

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES, AND PARKS

In Re: Closing of Hunting Season(s) in Areas Affected by Rising Floodwaters at Canal Section WMA.

EXECUTIVE ORDER


DUE TO recent, extraordinarily heavy rainfall, the Executive Director of the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks ("MDWFP"), has determined that the rising floodwaters of the Tombigbee River, having risen above sixteen (16) feet at the Fulton Gauge, has created an exigent circumstance that requires closing all open hunting seasons at Canal Section Wildlife Management Area, in order to safeguard the health, safety, and welfare of local sportsmen.

THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority set forth in 40 MISS. ADMIN. CODE, Part 2, Rule 1.7.B.3., all currently open hunting seasons (small game) shall be closed as of this date and shall remain closed until the level of the Tombigbee River shall fall below sixteen (16) feet on the Fulton, MS Gauge.

The MDWFP will increase its law enforcement presence in the affected areas to ensure public safety in the areas affected by rising waters, and to enforce wildlife laws that protect animals displaced by floodwaters.

This order may be amended, superseded, or rescinded, in whole or in part, as floodwaters rise or recede.

SO ORDERED, this the 13th day of February, 2020.



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Mississippi Department of Wildlife,
Fisheries, and Parks