MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES, AND PARKS
DIVISION OF ENFORCEMENT, WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
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PUBLIC NOTICE NUMBER W10 3460

The Mississippi Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, at a meeting in Jackson, Mississippi on May 18, 2005, under authority of Section 25-43-3.103, Mississippi Code of 1972, made known its intent and thirty days thereafter did adopt the following wildlife management area regulations for the 2005-06 hunting year. This was done under authority of Sections 49-1-29, 49-5-13 and 49-7-31, Mississippi Code of 1972.

Be it ordered that Public Notice Number W9 3460a is hereby amended, and the following 2005-06 wildlife management area hunting regulations are adopted.

2005-2006 Regulations for
Pascagoula River Wildlife Management Area

George and Jackson Counties

SPECIES	OPENING DATE	CLOSING DATE	COMMENTS
DEER			For deer hunting regulations see AREA DESCRIPTIONS, DEER DATA COLLECTION, LEGAL BUCKS, ANTLERLESS DEER REGULATIONS, DEER WEIGHT LIMIT, and DOG RESTRICTIONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Archery	Oct. 15	Oct. 31	Legal bucks only.
Archery	Nov. 1	Nov. 18	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Youth Gun	Nov. 12	Nov. 18	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Gun	Nov. 19	Dec. 1	WITH DOGS in DEER HUNTING WITH DOGS AREA only. Legal bucks only.
Primitive Weapon	Dec. 2	Dec. 15	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Gun	Dec. 16	Dec. 23	WITHOUT DOGS. Legal bucks only.
Gun	Dec. 24	Jan. 18	WITH DOGS in DEER HUNTING WITH DOGS AREA only. Legal bucks only.
Primitive Weapon	Jan. 19	Jan. 31	Legal bucks only.
Archery	Feb. 1	Feb. 15	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
YOUTH TURKEY	Mar. 8	Mar. 14	
TURKEY	Mar. 15	May 1	
YOUTH SQUIRREL	Oct. 22	Oct. 28	

SQUIRREL	Oct. 29	Feb. 28	
RACCOON	Jul. 1	Sep. 30	Friday nights only.
RACCOON, OPOSSUM, & BOBCAT	Oct. 1	Feb. 28	See RACCOON, OPOSSUM, AND BOBCAT in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
TRAPPING	Nov. 1	Feb. 28	
WATERFOWL	See Federal Regulations.		
RABBIT	Oct. 15	Feb. 28	

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR PASCAGOULA RIVER WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA
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AREA DESCRIPTIONS:
DEER HUNTING WITHOUT DOGS AREA: That portion of the WMA located in Jackson County **east** of the Pascagoula River and **north** of Big Slough.

DEER HUNTING WITH DOGS AREA: That portion of the WMA located in George County and the portion located in Jackson County **west** of the Pascagoula River and **south** of Big Slough.

BAG LIMITS: Same as statewide bag limits.

PERMIT STATIONS: All visitors must obtain a DAILY VISITOR USE PERMIT card from a self-service permit station. Parts A and B of this permit must be legibly filled out before using the WMA. Part A of the permit must be deposited in the return box at a permit station before using the WMA. Part B must be kept with the visitor while on the WMA. Permits are invalid if not properly dated or if date has been changed. Before leaving the WMA, visitors must complete the reverse side of Part B of the permit and deposit it in the return box at a permit station. It is the responsibility of the Area Manager and other Agency personnel to have permit cards completed.

DEER DATA COLLECTION: All deer harvested must be checked at the WMA Headquarters or at any self-service data collection station (see map) before leaving WMA. If WMA personnel are not available to check the deer, the hunter is responsible for collecting and legibly recording ALL biological data. Instructions and equipment will be provided.

LEGAL BUCKS: Legal bucks are those with four or more antler points AND an inside spread of 12 inches or more. For hunters less than 16 years of age, one of the three buck bag limit may be any antlered buck.

ANTLERLESS DEER REGULATIONS: This WMA is NOT open to antlerless deer hunting during statewide either-sex gun days(Dec. 17 - 18).

DEER WEIGHT LIMIT: All antlerless deer must weigh a minimum of 65 pounds live weight to be legal for harvest. The average live weight of an adult doe on this WMA is 78 pounds. Any harvested antlerless deer less than 65 pounds live weight is an illegal deer.

DOG RESTRICTIONS:
DEER HUNTING WITHOUT DOGS AREA: 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 from Feb. 1 - Feb. 28.

DEER HUNTING WITH DOGS AREA: Deer hunting with dogs is allowed Nov. 19 - Dec. 1, and Dec. 24, 2005 - Jan. 18, 2006. Small game hunting with dogs is allowed during any small game season. Hog hunting with dogs is allowed during daylight hours from Oct. 15 - Dec. 1, Dec. 24, 2005 - Jan. 18, 2006, and Feb. 1 - Feb. 28.

LEGAL WEAPONS: Only centerfire rifles, shotguns with slugs or buckshot, primitive weapons (as defined by Public Notice 2280.002), and centerfire handguns may be used for deer hunting. Legal weapons for small game hunting (excluding waterfowl) during daylight hours are shotguns using #2 shot or smaller and rifles or handguns no larger than .22 rimfire magnum. When hunting with a handgun, no other gun may be in possession. Only archery equipment and shotguns with #2 shot or smaller may be used for turkey hunting.

RACCOON, OPOSSUM, AND BOBCAT: During deer seasons without dogs, raccoon, opossum, and bobcat hunting is allowed without dogs during daylight hours and with dogs from one-half hour after sunset until 4:00 am.

OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs: Off-road motorized vehicles/ATVs are allowed only for the retrieval of harvested deer or hogs. No loaded weapon may be in possession when retrieving harvested game. EXCEPTIONS: ATV'S may be used from camps to boat ramps. The area commonly known as the Big Swamp, located between the Pascagoula River and Black Creek, is restricted to ATV's and Motorcycles only. ATV's and Motorcycles are restricted to maintained trails (i.e. Bushhogged roads or trails). Deer hunting is not allowed from bushhogged roads or trails. ATV's or motorcycles must be stored in designated areas only (see map). Those areas must be maintained in a neat and orderly manner. Motorized vehicles are not allowed on sandbars.

HORSES: During WMA deer and turkey seasons, horseback riding is restricted to roads open to motorized vehicles. Raccoon hunting from horses is allowed on the entire area during nighttime hours.

CAMPING: Camping is allowed only on sandbars and along rivers and creeks, provided such camp is visible from a boat, and in designated areas. In addition to the regular daily visitor use permit, campers must also fill out the front side of another daily visitor use permit from a self-service permit station and display it so the name and address are visible from the outside of the camping unit. 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.

HIGH WATER: Hunting seasons (excluding waterfowl season) are closed in the George County portion of the WMA when the river gauge at Merrill reads 18.0 ft or higher. Hunting seasons (excluding waterfowl season) are closed in the Jackson County portion of the WMA when the river gauge at Graham Ferry reads 15.0 ft or higher. River stages can be obtained from the Internet at www.NOAA.com or WLOX (Channel 13) news cast or by calling 228-769-6508.

TREE REMOVAL: No timber or firewood may be cut or removed from the WMA without written permission from the Area Manager, to include the removal of live, dead, floating, or submerged timber.

COMMERCIAL FISHING: Commercial fishing is not allowed within the WMA. EXCEPTION: Commercial fishing equipment may be transported directly to boat launches on the Pascagoula River and may be used in the main channel of the Pascagoula River only.

BEARS: Black bears may occur on this WMA. They are federally protected as a threatened subspecies. Hunting or disturbing bears is prohibited. Please report any bear sightings on your daily visitor use permit.

This adopted public notice will become effective July 31, 2005. Witness my hand and seal this the 30th day of June 2005.

MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES & PARKS

BY: _____
Noble Lee, Chairman

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES & PARKS

BY: _____
Sam Polles, Ph.D., Executive Director

I certify this to be a true and correct copy.

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Executive Director

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Notary

Notary Public State of Mississippi At Large
My Commission Expires: May 15, 2006
Bonded Thru Heiden, Brooks & Garland, Inc.

SHARON B. MILLER
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