

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES, & PARKS

*In Re: Temporary Suspension of all Recreational Boating Activity; lakes along the
Mississippi River*

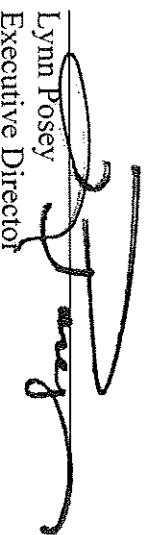
EXECUTIVE ORDER

PURSUANT to the authority set forth in MISSISSIPPI CODE ANNOTATED §59-21-111 *et. seq.*, the Executive Director of the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks (MDWFP), hereby orders the suspension of all recreational boating activity on the lake or lakes listed below, due to the emergency flooding situation that currently exists along the Mississippi River and the Yazoo River. The Corps of Engineers has determined that an exigent condition of high water exists, and that it may need to manipulate certain water control structures along the Mississippi River, in order to manage these water levels. *This suspension of privileges applies ONLY to recreational boating and not to any boating activity that must be employed for the safe transportation of persons to and from a home or dwelling or other legitimate purpose.* Any boating activity during the suspension period shall be conducted in a reasonable manner, minimizing any wake created (also known as “dead slow”), or otherwise conducted to minimize any negative effects on surrounding property. The lake or lakes set forth below shall remain closed to recreational boating only, until further notice:

LAKE: Wolf Lake, Yazoo County, Mississippi

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, That this order shall extend to boating activities for all tributaries and related bodies of water along the Mississippi River, currently experiencing rising backwaters, as a result of the rising Mississippi, or Yazoo Rivers. In order to protect and ensure the health, safety and welfare of the general public, and protection of private property, any boating shall be conducted according to a “Dead Slow; Leave No Wake,” standard, until further notice. Failure to comply with this order may subject an individual to criminal liability.

SO ORDERED, this the 12th day of April, 2024.


Lynn Posey
Executive Director