



DIGEST OF MISSISSIPPI FRESHWATER COMMERCIAL FISHING LAWS AND REGULATIONS

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This digest is a guide to the rules, regulations and required licenses relative to freshwater commercial fishing, commercial fishing equipment, and wholesale minnow dealers for all residents and non-residents for public waters as established in Administrative Code 40 Part 3 Rule 3.1.

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Persons who possess a valid Freshwater Commercial Fishing License are allowed to fish gill nets, trammel nets, slat baskets (with slat basket license), crawfish traps, shrimp traps, and/or sell non-game gross fish, minnows and non-native fish taken from the freshwaters of Mississippi per established laws and rules summarized in this digest.

This digest is not a complete text of the commercial fishing laws and rules. It is furnished for use and guidance of the fisherman. (See 40 Mississippi Administrative Code Part 3, Chapter 3, Rule 3.1 and Section 49-7-9.1 49-7-12, 49-7-12.1, 49-7-29, 49-7-81, 49-7-83, and 49-7-89 of the MS Code of 1972 as amended)

LICENSES

Persons who engage in the following activities must have a freshwater commercial fishing license:

- fish hoop or barrel nets, gill or trammel nets, slat baskets or trotlines with more than 100 hooks in aggregate.
- Sell, resell, or purchase for re-sale non-game gross fish, or non-native fish. See list below.

List of non-game gross fish:

Channel Catfish	Bigmouth Buffalo	Spotted Gar
Blue Catfish	Black Buffalo	Longnose Gar
Flathead Catfish	River Carpsucker	Gizzard Shad
Yellow Bullhead	Highfin	Threadfin Shad
Brown Bullhead	Carpsucker	Silver Carp*
Black Bullhead	Quillback	Bighead Carp*
Freshwater Drum	Blacktail	Common Carp*
Bowfin	Redhorse	Grass Carp*
American Eel	Alligator Gar	Black Carp*
Smallmouth Buffalo	Shortnose Gar	Paddlefish

**= nonnative fish*

- Sell minnows at wholesale (with the exception of those Miss. Residents growing minnows on their own property) or sell minnows or nongame fish captured from the wild. Minnows are defined as golden shiners, fathead minnows, goldfish, emerald shiner, and mosquitofish.
- Selling, reselling, or exporting across state lines crawfish and freshwater shrimp taken from the public waters of Mississippi.

Any person using a slat basket in Mississippi waters must have a valid Slat Basket License for each slat basket in addition to having a valid Freshwater Commercial Fishing License.

Hoop nets, fiddler nets, barrel nets, trotlines, gillnets, trammel nets, crawfish traps, shrimp traps and slat baskets have to be tagged (see pages 8-9 for tag requirements).

Neither a license nor tags are required to use Minnow Seines or Minnow Traps; but any sale of minnows captured from the wild requires a commercial license.

There is no age or disability exemption for the purchase of, or use of, a Freshwater Commercial Fishing License.

The reciprocal license agreements with Louisiana (40 MS Admin. Code Part 4 Rule 3.3) and Arkansas (40 MS Admin. Code Part 4 Rule 3.2) DO NOT GIVE NONRESIDENT license holders the authority to fish in the border waters of the state of which they do not possess a commercial fishing license.

LICENSE COSTS

Fishing License Types	Cost
Resident Freshwater Commercial Fishing License	\$30
Nonresident Freshwater Commercial Fishing License	\$200
Slat Basket License (License Required for each basket)	\$30
Agent & Processing fees apply Note: Prices subject to change without notice.	
Paddlefish harvest and the sale of Paddlefish eggs requires special permits.	

Helpers: A person holding a Freshwater Commercial Fishing License can be assisted by a helper who has any valid license issued by the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, & Parks. Anyone in the boat with a licensed commercial fisherman is considered a helper. There is no age or disability exemption for these license requirements. **Helpers who do not have a commercial fishing license cannot sell, resell or ship for sale nongame gross fish or nonnative fish nor can they run commercial gear without a person with a commercial fishing license being in the boat.**

It is illegal to procure a license under an assumed name or in which an address other than legal place of residence is given, or to make false statements in making application for license; or to lend or transfer or borrow or use the license of another person.

FRESHWATER COMMERCIAL FISHING GEAR

TROTLINES: A line with droppers and with hooks. A freshwater commercial fishing license is required to fish trotlines with more than 100 hooks in aggregate. Trotlines must have hooks at least 24 inches apart and tied so they cannot slip together. No trotlines or throw lines shall exceed 1,000 feet. A tag shall be attached within 5 feet of one end of the mainline of each trotline (See pages 8-9 for tagging requirements). Waters closed to the use of commercial trotlines are listed on Pages 13-14.

Square Measure for nets is measured from knot to knot along the twine:



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HOOP NETS, BARREL NETS, LEAD NETS: A trap made out of hoops and twine with throats that prevent escape of the fish. Hoop or barrel nets shall be made of number 15 or bigger twine or cord and treated; the minimum mesh size shall be three (3) inch square measure (see above). Hoop nets or barrel nets must be set at least 100 yards apart. A tag shall be attached to the front hoop (opposite from catch area) on each net (See page 8-9 for tagging requirements)

A Lead Net is a hoop net with a lead net attached that is up to 35 yards in length, three (3) inch square measure, number 15 twine or bigger and treated. Hearts may be used only in the Mississippi River where it is a common boundary between Mississippi and another state (oxbow lakes included). On Lead Nets, a net may be fished on each end of a lead, as such, this constitutes one set and each set must be 100 yards apart. No more than 7 nets or pair of nets with leads, or hearts can be fished.

Legally licensed persons fishing barrel nets and/or hoop nets in Mississippi waters, which are common boundaries between

Mississippi and another state (oxbow lakes included), may use the same mesh size allowed in the other state; EXCEPT, leads, hearts and wings are prohibited in Mississippi waters when attached to barrel or hoop nets with minimum mesh of less than three (3) inches square measure.

Waters closed to fishing hoop nets are listed on pages 13-15.

GILL NETS AND TRAMMEL NETS: A net made of multifilament or monofilament twine that is used to entangle fish. Gill nets and trammel nets of any material other than mono or multi filament twine are unlawful. Nets must be set at least 100 yards apart and no nearer than 20 yards to piers. Maximum length shall be 3,000 feet. Nets must have a minimum mesh of four (4) inches square measure except in border waters as described below.

A minimum of three (3) inch square mesh measure gill and trammel nets may be used in Pickwick Lake, the main channels of the Mississippi and Pearl Rivers along the MS/LA border, and in any streams, lakes, and portion of lakes, where the Mississippi/Louisiana state line occurs as depicted on the U.S. Department of the Interior, Geological Survey quadrangle maps.

A minimum of three and one half (3.5) inch mesh square measure gill and trammel nets may be used in all public waters between the main levees of the Mississippi River where it is the state line between Arkansas and Mississippi including the main channel of the Mississippi River.

A tag shall be attached to one end of the float line on each gill or trammel net (see page 8-9 for tagging requirement).

Waters closed to fishing gill nets and trammel nets are listed on pages 13-16.

SLAT BASKETS

Any person using a slat basket in Mississippi waters must have a valid slat basket license for each slat basket. Only slat basket licenses issued by the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks shall be valid.

Slat baskets fished in Mississippi waters shall: Be made entirely of wood and/or plastic slats in a boxlike or cylindrical shape, not exceed six (6) feet in length or fifteen (15) inches in width and height or diameter, have no more than two (2) throats, have at least four (4) slot openings of a minimum one and one-fourth inches (1¼) by twenty-four (24) inches evenly spaced around the sides of the catch area which must begin at the rear of the basket and run twenty-four (24) inches toward the throat end of the basket.

Slat baskets shall be placed at least one hundred (100) yards apart and may not be used with any form of leads, netting or guiding devices. Any violation of regulations on slat baskets shall be a Class 1 violation.

Each and every slat basket fished in Mississippi waters shall have a tag attached to the front end of the basket (see pages 8-9 for tagging requirement). Slat baskets are legal statewide except in waters listed on pages 13-14 and 16.

MINNOW SEINES and MINNOW TRAPS:

These gears, as described below, can be used to harvest minnows, non-game fish, non-game gross fish, and bait. A freshwater commercial fishing license is not required to fish these gears, but the sale of fish harvested from these gears does require a freshwater commercial fishing license.

Minnow Seines: These seines must be no more than 25 feet in length and four (4) feet in depth. The use of minnow seines is prohibited in all public lakes in Mississippi and in all waters listed on pages 13-14.

Minnow Traps: Minnow traps or jars constructed of glass, plastic, nonmetallic or wire mesh not more than 32 inches in length and 12 inches in diameter having no wings or leads and having an entrance no larger than one inch in diameter may be used.

No minnows or non-game fish harvested from public waters may be taken outside the state for sale.

CRAWFISH TRAPS: Crawfish traps are used for the sole purpose of taking crawfish, and are pillow or pyramid style traps or lift traps. The pillow or pyramid traps are constructed of coated wire with minimum mesh no smaller than 3/4 inch by 11/16, with the opening of the throat or flues not exceeding two inches. Crawfish traps fished in public water shall be marked with a waterproof tag provided by the fishermen, with the fishers' name and MDWFP # legibly printed on the tag. Crawfish traps are prohibited in waters listed on pages 13-14.

FRESHWATER SHRIMP TRAPS: Shrimp traps must be no larger than 36 inches long from the rear of the heart to the leading edge of the trap, and no larger than 24 inches wide between the leading edges of the trap or heart opening and no larger than 12 inches high. The trap cannot have any external or unattached wings, weirs, or other guiding devices intended to funnel shrimp to the trap heart. Shrimp traps fished in public water shall be marked with a waterproof tag provided by the fishermen, with the fishers' name and MDWFP # legibly printed on the tag. Freshwater shrimp traps are prohibited in waters listed on pages 13-14.

OTHER GEAR: There is no open season on the use of **SNAG LINES** or **SEINES** (except minnow seines). No other types of fishing equipment, besides those listed above are allowed in the commercial harvest of nongame gross fish, or minnows (Section 49-7-81).

TAGGING REQUIREMENTS:

All gill nets, trammel nets, hoop nets, slat baskets, commercial trotlines, crawfish traps and shrimp traps must have a tag attached that identifies the owner of the gear by their unique MDWFP Number (#) as found on the owner's license. A valid tag will be waterproof and have waterproof marking, or engraving, of the fisher's MDWFP Number in *legible* numbers at least 1/4" in height. A valid tag can be either a tag supplied by the fisherman, or, tags previously sold by MDWFP in which the owner engraved their MDWFP # on the tag. Tags on crawfish and shrimp traps also have to have the fisher's name in addition to their MDWFP #. All tags sold by

MDWFP prior to June 25, 2012 are no longer valid, as they do not have the MDWFP # on the tag.

Each and every slat basket fished in any Mississippi waters, including those in reciprocal waters, shall have a Mississippi Slat Basket License and be tagged with the owners MDWFP # as specified above.

Tags valid for use by residents of Louisiana or Arkansas fishing gill nets, trammel nets, hoop nets, or trotlines in Mississippi BORDER WATERS as specified in the reciprocal agreements with Louisiana (40 MS Admin. Code Part 4 Rule 3.3) and Arkansas (40 MS Admin. Code Part 4 Rule 3.2) – AR commercial fishers must tag these gears with an appropriate AR gear tag. LA residents must tag these gears with a waterproof tag containing the owner's name and their license number instead of the MDWFP #.

Persons with a Louisiana resident sport fishing or a basic fishing license using “recreational hoopnets” or any other commercial fishing equipment as defined in 49-7-9.1 must either purchase a Louisiana commercial fishing license or a nonresident Mississippi freshwater commercial fishing license to fish commercial fishing equipment in Mississippi waters named in the reciprocal agreement with Louisiana (40 MS Admin. Code Part 4 Rule 3.3).

LA and/or AR residents will tag crawfish traps or shrimp traps fished in respective reciprocal border waters with a waterproof tag containing the owner's name and their license number; instead of the MDWFP #.

FISHING RESTRICTIONS

No person shall possess both sport and commercial gear when commercial fishing.

ALL GAME FISH (Section 49-7-1) caught in freshwater commercial fishing gear shall be returned to the water immediately. Bream/sunfish caught by legal methods other than the use of commercial gear, and not exceeding 100 in daily possession can be used for bait on trotlines. No Game Fish can be in possession by fish dealers (Section 49-7-89).

It is unlawful to set any freshwater commercial fishing equipment within 100 yards of another piece of commercial fishing equipment (Section 49-7-81). Exception: minnow traps, minnow seines, crawfish traps and shrimp traps.

It is unlawful to set any freshwater commercial fishing equipment so that it extends more than half way across any stream, channel, drain or other body of water (Section 49-7-81). A guideline that does not impede navigation may be set.

Driving or attempting to drive fish (also known as whooping, whipping or striking) into any freshwater commercial fishing gear is permitted as long as any natural or man-made structure is not altered or destroyed.

It shall be unlawful to tamper with or take fish from any legal freshwater commercial fishing gear which is not licensed in your name without written permission of the owner of the gear.

LENGTH LIMITS AND CREEL LIMITS FOR COMMERCIAL FISHING

It is unlawful to commercially take, to offer for sale, or to possess non-game gross fish below the following total lengths and creel limits:

Species	Total Length	Dressed Length	Creel Limit
Buffalo	16 inches	12 inches	No limit
Flathead Catfish ^A	16 inches	12 inches	No limit
Other Catfish ^A	12 inches	9 inches	No limit
Alligator Gar			Quota
Sturgeon		No harvest allowed	
Paddlefish	Special regulations		

^A On border waters with either Tennessee or Alabama (as per reciprocal agreements with these states) persons with commercial fishing licenses shall possess no more than one catfish (blue, channel, flathead) over 34 inches long.

LENGTH LIMIT AND CREEL LIMIT continued

All Buffalo, Flathead Catfish, Channel Catfish, and Blue Catfish must remain intact (with head, tail, skin and scales) while fishing any waters open to commercial fishing.

MEASURING FISH: Total length is measured with a flatboard and with the mouth of the fish closed and tail squeezed to give the maximum overall length.

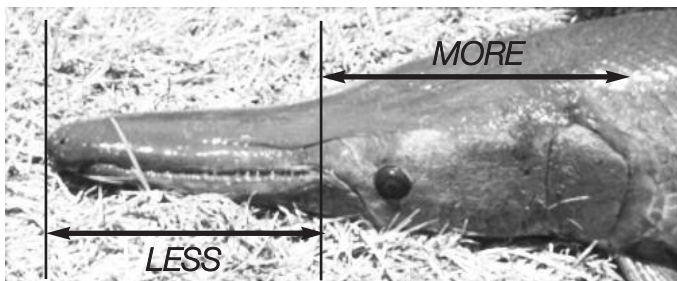
The minimum length on dressed length **shall not apply to fish processed but not on display** at a facility that complies with Federal and State Health regulations. **All fish sold on a rural or urban route or on display at a commercially licensed fish market, shall meet total or dressed length requirements as established.**

PADDLEFISH: Paddlefish (live or dead) caught in commercial fishing equipment must be released immediately unless permitted for take as established in the rules for commercial take of Paddlefish as found in MS Admin. Code 40, Part 3, Rule 3.2 which also lists the rules for the possession and sale of Paddlefish and Bowfin eggs.

STURGEON: All Mississippi waters are closed to the commercial harvest of all Sturgeon species.

ALLIGATOR GAR: There is an annual quota of 200 conservation size (CS) Alligator Gar for commercial harvest. To possess a CS Alligator Gar caught in commercial fishing gear, or to sell a CS Alligator Gar, the CS Alligator Gar must be tagged. Tags will be issued from the MDWFP headquarters in Jackson. Tags will be issued at a rate of 5 per applicant per month until 200 tags per year are issued.

A conservation size (CS) Alligator Gar is defined as a Gar 16 inches or longer in length that has a short broad snout where the distance from the tip of the snout to the corner of the mouth is less than the distance from the corner of the mouth to the posterior end of the gill cover. (See next page)



Alligator Gar

There shall be no harvest of Alligator Gar of any size from Bee Lake (Holmes Co.), and from the St. Catherine Creek watershed (Adams Co.).

TURTLES, FROGS, SNAKES: A commercial fishing license does not allow the harvest of turtles, frogs, snakes or any non-game wildlife. These animals taken from wild populations may not be bought, sold, offered for sale or exported for sale. The harvest, possession, shipment, sale and transport of turtle or tortoise eggs is prohibited. Any person who takes or possesses turtles, frogs and snakes for personal consumption must comply with requirements as established in 40 Miss. Admin. Code Part 5, Rule 2.3. The MDWFP has ceased issuing permits for commercial harvest of the common snapping turtle.

MUSSELS: All Mississippi waters are closed to the commercial harvest of mussels. (40 Miss. Admin. Code Part 3, Rule 3.3).

ENDANGERED SPECIES: Persons cannot take, possess, transport, export, process or sell any species on the Official State list of Endangered Species (40 Miss. Admin. Code, Part 5, Rule 2.4).

MINNOW SALES: All wholesale minnow dealers (with the exception of those Miss. residents growing minnows on their own property) must have a freshwater commercial fishing license to engage in the selling of minnows. All persons selling minnows taken from public streams and rivers must have a freshwater commercial fishing license.

A copy of the freshwater commercial fishing license shall be carried at all times in each vehicle which transports minnows into or within the state, if such license is required (Section 49-7-29). The sale of minnows at wholesale without a freshwater commercial fishing license is a Class I violation (Section 49-7-29)

WATERS CLOSED TO ALL TYPES OF COMMERCIAL FISHING GEAR, SLAT BASKETS, CRAWFISH TRAPS AND SHRIMP TRAPS

- From the outlet works in the Coldwater River of Arkabutla Dam downstream to the Corps of Engineers cable crossing, a distance of approximately one-fourth mile.
- In the Tallahatchie River and Barrow Lake below Sardis Dam from the outlet works downstream to U.S. Highway 51 bridge crossing of said river.
- In the Yocona River from the outlet works of Enid Dam downstream to the U.S. Highway 51 bridge crossing of said river.
- In the Yalobusha River from the outlet works of Grenada Dam downstream to south bound lane of the I-55 bridge crossing of said river.
- In the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway (TTW) south from Hwy. 25 (Scrugg's Bridge) over the Yellow Creek embayment of Pickwick Lake in Tishomingo County and all impoundments (Divide Section Canal, Bay Springs Lake, Pools E, D, C, B, and A) to the confluence of the old Tombigbee River and the navigation channel at mile marker 366.3 in Aberdeen Lake southwest of Amory.
- Columbus Lake, in Monroe County from the Aberdeen Lock and Dam downstream to Hwy 45 overpass, locally known as "Morgan's Landing Boat Ramp", including the river channel bendways.
- Aliceville Lake, in Lowndes County from Columbus Lock & Dam downstream to Hwy 82 overpass at the junction of the navigation channel and the mouth of Luxapalila Creek, including the river channel bendways.

**WATERS CLOSED TO ALL TYPES OF
COMMERCIAL FISHING GEAR, SLAT BASKETS,
CRAWFISH TRAPS AND SHRIMP TRAPS continued**

- Ross Barnett Reservoir from the Main Dam upstream to Lowhead Dam near Ludlow, MS.
- Pearl River upstream from State Highway 15.
- Pearl River below Ross Barnett Reservoir from the Spillway outlet to the City of Jackson's Water Works Lowhead Dam.
- All waters of Okatibbee Reservoir.
- Muddy Bayou in Warren County from its mouth at Eagle Lake to Steele Bayou.
- Moon Lake in Coahoma County including Phillip Bayou and Yazoo Pass in Coahoma County, except as specified with a Special Permit.
- All State Fishing Lakes and State Park Lakes owned or leased by the MDWFP.
- Yockanookany River System between Hwy. 35 and Hwy. 429.
- All waters of Back Bay Biloxi north and west of a line extending across Back Bay Biloxi beginning at the Highway 90 bridge and all rivers, bayous, bays, streams, lakes, inlets, and other waters whatsoever connecting to said designated part of Back Bay Biloxi.
- Red and Black Creeks and tributaries and water area beginning at the mouth of Dead Lake in Jackson County upstream to the origin of said creeks.
- Any connected or non-connected oxbow lake or tributary stream of the Pascagoula River where the main channel of the Pascagoula River is bordered by the Upper Pascagoula River Wildlife Management Area (WMA), the Lower Pascagoula River WMA or the Ward Bayou WMA.
- All waters of Bay St. Louis which are north of the Highway 90 bridge and all rivers, bayous, bays, streams, lakes, inlets, and other waters whatsoever connected to said designated part of Bay St. Louis.
- Bouie River and all associated oxbow lakes, tributaries and water areas upstream from its confluence with the Leaf River.

ADDITIONAL WATERS CLOSED TO THE USE OF HOOP NETS, BARREL NETS, GILL NETS OR TRAMMEL NETS

(trotlines, slat baskets, shrimp traps, crawfish traps and minnow seines are permitted)

- Yocona River from the U.S. Highway 51 bridge crossing downstream to the Pope-Crowder Road Bridge.
- Yalobusha River from south bound Interstate 55 bridge below Grenada Dam downstream to State Highway 8 and 35 bridge crossing.
- Bull Mountain Creek from the confluence with the Tombigbee River to the Mississippi-Alabama state line.
- Luxapalila Creek from the confluence with the Tombigbee River to the Mississippi-Alabama state line.
- Buttahatchie River from the confluence with the Tenn-Tom Waterway navigational channel to the Mississippi-Alabama state line.

MORE WATERS CLOSED TO USE OF HOOP NETS AND BARREL NETS

- Pascagoula River from the Wade-Vancleave Bridge downstream to the Hwy 90 bridge including Little River and the East and West Pascagoula Rivers and all water areas in between the East and West Pascagoula Rivers.
- Escatawpa River south of Interstate 10.

WATERS CLOSED TO USE OF GILL NETS

Waters open to the harvest of Paddlefish for eggs shall be closed to fishing with gill or trammel nets to all persons without Paddlefish Harvester Permits. This rule does not apply to the Mississippi River.

FROM APRIL 1 TO OCT. 31, GILL OR TRAMMEL NETS SHALL NOT BE USED IN THE FOLLOWING RIVERS:

- Bogue Chitto River from the confluence of the East and West Bogue Chitto Creeks west of Hartman, MS downstream to the Mississippi/LA state line.
- Chickasawhay River from Hwy 11 bridge north of Enterprise, MS downstream to its confluence with the Pascagoula River.
- Leaf River from I-59 bridge west of Moselle, MS downstream to its confluence with the Pascagoula River.
- Pascagoula River from its origin at the confluence of the Leaf and Chickasawhay Rivers north of Merrill, MS downstream to the Hwy 90 bridge. This includes the East and West Pascagoula Rivers and all water areas in between the two said rivers.

WATERS WITH SLAT BASKET RESTRICTIONS

Slat baskets are prohibited in the Old River Wildlife Management Area.

MOON LAKE SPECIAL GILL AND TRAMMEL NET PERMIT

A special permit issued through the MDWFP Chief of Fisheries shall allow a person with a commercial fishing license to fish nets in specific waters identified in the permit.

Those persons issued the special permits shall report their harvest from the nets to the MDWFP on forms supplied by MDWFP. Reports on the special permits shall be received by deadline set by MDWFP.

The following areas shall be open to commercial fishing with gill or trammel nets by issuance of a special permit:

From October 1 to February 28, Moon Lake in Coahoma County including Philip Bayou and Yazoo Pass in Coahoma County.

All Paddlefish (live or dead) and all species of Sturgeon (live or dead) caught in commercial fishing equipment shall be released immediately.

All access for persons fishing commercial fishing equipment shall take place at Moon Lake Landing (on the Yazoo Pass) public boat ramp.

Commercial fishing equipment shall not be run, checked, nor shall fish be removed from gear from 30 minutes after sunset to 30 minutes before sunrise. However, commercial fishing equipment may be left out overnight.

REPORTING COMMERCIAL FISHING HARVEST

Any person who purchases a freshwater commercial fishing license must report their catch and other activities on forms provided by Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks. Failure to submit reports or submitting reports with intentionally false information is cause for a person to be denied the privilege to purchase a Freshwater Commercial Fishing License until such reports are submitted.

FINES AND PENALTIES

Illegal gear, untagged gear and/or improperly tagged gear may be seized by conservation officers.

The following offenses are Class I Violations:

- Fishing any equipment in the waters of the state of any size or type that is not allowed by the commission.
- Any non-resident who fishes without required license.
- Illegal possession of Paddlefish.
- Violation of slat basket regulations.
- Wholesale sale of minnows without a license.
- Take of species on the list of Endangered Species.
- Sale of game fish (plus additional fines).

Any person convicted of a Class I Violation shall be fined not less than \$2,000 nor more than \$5,000 and shall be imprisoned in the county jail for 5 days. The person shall forfeit all hunting and fishing privileges for not less than 12 months, and shall forfeit any equipment, gear or nets used in offense (Section 49-7-141).

HARVESTING INVASIVE SPECIES

Commercial fishermen are encouraged to harvest Silver Carp, Bighead Carp, Grass Carp and Black Carp and there are companies in Mississippi purchasing these carps. Call the Fisheries Bureau at 601-432-2207 to obtain contact information for these companies.



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- Clean and dry anything that comes into contact with water (boats, trailers, equipment, clothing, dogs, etc.).
- Never release plants, fish or animals into a body of water unless they came out of that body of water.

LOCATIONS WHERE A COMMERCIAL FISHING LICENSE CAN BE PURCHASED

Licenses can also be ordered by phone or by mail. An application can be downloaded from the web address on the back page. (call offices prior to arrival to check whether that office is open).

MDWFP License Division
1505 Eastover Drive
Jackson, MS 39211-6374
(601) 432-2055

North Region Office
457 CR 36/P.O Box 100
Enid, MS 38927
(662) 563-6221

South Region Office
1201 N. Clark Ave.
Magnolia, MS 39652
(601) 783-2911

Central Region Office
506 Hwy 43 South
Canton, MS 39046
(601) 859-3421

North MS Fish Hatchery
Exit 233 Interstate 55,
Enid, MS 38927
662-563-8068

State Parks Where Licenses Can Be Purchased

BUCCANEER
1150 S. Beach Blvd.
Waveland, MS 39576
(228) 467-3822

GREAT RIVER RD
101 State Park Road
Rosedale, MS 38769
662-759-6762

Closed until Further Notice

CLARKCO
386 Clarkco Road
Quitman, MS 39355
601-776-6651

HOLMES COUNTY
5369 State Park Road
Durant, MS 39063
662-653-3351

G.P. COSSAR
165 County Rd 170
Oakland, MS 38948
662-623-7356

HUGH WHITE
3170 State Park Road
Grenada, MS 38902
662-226-4934

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State Parks Where Licenses Can Be Purchased
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JOHN KYLE

4235 State Park Road
Sardis, MS 38666
662-487-1345

J.P. COLEMAN

613 CR 321
Iuka, MS 38852
662-423-6515

LAKE LINCOLN

2573 Sunset Rd. NE
Wesson, MS 39191
601-643-9044

LAKE LOWNDES

3319 Lake Lowndes Road
Columbus, MS 39702
662-328-2110

LEFLEURS BLUFF

2140 Riverside Drive
Jackson, MS 39202
601-987-3923

LEGION

635 Legion State Park Rd
Louisville, MS 39339
662-773-8323

LEROY PERCY

1400 Hwy 12 W
Hollandale, MS 38748
662-827-5436

NATCHEZ

230B Wickcliff
Natchez, MS 39120
601-442-2658

PAUL B. JOHNSON

319 Geiger Lake Road
Hattiesburg, MS 39401
601-582-7721

PERCY QUIN

2036 Percy Quin Drive
McComb, MS 39648
601-684-3938

ROOSEVELT

2149 Hwy. 13 South
Morton, MS 39117
601-732-6316

TISHOMINGO

105 CR 90/P.O. Box 880
Tishomingo, MS 38873
662-438-6914

TOMBIGBEE

264 Cabin Drive
Tupelo, MS 38804
662-842-7669

TRACE

2139 Faulkner Road
Belden, MS 38826
662-489-2958

WALL DOXEY

3946 Hwy. 7 South
Holly Springs, MS 38635
662-252-4231

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commercial fishery webpage at:
www.mdwfp.com/fishing-boating/freshwater-commercial.aspx

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