MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES & PARKS
P.O. BOX 451
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PUBLIC NOTICE NUMBER W-3758

The Mississippi Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks, at a meeting in Jackson, Mississippi on June 30, 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 **Alligator Hunting Season**. This was done under authority of Sections 49-1-29 and 49-7-47, Mississippi Code of 1972.

An American alligator (*Alligator mississippiensis*) hunting season will be opened in a portion of Rankin, Madison, and Scott Counties according to the following restrictions and regulations:

GENERAL

Location:

The public waters of the Pearl River Valley Water Supply District only within the area north of MS Hwy 43 and south of the Coal Bluff Park boat ramp.

Dates:

September 16 - 18
September 23 - 25

Hunting Hours:

6:00 PM till 12:00 Midnight CST

Permits:

A limited number of persons will be randomly drawn by computer to be eligible for an Alligator Possession Permit. Possession permits are not transferrable.

Bag limit:

Each person receiving an Alligator Possession Permit will be allowed to harvest one (1) alligator four (4) feet in length or longer.

SPECIFIC

Persons eligible:

Only residents of the State of Mississippi who are sixteen (16) years of age or older may apply for an Alligator Possession Permit (see License Requirements). Non-residents may participate as alligator hunting assistants (see License Requirements).

Applications:

Applications for permits will be accepted from August 1-15, 2005. Applications will be available at the Jackson Office, all MDWFP District Offices, and on-line at www.mdwfp.com. Only applications received by August 15 will be eligible. Only one application may be submitted per person. Any person submitting multiple applications will be withdrawn from the drawing process. All drawn applicants will be notified by mail.

Mail completed applications to:

MDWFP - Wildlife Division
Attn: Alligator Possession Permit
1505 Eastover Dr.
Jackson, MS 39211-6374

Mandatory training course:

All drawn applicants will be required to attend and complete the Alligator Training Course provided by the MDWFP. Upon completion of the course, drawn applicants will be eligible to purchase an Alligator Possession Permit.

Capture and Dispatch Methods:

Alligators must be captured alive prior to shooting or otherwise dispatching the animal. It is unlawful to kill an unrestrained alligator. Restrained is defined as an alligator that has a noose or snare secured around the neck or leg in a manner that the alligator is controlled. Restraining methods are restricted to hand-held snares, snatch hooks (hand-held or rod/reel), harpoons (with attached line), and bowfishing equipment (w/ line attached from bow to arrow).

All alligators must be dispatched immediately after capture. Firearms used for dispatching an alligator are restricted to shotguns with shot size no larger than #6 and bangsticks chambered in .38 caliber or larger. All shotguns and bangsticks must be cased and unloaded at all times until a restraining line has been attached to the alligator. No other firearm or ammunition may be in possession of the permittee or hunting party. No

firearm or bangstick may be discharged within 100 yards of any residence, building, boat ramp, or occupied campsite.

A Temporary Alligator Possession Tag must be attached to the alligator immediately after being dispatched and prior to moving or transporting.

Mandatory Check Station:

All participating permittees must check in prior to hunting and check out upon completion of the hunt each day at a designated location. All permitted hunters must purchase an Alligator Possession Permit and Alligator Hunting License prior to registering at the check station. Each permittee in possession of an Alligator Possession Permit will be issued a Temporary Alligator Possession Tag. The check station will be open from 5:00 PM till 1:00 AM.

Harvest Reporting and Tagging:

All harvested alligators must be validated at the designated check station on the day of harvest. The Temporary Alligator Possession Tag must be attached to the alligator immediately after being dispatched and prior to moving. Upon validation at the check station, a federal CITES tag will be attached to the alligator.

License Requirements:

Alligator Hunting Permittee: All Alligator Hunting Permittee's must purchase and have on their person a combination resident hunting/fishing license. In addition, an Alligator Hunting License and Alligator Possession Permit is required for each permittee prior to being issued a Temporary Alligator Possession Tag. The cost of the Alligator Hunting License is twenty-five dollars ($25). The cost of the Alligator Possession Permit is one hundred dollars ($100). All licenses are non-refundable.

Alligator Hunting Assistant: All residents in the hunting party who are sixteen (16) years of age or older are required to purchase and have on their person a combination hunting/fishing license and an Alligator Hunting License. Any non-residents in the hunting party who are sixteen (16) years of age or older are required to purchase and have on their person an All Game License and an Alligator Hunting License. All licenses are non-refundable.

This adopted public notice will become effective August 30, 2005. Witness my hand and seal this the 25th day of July 2005.

MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND PARKS

BY: _____
Billy Deviney, Chairman

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND PARKS

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

I certify this to be a true and correct copy:

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Sam Polles, Ph.D., Executive Director

Sharon Miller
Notary

My Commission Expires:

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

SHARON S. MILLER
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Alligator Hunting Seasons