

## DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE FISHERIES, AND PARKS

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## 2014 – 2015 Proposed Rule Changes

40 Miss. Admin. Code Pt. 2 Chap. 1 – WMA Regulations.

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• Rule 3.1 – Wild Turkey Seasons and Bag Limits

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## MDWFP Commission Meeting April 16, 2014

	20	014-15 WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA REGULATIONS
	WMA	Proposed Rule Changes are underlined and deletions are strikethrough.
		c. AREA III (Deer Hunting Without Dogs Area): That portion of
		the WMA south of Morton-Marathon Road (Road 506). Hog
		hunting with dogs is allowed during daylight hours only during
		Feb. 1 – Feb. 28 with weapons legal for small game.
		2. Caston Creek:
		a. DEER HUNTING WITHOUT DOGS AREA: The portion of the
		area west of Forest Service Road 155. Hog hunting with dogs is
		allowed during daylight hours only during February 1 – 28 with
		weapons legal for small game.
		b. DEER HUNTING WITH DOGS AREA: The portion of the area
		east of Forest Service Road 155. Hog hunting with dogs is
		allowed during any deer with dogs season. In addition, hog
		hunting with dogs is allowed during daylight hours only during
		February $1-28$ with weapons legal for small game.
		vi. An administrative review panel of MDWFP and U.S.
		Forest Service officials may, upon two (2) convictions or
		documented evidence of two (2) violations of this
		regulation within a 3-year period, revoke the dog hunting
		permit for a period of Twenty (20) days open to hunting
)	9	deer with dogs. Upon three (3) convictions or documented
)		evidence of three (3) violations of this regulation within a
/		3-year period, the dog hunting permit may be revoked for
		a period of one (1) year.  vii. Any person who files a false affidavit in justice court
		alleging a violation or violations of this rule, provides
		false information regarding a violation of this rule, or
		facilitates a situation which will cause a violation of this
		rule to occur may be subject to prosecution for perjury
		and, if found guilty, punished under the provisions of
		Miss. Code Ann. §97-9-19, and/or be subject to a civil
		suit for false prosecution by the person accused of the
		violation.
		3. Chickasaw:
		b.DEER HUNTING WITHOUT DOGS AREA: That portion of the
		WMA located south of Hwy. 32. 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 from Feb. 1 - Feb. 28 with weapons legal for
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9. Calhoun County: Hog hunting with dogs is allowed during any deer with

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Canal Section WMA Rule 1.7	A. Season Table:  TURKEY - PERMIT ONLY: March 15 – 28  TURKEY: March 29 – May 1  YOUTH SQUIRREL: Sept. 24 – 30  SQUIRREL: Oct. 1 – Feb 28 May 15 – June 1  YOUTH WATERFOWL: Open concurrent with statewide Youth Waterfowl Season.  B. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:  HIGH WATER: All hunting seasons (excluding waterfowl season) are closed for 24 hours from south of Walker's Levee boat ramp road to north of Ironwood Bluff Road on the WMA when the 6:00 a.m. Tombigbee River gauge at Fulton reads 16.0 ft or higher. River gauge readings may be obtained by ealling 888-771-4601-ext.1322-or from www.mdwfp.com/wma.  PERMIT STATIONS: Daily visitor use permits must be turned in daily.  LEGAL BUCKS: Legal bucks are those with an inside spread of at least +0 12 inches OR one main beam length of at least +3 15 inches. For hunters 15 years of age or younger any antlered buck is a legal buck.  TURKEY HUNTING PERMITS: Turkey hunting for Mar. 15 – Mar. 28 is allowed by special permit only on Canal Section and John Bell Williams. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com. See application for hunt dates, application deadlines, and other information about permitted hunts.  MATERFOWL: Waterfowl hunting is allowed in the Harden Moore impoundment areas where waterfowl hunting is allowed will be open on Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays from one-half hour before sunrise until 12:00 noon. The remainder of the WMA may be hunted each day from one-half hour before sunrise until sunset.
Copiah WMA Rule 1.8	<ul> <li>A. Season Table:</li> <li>Change Gun to Shotgun / Primitive Weapon</li> <li>YOUTH SQUIRREL: Sept. 24 – 30</li> <li>SQUIRREL: Oct. 1 – Feb 28</li> <li>May 15 – June 1</li> </ul>
l.	B. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

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Mahannah WMA Rule 1.12	<ul> <li>A. Season Table: <ul> <li>Season date changes</li> </ul> </li> <li>B. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: <ul> <li>PERMIT STATIONS: Daily visitor use permits must be turned in daily.</li> </ul> </li> <li>17. CAMPING: Camping is allowed in designated areas only. A WMA <ul> <li>Camping Permit is required for any individual or group (maximum of 6 people) that is camping on this WMA and may be purchased wherever licenses are sold. Camping is limited to 14 consecutive days. Camping equipment may not be left unattended for more than 24 hours. All camping equipment and garbage must be removed before final departure.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Malmaison WMA  Rule 1.13	<ul> <li>A. Season Table:</li> <li>YOUTH SQUIRREL: Sept. 24 – 30</li> <li>SQUIRREL: Oct. 1 – Feb 28  May 15 – June 1</li> <li>DOVE: See Federal Regulations.</li> </ul>
	B. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:  3. PERMIT STATIONS: Daily visitor use permits must be turned in daily  5. LEGAL BUCKS: Legal bucks are those with an inside spread of at least  42 15 inches OR one main beam length of at least 45 18 inches. For hunters 15 years of age or younger any antlered buck is a legal buck.  6. WATERFOWL: Waterfowl hunting closes at noon.  a. The Greentree Reservoir and the state-owned portion of the McIntyre Scatters:  i. Parking areas and boat ramps are closed 1½ hours after sunset until 2:00 A.M.  ii. Access to these areas is prohibited prior to 4:00 A.M.  iii. Waterfowl hunters must be out by 1:00 P.M.  iv. Hunters are allowed no more than 25 shotshells per person.  v. No boats or waterfowl hunting gear are permitted on the area, except in camping areas or roadways, later than 30 minutes after sunset.  vi. Hunting equipment, including but not limited to boats and decoys, may not be left unattended.  Waterfowl hunters must be out of the greentree reservoir and the state- owned portion of the McIntyre Scatters by 1:00 P.M. No boats or waterfowl hunting gear are permitted on the area, except in camping areas, roadways, or parking areas, later than 30 minutes after sunset. Access into the greentree reservoir and McIntyre Scatters is prohibited prior to 4:00

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WMA O'Keefe WMA Rule 1.16	Proposed Rule Changes are underlined and deletions are strikethrough.  A. Season Table:  • YOUTH SQUIRREL: Sept. 24 – 30  • SQUIRREL: Oct. 1 – Feb 28  May 15 – June 1  B. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:  4. PERMIT STATIONS: Daily visitor use permits must be turned in daily.  6. LEGAL BUCKS: Legal bucks are those with an inside spread of at least 15 16 inches OR one main beam length of at least 18 20 inches. For hunters 15 years of age or younger any antlered buck is a legal buck.  7. SPECIAL BUCK TAGS:  a. For management purposes, a limited number of special buck tags, which allow the harvest of one buck per year with at least one unforked antler one of the three buck bag limit per year to be any buck with hardened antlers visible above the natural hairline will be available for hunters. An unforked antler is defined as a main beam with no other points or broken points.  11. WATERFOWL: Waterfowl hunting is allowed on Tuesdays, Thursdays,
	Saturdays, and Sundays only during the waterfowl season. Waterfowl hunting closes at 12:00 noon. Hunters must vacate the WMA by 1:00 p.m., except during the youth waterfowl hunt which shall run concurrent with the statewide waterfowl youth hunt. Hunters may not leave the parking area prior to 5:00 a.m. Hunters are allowed no more than 25 shotgun shells per person in the waterfowl hunt areas. No gas boat motors allowed in the greentree reservoir.
Old River WMA Rule 1.17	A. Season Table:  • YOUTH SQUIRREL: Sept. 24 – 30  • SQUIRREL: Oct. 1 – Feb 28  May 15 – June 1  B. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:  3. PERMIT STATIONS: Daily visitor use permits must be turned in daily.  11. CAMPING: Camping is allowed in designated areas only. A WMA  Camping Permit is required for any individual or group (maximum of 6 people) that is camping on this WMA and may be purchased wherever licenses are sold. Camping is limited to 14 consecutive days. Camping equipment may not be left unattended for more than 24 hours. All camping equipment and garbage must be removed before final departure.
Pascagoula WMA	A. Season Table:

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	River stages can be obtained from www.mdwfp.com/wma. The earliest daily reading will determine WMA closure for the entire day.
Pearl River WMA  Rule 1.19	<ul> <li>A. Season Table:</li> <li>YOUTH SQUIRREL: Sept. 24 – 30</li> <li>SQUIRREL: Oct. 1 – Feb 28</li> </ul>
	May 15 – June 1  B. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:  3. SPECIAL YOUTH AREA, AND-HANDICAPPED AREA, AND WATERFOWL IMPOUNDMENTS: Hunting in the Youth and Handicapped Area is allowed by youth and handicapped only with the following exceptions: deer hunting during the archery season, 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 in the waterfowl impoundments by special permit. and the road that runs from the rifle range to Pipeline Road. Hunting in the Special Handicapped area is restricted to handicapped hunters only. Contact the Jackson Office at 601-432-2199 for access to this area.  5. PERMIT STATIONS: Daily visitor use permits must be turned in daily.
Sardis Waterfowl WMA Rule 1.20	A. Season Table:  • DEER:  • Youth Permit Only: First three full weekends in Nov. and second full weekend in Dec  • Special Youth Permit Only: Second full weekend in Dec.  • YOUTH DOVE: Weekend days during 1st season.  B. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:  5. PERMIT STATIONS: Daily visitor use permits must be turned in daily.  13. DOVE HUNTING: Youth dove hunts will be held on a designated field, beginning at 1:00 pm. Adults may hunt only if they are supervising a youth dove hunter.
Shipland WMA Rule 1.21	<ul> <li>A. Season Table:</li> <li>YOUTH SQUIRREL: Sept. 24 – 30</li> <li>SQUIRREL: Oct. 1 – Feb 28</li> </ul>

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	www.fs.usda.gov/main/mississippi/maps-pubs. Off-road vehicle use will be governed by U.S. Forest Service regulations.
Twin Oaks WMA Rule 1.24	<ul> <li>A. Season Table: <ul> <li>Calendar date changes</li> </ul> </li> <li>B. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:</li> <li>3. PERMIT STATIONS: Daily visitor use permits must be turned in daily.</li> <li>9. 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 from Feb. 1 Feb. 28 with weapons legal for small game. Hunting, running, or pursuing hogs with the use of dogs is prohibited.</li> <li>16. CAMPING: Camping is allowed in designated areas only. A WMA Camping Permit is required for any individual or group (maximum of 6 people) that is camping on this WMA and may be purchased wherever licenses are sold. Camping is limited to 14 consecutive days. Camping equipment may not be left unattended for more than 24 hours. All camping equipment and garbage must be removed before final departure.</li> </ul>
Ward Bayou WMA Rule 1.25	<ul> <li>A. Season Table: <ul> <li>YOUTH SQUIRREL: Sept. 24 – 30</li> <li>SQUIRREL: Oct. 1 – Feb 28 <ul> <li>May 15 – June 1</li> </ul> </li> <li>B. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: <ul> <li>3. PERMIT STATIONS: Daily visitor use permits must be turned in daily.</li> </ul> </li> <li>13. CAMPING: Camping is allowed only on sandbars and along rivers and creeks, provided such camp is visible from a boat. A WMA Camping Permit is required for any individual or group (maximum of 6 people) that is camping on this WMA and may be purchased wherever licenses are sold. Camping is limited to 14 consecutive days. All campsites must be maintained in a neat and orderly manner. Camping equipment may not be left unattended for more than 24 hours. All camping equipment and garbage must be removed before final departure.</li> </ul></li></ul>
Natchez State Park Rule 1.26	<ul> <li>A. Season Table: <ul> <li>Calendar date changes</li> <li>Move Handicap Gun hunt from December to October.</li> </ul> </li> <li>B. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:</li> </ul>

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WMA	2. BAG LIMITS: Same as statewide bag limits EXCEPT:  c. Deer - One legal buck and one two antlerless deer per permit.  3. PERMIT STATIONS: Daily visitor use permits must be turned in daily.  4. DEER HUNTING PERMITS: Deer hunting will be allowed by special permit only. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com. See application for hunt dates, application deadlines, and other information about permitted hunts. Hunters who check in a doe that is 1½ years or older during their permitted hunt will be issued a permit to harvest one (1) legal buck and one (1) antlerless deer during the December hunt. This buck permit will be valid for the duration of the permitted hunt and during the legal bucks only deer hunt.  10. SPECIAL EVENTS:  b. Special events will be restricted to the following dates: Oct. 31 – Nov. 12, Dec. 5—10 4—8, Dec. 27 – Jan. 1Dec. 31, Jan. 9—12 8—11, Feb. 1—9 Jan. 31 – Feb 8.  13. DOVE HUNTING: A youth dove hunt will be held on a designated field on the statewide opening day Sept. 2, 2013, from 2:00 pm - sunset. Dove hunting will be allowed on designated fields, from 2:00 pm - sunset, after the Sept. 1 youth hunt. Dove hunting allowed on remainder of area during statewide seasons except during special event days. See SPECIAL
Trim Cane WMA Rule 1.30	B. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:  3. PERMIT STATIONS: Daily visitor use permits must be turned in daily.  15. NON-HUNTING USE/SCOUTING: During Waterfowl seasons, non-hunting use/scouting is allowed by foot traffic only on Tuesdays and Fridays from 12:00 Noon until 3:00 P.M.
Tuscumbia WMA Rule 1.32	<ul> <li>A. Season Table:</li></ul>

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	<ul> <li>12. SHOOTING HOURS: Shooting hours for waterfowl end at 12:00 noon 4:00 pm. Waterfowl hunters must check-out by 1:00 5:00 pm. For first season dove hunting shooting hours are from 2:00 pm until sunset. All other migratory bird shooting hours are the same as statewide seasons.</li> <li>13. NON-HUNTING USE OF THE AREA: During Waterfowl seasons, non-hunting use of the area is allowed by foot traffic only on Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays 12:00 Noon until 3:00 P.M.</li> </ul>
Yockanookany WMA Rule 1.35	<ul> <li>A. Season Table: <ul> <li>YOUTH SQUIRREL: Sept. 24 – 30</li> <li>SQUIRREL: Oct. 1 – Feb 28</li></ul></li></ul>
Charles Ray Nix WMA Rule 1.36	A. Season Table:  DEER:  Primitive Weapon – Permit Only:  Saturday prior to Thanksgiving – Dec. 31-the day before Thanksgiving.  First Friday in December continuing for 36 days.  YOUTH TURKEY – Permit Only: All full weekends in April.  YOUTH SQUIRREL: Sept. 24 – 30  SQUIRREL: Oct. 1 – Feb 28

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	<ol> <li>NON-HUNTING USE / SCOUTING OF THE AREA: ATV use from October 1st until the first day of the youth waterfowl hunt is prohibited. During Waterfowl seasons, non-hunting use/scouting of the area is allowed by foot traffic only on Sundays and Tuesdays from 12:00 Noon until 3:00 P.M.</li> <li>DOG RESTRICTIONS: Retrievers allowed during waterfowl migratory game bird hunts. All other dogs prohibited. Hunting, running, or pursuing hogs with the use of dogs is prohibited.</li> <li>OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs: ORVs/ATVs are allowed on designated roads or trails for hunting and fishing access only. No vehicles allowed on levees.</li> </ol>
Theodore Mars WMA Rule 1.39	<ul> <li>A. Season Table: <ul> <li>YOUTH SQUIRREL: Sept. 24 – 30</li> <li>SQUIRREL: Oct. 1 – Feb 28</li> <li>May 15 – June 1</li> </ul> </li> <li>B. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: <ul> <li>3. PERMIT STATIONS: Daily visitor use permits must be turned in daily.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Charlie Capps WMA Rule 1.40	<ul> <li>A. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: <ol> <li>PERMIT STATIONS:</li> <li>Daily visitor use permits must be turned in daily.</li> </ol> </li> <li>15. FISHING: <ol> <li>Youth Fishing Day:</li> <li>June 29, 2013 from 7:00 a.m. until sunset.</li> <li>Open to youth 15 years of age and younger.</li> <li>All youth must be accompanied by a licensed angler 18 years of age or older.</li> <li>Open to fishing:</li> <li>July 1, 2013</li> <li>No fishing from November 1 – February 15.</li> <li>Fishing is allowed from sunrise to sunset.</li> <li>Only bank fishing and non-motorized boats may be used.</li> <li>Daily Creel Limits: <ol> <li>Largemouth bass:</li> <li>per day.</li> </ol> </li> <li>ii. Crappie: 20 per day.</li> <li>iii. Bream: 100 per day.</li> </ol></li></ul>
Indianola WMA Rule 1.41	A. Season Table:  • DOVE: See Federal Regulations.  B. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

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	<ul> <li>Available Hunts:</li> <li>Archery (12, 3-day hunts). Same as 2013-14.</li> <li>Primitive Weapon (18, 3-day hunts). One less than 2013-14.</li> <li>Youth Deer (1, 2-day hunt). New opportunity.</li> <li>Youth Turkey (1, 2-day hunt). Same as 2013-14.</li> <li>Turkey (14, 3-day). Same as 2013-14.</li> </ul>

	Statewide Season and Bag Limits
Rule	Proposed Rule Changes are underlined and deletions are strikethrough.
	b. A written management justification issued by the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks must accompany any request for such a permit.  3. When transported from the hunting area, all deer or parts thereof harvested under these permits must be tagged.  E. Hunting with Dogs on Homochitto National Forest:  1. From November 1, 2013 — January 31, 2014, all dog hunting groups or individuals hunting with dogs must obtain a permit to use dogs to hunt any animal or to train dogs on areas open to deer hunting with dogs on Homochitto National Forest.  13. In addition thereto, an administrative review panel of MDWFP and U.S. Forest Service officials may, upon two (2) convictions or documented evidence of two (2) violations of this regulation within a 3-year period, revoke the dog hunting permit for a period of Twenty (20) days open to hunting deer with dogs. Upon three (3) convictions or documented evidence of three (3) violations of this regulation within a 3-year period, the dog hunting permit may be revoked for a period of one (1) year.  14. Any person who files a false affidavit in justice court alleging a violation or violations of this rule, provides false information regarding a violation of this rule, or facilitates a situation which will cause a violation of this rule to occur may be subject to prosecution for perjury and, if found guilty, punished under the provisions of Miss. Code Ann. §97-9-19, and/or be subject to a civil suit for false prosecution by the person accused of the violation.  15. A violation of Section E of this Administrative Rule is also a violation of Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations and is a Federal Class B Misdemeanor with a maximum fine of up to \$5,000.
Hunting in Fully Enclosed Hunting <u>Blinds</u> Rule 2.3	<ul> <li>A. A. For the purposes of MISS. CODE ANN. §49-7-31.1(1), a "fully enclosed deer stand blind," is defined as: <ol> <li>Any ground level shooting house or blind having four connected sides and a roof, which hides or conceals the hunter from casual observation.</li> <li>B. It is the intent of the Commission that this definition shall apply to tripod type stands, ladder stands, blinds and/or "shooting houses" or any other stand, whether located on the ground or elevated above ground, that can be covered so as to hide the hunter from view of game or other hunters.</li> <li>C. Hunters shall not be required to wear five hundred (500) square inches of solid unbroken hunter orange when: <ol> <li>Hunting from a deer stand that is elevated twelve (12) feet or more above the ground; or</li> <li>Hunting in a fully enclosed blind.</li> </ol> </li> </ol></li></ul>

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7. All unused issued CITES tags must be returned to the MDWFP within	n
forty-five (45) days after close of the trapping season for which they	were
issued.	
8. Possession of unused CITES tags between forty-five (45) days after of	lose
of trapping season and the day prior to opening trapping season is	
prohibited.	
9. CITES tags are not transferable.	
	<ol> <li>All unused issued CITES tags must be returned to the MDWFP within forty-five (45) days after close of the trapping season for which they issued.</li> <li>Possession of unused CITES tags between forty-five (45) days after conference of trapping season and the day prior to opening trapping season is prohibited.</li> </ol>