

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES & PARKS
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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 **Trapping and Fur Dealing Regulations**. This was done under authority of Sections 49-1-29 and 49-7-16, Mississippi Code of 1972.

Be it ordered that Public Notice 3070 is hereby amended. All other versions are hereby superceded relative to fur dealers and trappers:

Lure: Lure is allowed for trapping furbearers, beaver, nutria, coyote and fox, provided that no more than two and one-half (2.5) cubic inches of such lure may be placed or located within twenty (20) feet of any trap. All lure within twenty (20) feet of any trap must be covered and not visible from above. However, there are no lure restrictions when used inside live-cage type traps that do not exceed forty-two (42) inches in length, fifteen (15) inches in width, and twenty (20) inches in height.

Tagging: The Department of Wildlife, Fisheries & Parks shall provide federal CITES identification tags for bobcat, river otter and other species upon which there are federal export quotas or controls. Trappers, fur dealers and owners must have such species, harvested in Mississippi, tagged within 14 days of harvest by a Department of Wildlife, Fisheries & Parks representative. All pelts, skins or carcasses of such species must be tagged prior to shipping or transporting out of Mississippi. Tag cost shall be twenty-five cents (\$.25) each. Trappers, fur dealers or owners will bear the expense of each tag. Department of Wildlife, Fisheries & Parks representatives shall attach a tag to each pelt, skin or carcass, maintain a record of all tag sales and within 90 days of the close of trapping season each year, submit to the Wildlife Division of the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries & Parks the name and address of each trapper, fur dealer and owner that purchased tags, and return all unused tags and all monies received.

Trapper Harvest Reports: Each licensed trapper shall be required to complete and return a trapper harvest report or survey provided by the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries & Parks by May 1st of each year. Licensed trappers failing to satisfactorily complete or return such report or survey will be denied trapping license renewal for the following year.

Shipment of furs: All shipments of furs shall bear the name, address and trapper or fur dealer license number of the shipper.

Trapper identification numbers: According to Section 49-7-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, trappers are required to have an identification number attached to all traps by a metal tag or

permanently inscribed, etched or stamped on traps and every trapper shall be required to visit his traps at least every thirty-six (36) hours. The conservation officer shall be authorized to take up any traps not properly marked.

Trappers may secure their trapper identification number by contacting the Central Office of the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries & Parks at 1505 Eastover Dr., Jackson, MS 39211-6374.

Other trapping and fur dealing statutory references:

- 49-7-1 (b) Classification of wild animals.
- 49-7-8 Hunting, fishing or trapping license for nonresidents; fees; violations.
- 49-7-13 Fee for resident trapper's license; agreements with landowners to trap; identification of traps; placing or setting traps near public roads or streets; selling of skins and meat of certain animals during trapping season.
- 49-7-16 Fur dealer or regular buyer of fur bearing animals; license; fees; possession of furs; tagging.
- 49-7-21 License certificates; hunting, trapping or fishing without license prohibited; penalties.
- 49-7-27 Revocation and suspension of licenses and privileges; penalties for hunting, trapping or fishing without license or privilege.
- 49-7-31 (f,h,j) Open season.
- 49-7-33 Use of scents, lures or sound devices.
- 49-7-55 Certain acts declared unlawful.
- 49-7-49 Prima facie evidence of hunting, trapping, or fishing.
- 49-7-53 Shipment and other transportation of game birds, animals or fish.
- 49-7-63 Use of traps, nets, etc., prohibited (wild fowl or game birds).
- 49-7-65 Unlawful to hunt, trap, take, kill, wound or capture, when.
- 49-7-67 Unlawful to sell pelts, when.
- 49-7-71 Unlawful to disturb traps.
- 49-7-77 Game protected during high water or fire.
- 49-7-79 Unlawful to hunt, shoot, or trap on lands of others, when.

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.

Executive Director

Notary