginning at Coordinates -89.4646; 36.3873, and following the meanders of the Jourdan river to

Coordinates -89.4554; 30.3867 and passing in front of McLeod Park, at a rate of speed which will cause a wake. A plat of this No Wake Zone as set forth above, is attached hereto and made a part hereof, and the Zone described herein is designated by the number “1” appearing above said zone.

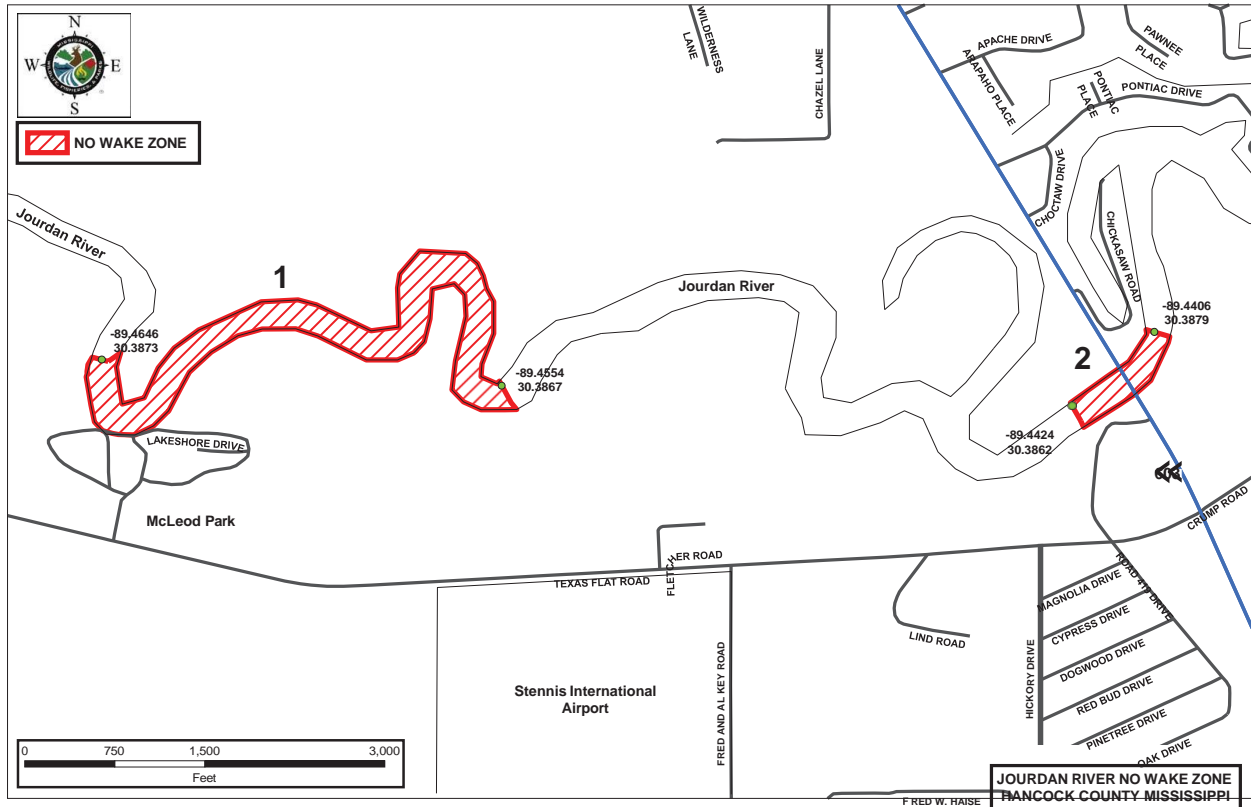
2. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or cooperation, to operate any motor boat or other motorized vessel in, along, or around that section of the Jourdan River beginning at Coordinates -89.4424; 30.3862, being approximately the location where the Mississippi State Highway 603 bridge intersects and crosses over the Jourdan River, and ending at Coordinates -89.4406; 30.3879, in the immediate vicinity of the Jourdan River Steamer restaurant and following the Jourdan River, where any houses, boat docks, piers, or public boat launches are located, at a rate of speed which will cause a wake. A plat of this No Wake Zone as set forth above, is attached hereto and made a part hereof, and the Zone described herein is designated by the number “2” appearing above said zone.

3. A violation of this rule is a Class III violation, and upon conviction, shall be punished as provided in MISS. CODE ANN. §49-7-101.

C. The Board of Supervisors of Hancock County, Mississippi, shall assist the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks, in marking the described areas as “NO WAKE” zones.

History: Revised May 2022.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-4-4, 59-21-111, 59-21-117, and 59-21-129.



Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-4-4, 59-21-111, 59-21-117, and 59-21-129.

Part 4, Chapter 3: Reciprocal agreements with bordering states.

RULE 3.1 RECIPROCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN ALABAMA AND MISSISSIPPI.

A. The Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks (the “department”), as successor to the Mississippi Department of Wildlife Conservation, and the Mississippi State Game and Fish Commission, pursuant to the terms of MISS. CODE ANN. §§ 49-1-1, 49-1-3, and 49-1-4, signed a Reciprocal Agreement with the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources concerning sport fishing on Aliceville Lake in Noxubee and Lowndes Counties, Mississippi.

B. Said agreement states that the sport fishing licenses of either Alabama or Mississippi will be recognized in “all that part of the Tombigbee River, its embayment and impoundments, from River Mile 322 to the Aliceville Lock and Dam”.

C. The department has signed a reciprocal agreement with the Alabama Department of Conservation concerning sport fishing on Pickwick Lake in Tishomingo County, Mississippi.

D. Said agreement states that,

1. sport anglers duly licensed or legally exempt from license requirements by the State of Alabama may, without further license, fish in the area of Pickwick Lake described below;

2. sport anglers duly licensed or legally exempt from license requirements by the State of Mississippi may, without further license, fish in the area of Pickwick Lake described below.

3. The area affected by this agreement shall be defined as either the water or from the banks of said water of the following described part of the Tennessee River or embayments or impoundments, to-wit:

All that part of the Tennessee River and its embayments and impoundments between the junction of the Tennessee-Alabama-Mississippi line near River Mile 215 and the Natchez Trace Parkway Bridge near River Mile 236.5, except and exclusive of that part of the Big Bear Embayment lying south of the Southern Railway bridge, that part of Second Creek Embayment lying north of the Lauderdale County Road 14 bridge, and that part of the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway lying south of the Highway 25 bridge.

E. Except for licenses covered in this agreement, all creel limits, size limits, and other laws, rules, and regulations enacted by the State having jurisdiction must be adhered to while fishing in the state's waters.

History: Revised August 2018.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-1, 49-1-3, 49-1-4, 49-1-29, 49-4-4, and 49-7-12.

RULE 3.2 RECIPROCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN ARKANSAS AND MISSISSIPPI. Public Notice 3672 is hereby amended.

A. The Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries & Parks and the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission hereby enter into a cooperative agreement to recognize the resident sport fishing licenses, resident hunting licenses and the resident commercial fishing licenses of the two states on the flowing waters of the Mississippi River and all public waters between the main levees of the Mississippi River of the two states; excluding the St. Francis, White and Arkansas Rivers, this exclusion also includes all oxbow lakes whose entrance requires passage through the mouth of the Sf. Francis, White and Arkansas Rivers.

B. The following provisions shall apply:

1. Resident hunting and resident sport fishing licensees of either state shall abide by all laws and/or regulations pertaining to seasons, daily bag and creel limits, possession limits, size limits, tagging requirements and all other laws and/or regulations of the state in which the hunting or fishing takes place.

2. Resident Sport Fishing (excludes taking frogs): A sport fishing licensee shall abide by the creel limits, size limits, and shall use trotlines and other fishing equipment in accordance with the laws and regulations (excluding frogs) of the state in which the person is fishing.

3. Resident Commercial Fishing: A resident commercial fishing licensee shall abide by the creel and size limits, and shall use tackle and other fishing equipment in accordance with the laws and regulations of the state in which the gear is being fished.

4. Resident Hunting:

a. Migratory Waterfowl Only: Migratory waterfowl may be hunted upon the flowing waters of the Mississippi River, waters accessible by boat from the main channel of the Mississippi River, and state line lakes by a licensee of either state during the period when the season is open and coincidental in both states, and according to the laws, bag and possession limits, and all other rules and regulations promulgated by the state issuing the license.

b. Other than Migratory Waterfowl:

i. Current Mississippi resident hunting licenses shall be valid only on Arkansas lands that lie east of the main channel of the Mississippi River and on Mississippi lands that lie on the west side of the main channel of the Mississippi River.

ii. Current Arkansas resident hunting licenses shall be valid only on Mississippi lands that lie west of the main channel of the Mississippi River and on Arkansas lands that lie east of the main channel of the Mississippi River.

C. Resident licensees of either state shall have unrestricted ingress and egress through the other state for the purpose of hunting and fishing in accordance with the provisions of this agreement.

D. For the purposes of this agreement, the state line will be that depicted on the U. S. Department of Interior, Geological Survey quadrangle maps.

E. Nothing herein shall be construed to allow any person to hunt, fish, or go upon the lands of another landowner or entity without their permission for recreational purposes. Floodwater which has overflowed the natural banks of a public waterway in Mississippi is not a part of the public waterway.

F. This agreement may be canceled by either the Director of the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission or the Executive Director of the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks upon sixty days written notice.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-4-4, and 49-7-12.

RULE 3.3 RECIPROCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN LOUISIANA AND MISSISSIPPI. Public Notice 2358.001 is hereby amended.

A. The Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries and the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks hereby agree to enter into a cooperative agreement to allow properly licensed residents of the two states to hunt and fish on waters of the Mississippi River and along the Pearl and East Pearl Rivers, and the lands and waters described below where they form the common boundary between the two states.

B. Resident licensees of either state shall abide by the creel limits, daily bag limits, possession limits, size limits, length limits, gear restrictions, gear tagging requirements, and equipment restrictions in accordance with the laws and regulations of the state where the licensee is engaged in hunting, sport fishing and/or commercial fishing.

C. Where Louisiana and Mississippi both border along the Mississippi River, the following provisions shall apply:

1. Current Mississippi resident hunting, resident sport fishing and resident commercial fishing licenses shall be valid on:

a. Mississippi lands and waters that lie west of the main channel of the Mississippi River, and on;

b. Louisiana lands and waters that lie east of the main channel of the Mississippi River, and on;

c. State Line lakes that lie west of the main channel of the Mississippi River; designated on USGS Quadrangle maps as Bunch's Cutoff and Old River (also called Pittman Lake), Issaquena County, MS and East Carroll Parish, LA; Cottonwood Chute, Issaquena County, MS and East Carroll Parish, LA; Hodges Lake, Warren County, MS and Madison Parish, LA; Palmyra Lake ,and Chute, Warren County, MS and Tensas Parish, LA; Yucatan Lake (also called Hard Times Bend), Claiborne County, MS and Tensas Parish, LA; Giles Bend Cutoff, Adams County, MS and Concordia Parish, LA; Natchez Island Chute, Adams County, MS and Concordia Parish, LA; Old River'(also called Glasscock Chute), Adams County, MS and Concordia Parish, LA; and Brian's Chute, Adams County, MS and Concordia Parish, LA.

2. Current Louisiana resident hunting, resident sport fishing and resident commercial fishing licenses shall be valid on:

a. Louisiana lands and waters that lie east of the main channel of the Mississippi River, and on;

b. Mississippi lands and waters that lie west of the main channel of the Mississippi River, and on;

c. State Line lakes that lie east of the main channel of the Mississippi River designated on USGS Quadrangle. maps as Old River Chute, East Carroll Parish, LA and Issaquena County, MS; Newman Cutoff and Albemarle Lake, East Carroll Parish, LA and Issaquena County, MS; Chotard Lake, East Carroll Parish LA and Warren County, MS; Eagle Lake, Madison Parish, LA and Warren County, MS; Paw Paw Chute, Madison Parish, LA and Warren County, MS; Centennial Lake, Madison Parish, LA and Warren County, MS; Lake Kamae, Tensas Parish, LA and Claiborne County, MS; Rodney Lake; Tensas Parish, LA and Jefferson County, MS; Gum Ridge Chute, Cypress Grove Lake, Duck Pond and Junkin's Lake, Tensas Parish, LA and Jefferson County, MS; Coles Creek and Pumping Station Slough, Tensas Parish, LA and Jefferson and Adams Counties, MS.

D. Where Louisiana and Mississippi both border along the Pearl River and East Pearl River, the following provisions shall apply:

1. Mississippi resident hunting, resident sport fishing and resident commercial fishing licenses and Louisiana resident hunting, resident sport fishing, and resident commercial fishing licenses shall be valid for hunting, sport fishing and commercial fishing by licensees upon all lands and waters between the east top bank and west top bank of the Pearl River and the East Pearl River where these rivers form the boundary line between the State of Louisiana and the State of Mississippi and on:

a. Louisiana lands and waters that lie east of the main channel of the Pearl River or East Pearl River and on

b. Mississippi lands and waters that lie west of the main channel of the Pearl River or East Pearl River and on

c. State Line lakes that lie east of the main channel of the Pearl River or East Pearl. River designated on USGS Quadrangle maps as Old Jail Lake, Washington Parish, LA and Pearl River County, MS; unnamed lake east of Ox Lot Slough, Washington Parish, LA and Pearl River County, MS; Old River, Washington Parish, LA and Pearl River County, MS; Nicks Point, S1. Tammany Parish, LA and Pearl River County, MS and on

d. State Line lakes that lie west of the main channel of the Pearl River or East Pearl River designated on USGS Quadrangle maps as Hamp Island Chute (also called Peter's Cutoff), Washington Parish, LA and Pearl River County, MS; unnamed lake west of Horseshoe Lake, Washington Parish, LA and Pearl River County, MS; unnamed lake at mile marker 56, Washington Parish, LA and Pearl River County, MS; and Nance's Lake, St. Tammany Parish, LA and Pearl River County, MS

E. For the main channel of the Mississippi River, starting on the south from the boundary of Wilkinson County, Mississippi and West Feliciana Parish, Louisiana, ending on the north at the boundary of East Carroll Parish, Louisiana and Chicot County, Arkansas; and the main channel of the Pearl River from the boundary of Marion County, Mississippi and Washington Parish, Louisiana, to the mouth of the Pearl River, the following provisions shall apply:

1. Currently licensed Mississippi resident commercial fisherman fishing the main channels shall follow the Mississippi gear and gear tagging requirements.

2. Currently licensed Louisiana resident commercial fisherman fishing the main channels shall follow the Louisiana gear and gear tagging requirements, except that slat traps or slat baskets are required to be licensed and tagged according to Mississippi regulations and conform to Mississippi size dimensions when being fished east of the center of the main channels.

3. Fish harvested in the main channel of the boundary rivers must comply with the Mississippi minimum length and take requirements on the east side of the main channels. Fish harvested on the west side of the main channels must comply with Louisiana minimum length and take requirements.

F. The following stipulations shall apply during Waterfowl seasons:

1. Concurrent Waterfowl seasons:

a. When waterfowl seasons are open concurrently in both states, properly licensed residents from either state may hunt waterfowl on lands and waters listed in prior sections of this rule.

b. For purposes of this agreement the term "properly licensed residents" means possession on the person of a resident Mississippi or a resident Louisiana basic hunting license, a state waterfowl stamp and a federal waterfowl stamp. This agreement does not grant permission for waterfowl hunters to trespass upon private lands or waters without permission from the landowner.

2. Nonconcurrent Waterfowl seasons:

a. When waterfowl seasons are open in one of the states' but not the other, properly licensed residents from either state may hunt waterfowl on lands and waters listed in prior sections of this agreement, PROVIDED THAT the waterfowl hunting season is open in the state where such lands or waters are geographically located.

b. This license reciprocity agreement does not supersede any state or federal law regarding waterfowl hunting season closure in either state.

3. Indefinite boundary areas:

a. When a waterfowl season is open in one state but not the other, enforcement of federal waterfowl regulations along the "indefinite boundary" areas (as depicted on USGS quadrangle maps) will focus primarily on bag limits, unplugged shotguns, baiting, motor boating, etc.

b. If it is determined that anyone is taking or attempting to take waterfowl in a closed area, appropriate enforcement action will be taken.

G. Enforcement officers from both departments will handle trespass violations in accordance with their respective departmental policy.

H. Resident licensees of either state shall have unrestricted ingress and egress through the lands and/or waters of the other state for the purpose of hunting, sport fishing and commercial fishing in accordance with the provisions of this agreement.

I. Enforcement Officers of both states shall cooperate jointly in the enforcement of fish and wildlife regulations by referring violations that occur on lands and waters that lie on their side of the main channel of the Mississippi River, the Pearl River and the East Pearl River to the appropriate department.

J. All commercial fishing tackle, gear and equipment used in the taking of fresh water commercial fish shall conform to the respective state laws and regulations governing the waters being fished by the duly licensed anglers.

K. Tags approved by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries for Louisiana fishermen, for the purpose of tagging commercial fishing gear, shall be accepted in lieu of tags issued by the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks in all waters included in this reciprocal agreement. This provision shall not apply to slat traps or slat baskets unless Mississippi State Statute is modified in a manner that would allow this provision.

L. For the purposes of this agreement, the state boundary line will be that depicted on the U.S. Department of the Interior, Geological Survey quadrangle maps.

M. Nothing herein shall be construed to allow any person to hunt, sport fish, commercial fish or go upon the lands of another landowner or entity without their permission for these purposes. Floodwater which has overflowed the natural banks of a public waterway in Louisiana and Mississippi is not a part of the public waterway.

N. This agreement shall be submitted by both departments to their respective Commissions for approval.

O. Upon the execution of this agreement the stipulations and provisions herein shall immediately become effective and enforcement officers assigned to these areas shall immediately be notified of such by their respective departments.

P. This reciprocal license agreement supersedes all previous reciprocal license agreements and the most current previous reciprocal license agreements approved by both states dated October 18, 1961 (Miss. River sport fishing & hunting), February 26, 1969 (Miss. River commercial fishing), December 20, 1983 (Pearl River, hunting and fishing) and the interim waterfowl enforcement agreement approved by both states dated December 17, 1999.

Q. This agreement may be canceled by either the Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries or the Executive Director of the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks upon sixty days written notice.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-4-4, and 49-7-12.

RULE 3.4 RECIPROCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN TENNESSEE AND MISSISSIPPI. Public Notice 3255 is hereby amended.

A. BE IT ORDERED that the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks has signed a reciprocal agreement with Tennessee Wildlife Resource Agency concerning sport fishing on Pickwick Lake in Tishomingo County, Mississippi.

B. Said agreement states that the sport fishing licenses of either Tennessee or Mississippi will be recognized in "all that part of the Tennessee River and its embayments and impoundments between Pickwick Dam to Alabama-Mississippi-Tennessee State Line to waters west of the main channel of the Tennessee River from south of state border to a North-South Line projected from Eastport on the south side across the Tennessee River including all portions of Yellow Creek upstream to U. S. Highway 25 Bridge."

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-4-4, and 49-7-12.

Part 4, Chapter 4: Sale of wildlife; taxidermy.

RULE 4.1 SALE OF GAME BIRDS, ANIMALS OR FISH PROHIBITED. Public Notice WL 3816 is hereby amended.

A. It is unlawful for any person to buy or sell or to offer for sale, exchange for merchandise, or other consideration, within this state, any game birds, game animals, or game fish, or parts thereof, whether taken within or coming from without the state, except as stated below.

B. It is lawful for the following items to be bought and sold:

1. The skins and sinew of deer and products crafted, fashioned or made from deer bones or antlers not in velvet;

2. Any part of a wild turkey, except the meat or a mounted turkey; and

3. Any parts of nuisance animals.

C. Mounted game animals, birds and fish may not be sold, purchased or leased.

D. Any person who buys, sells, offers for sale, exchange for merchandise, or other consideration, any wild bird, wild animal or fish that has been taken illegally, is guilty of a Class I violation and punished as provided in MISS. CODE ANN. §49-7-141.

E. A violation of this public notice is a Class I violation and is punishable as provided in MISS. CODE ANN. §49-7-141.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-4-4, and 49-7-51.

RULE 4.2 REGULATION REGARDING TAXIDERMY AND PROPAGATION PERMITS. Public Notice LE 3793 is hereby amended.

A. A permit is required of any person who engages in any taxidermy for the general public, or for wildlife propagation.

B. Applications for propagation or taxidermy permits must be on a form prescribed by the Department and shall contain the following:

1. Name and address of applicant (Taxidermy only)
2. Name and address of Business if different from above (Taxidermy only)
3. Reason permit requested, if not for propagation purposes
4. Name of species to be propagated

C. Applications for taxidermy/ propagation permits shall be sent to the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks. A permit fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) must accompany the application. Permits shall be valid for one (1) year from date of issuance and shall be displayed for inspection by Department personnel.

D. Any person convicted of a violation of any laws or regulations pertaining to propagation permits may, at the discretion of the Commission, have his permit recalled and revoked for a period of 12 months. However, before such revocation shall become effective, the Executive Director shall send, by registered mail, notice to such person or permittee who shall have the right to a hearing or representation before the Commission at its next regular meeting or a special meeting. Such notice shall set out fully the grounds or complaint upon which the revocation of, or refusal to grant the permit is sought.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-4-4, and 49-7-32.

Part 4, Chapter 5: Regulations for field trials and dog running/training permits.

RULE 5.1 QUAIL DOG TRAINING PERMITS. Public Notice 1810 is hereby amended.

A. Upon written application any individual person or organized shooting dog training field trial association or group may obtain a Tamed Quail Shooting Dog Training Permit.

B. Said permit shall be issued for a period of one year upon payment of a fee of Three Dollars (\$3.00).

C. The permit or permit number shall be attached at all times to each release or capture pen and all tamed quail so used shall be identified through the use of leg bands or dye on the wing or wings of each released bird.

D. When so permitted and identified by dye or leg bands, tame quail may be possessed, released, hunted, shot and killed or retaken for shoot-to-kill field trial and dog training activities using release or capture pens during any season of the year.

E. No Tamed Quail Shooting Dog Training Permit shall authorize or extend the statutory season for operation of licensed private or commercial shooting preserves except for bona fide bird dog training operations as permitted under these regulations.

F. Professional dog trainers shall be required to obtain a Tamed Quail Shooting Dog Training Permit whenever it is anticipated that any tamed and marked quail are to be shot during the progress of any dog training activities in compliance with these regulations.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-1-29(j), 49-4-4, and 49-7-42.

RULE 5.2 FIELD TRIAL PERMITS. Public Notice LE6 2768 is hereby amended.

A. Be it ordered that a permit is required by any person, club, group or association, to sponsor or engage in any raccoon dog field trial, squirrel dog field trial, retriever dog field trial, bird dog field trial, rabbit dog field trial, or fox hound field trial.

B. Applications for such field trial shall be on a form prescribed by the Department and must contain the following information:

1. Name and address of applicant
2. Club, Group or Association
3. Type of Trial (UKC, AKC, ACHA, NFHA, other)
4. Headquarters/Meeting place
5. Counties involved
6. Wildlife Management Areas involved
7. Date or Dates of field trial

C. Applications must be received by the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks no less than five (5) working days prior to the date of the field trial and must be accompanied by a

Fifteen Dollar (\$15.00) money order or cashier's check made out to the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks. Additionally, a fee of \$150 for one day and \$50 for each additional day is required if the facilities at Black Prairie WMA or Hell Creek WMA will be used during the field trial/event.

D. The secretary or other official of the club sponsoring the field trial(s) shall maintain a list of the names and addresses of all persons, including non-residents, who have dogs participating in the field trial, for a period of thirty (30) days after the close of the trial. Such a list must be available and open for inspection by a representative of the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks at all times. Nothing herein shall be construed as requiring participants in sanctioned/permitted field trials to have a current Mississippi hunting license or a Wildlife Management Area User Permit, as required by 40 MISS. ADMIN. CODE Pt. 2, Rule 1.6.

E. All such trials must be sanctioned or recognized by the United Kennel Club, American Kennel Club, or other chartered clubs and must be conducted in accordance with the rules of the sanctioning organization. All dogs entered must comply with MISS. CODE ANN. §45-53-1 regarding rabies.

F. Each club sanctioned or recognized by The United Kennel Club, American Kennel Club, or other chartered club may keep one (1) live male captive fur bearing animal. This animal is to be kept by a designated member. These animals shall be housed or caged so as to comply with laws relating to humane treatment of animals.

G. Pen reared tame quail may be released and used as provided by MISS. CODE ANN. §49-7-42.

H. No person attending or participating in a field trial shall take, capture or kill any wild animal.

I. In addition to the penalty prescribed by law, any person convicted of a violation of any of these rules and regulations shall be barred from future participation in any field trial authorized by the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks for a period of twelve (12) months. However, before revocation of the privilege to participate in field trials becomes effective, the Executive Director shall notify the person by registered mail of his right to a hearing before the Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks at its next regular meeting.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-1-29(j), 49-4-4, and 49-7-42.

RULE 5.3 RUNNING OF DOGS DURING SPRING TURKEY SEASON.

A. It shall be unlawful to run, hunt, chase or pursue with dogs any raccoon, opossum, fox or other wild animals, or wild birds during spring turkey season (youth and regular season), day or night, except as provided herein:

1. In areas that are closed to turkey hunting.

2. In permitted hunting enclosures (all free running dogs must remain inside the enclosure).

3. Bird dog field trials may be held in designated areas after application and obtaining a permit from the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

4. Rabbit dog field trials may be permitted on lands owned or leased by organized beagle clubs provided the club property is posted by signs every 300 feet and the field trial has been approved by the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

5. Raccoon dog field trials may be held in designated areas after application and obtaining a field trial permit from the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks. Permitted field trials will be allowed from 1 hour after sunset until 3:00 a.m. on the following lands:

a. Private lands with consent from the landowner(s) on a minimum of 250 contiguous acres.

b. Public lands, excluding MDWFP Wildlife Management Areas, where the governmental agency charged with the management of said lands has not passed laws or regulations prohibiting the running of raccoon dogs.

c. Hunters must obtain a dog permit, at no charge, for each dog and are limited to two dog permits per hunter. Dogs must wear a functional tracking collar and be identified at all times with the dog permit number and the owner's contact information. A maximum of four dogs is allowed per party. Dogs must be kept upon properties for which consent has been obtained at all times.

6. The running of raccoon dogs and rabbit dogs will be allowed from 1 hour after sunset until 3:00 a.m. on the following lands:

a. A landowner and their accompanying guests may hunt on any lands titled in his/her name.

b. Private lands where hunters have consent from the landowner(s) on a minimum of 250 contiguous acres.

c. Public lands, excluding MDWFP Wildlife Management Areas, where the governmental agency charged with the management of said lands has not passed laws or regulations prohibiting the training of raccoon or rabbit dogs.

d. Hunters must obtain a dog permit, at no charge, for each dog and are limited to two dog permits per hunter. Dogs must wear a functional tracking collar and be identified at all times with the dog permit number and the owner's contact information. A maximum of four dogs is allowed per party. Dogs must be kept upon properties for which consent has been obtained at all times.

B. In addition to any penalty prescribed by law, the Commission may suspend an individual's hunting privileges and dog permit(s) for a period of one year for violation of any rules and regulations pertaining to this Rule.

C. To assist with the control of hogs for agriculture depredation only, an Animal Control Permit may be issued during spring turkey season to any property owner or lessee for the use of dogs for lethal removal of hogs.

a. To apply for an Animal Control Permit, contact the appropriate MDWFP Regional Office:

North Region (Tupelo): 662-840-5172
Central Region (Canton): 601-859-3421
South Region (Magnolia): 601-783-2911

History: Revised December 2013.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-1-29(j), 49-4-4, 49-7-32, and 49-7-42.

Part 4, Chapter 6: Rules and fees for MDWFP public shooting ranges.

Rule 6.1 RANGE AND FACILITY FEES.

A. The following fees, charges, and/or regulations concerning WMA shooting ranges, are hereby adopted.

Daily Range Fee	\$15.00
Education Building*	\$100.00
*\$50.00 refund if building meets inspection standards.	

B. "Senior" is defined as 65 years of age and older. Youths, under the age of sixteen (16) years, are exempt from having to pay range permit fees. Other fees may apply.

C. All fees are subject to a surcharge for transactional costs associated with the Point-of-Sale system. In addition, certain consumer items such as shooting accessories or apparel, may be offered for sale at the Range Headquarters/Clubhouse. Sales of resale items shall be subject to the applicable Mississippi Sales Tax.

D. Specific safety and use rules for each range facility may be developed and posted at each range by the range officers. Violations of safety rules and/or range officer commands may result in the removal of a shooter from the range or range premises.

E. Where practicable, the MDWFP may offer Instructor Certified Enhanced Concealed Carry training courses, as provided in MISS. CODE ANN. §97-37-7, to the general public, at a price of \$100.00 per person. Any such course shall be in full compliance with the rules and regulations of the Mississippi Department of Public Safety (“MDPS”), and all instructors shall be certified by the MDPS to teach these courses. Successful completion of the course of training shall entitle the student to an endorsement upon his or her concealed carry permit of this enhanced status. Please see, <http://www.dps.state.ms.us/firearms/firearms-permit-unit/> for additional information.

History: Amended February 2019.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-4-4, and 49-5-13.