

iv. Residents who meet disability license exemptions may possess a Disabled Exempt License in lieu of a combination hunting/fishing license.

b. A “WMA User Permit” is required for all persons, unless otherwise exempt, who are accessing a public waterway via any Department operated Wildlife Management Area.

c. All alligator licenses and permits are non-refundable and non-transferable.

H. Any person who hunts or attempts to hunt alligators without obtaining a permit and/or is not hunting within the immediate vicinity of a permit holder as per regulations set forth herein shall be guilty of a Class I violation of MISS. CODE ANN. §49-7-47 and upon conviction shall be punished as provided in MISS. CODE. ANN. §49-7-141.

I. Any violation of any other provision of this Rule shall be a Class III violation and punishable as provided in MISS. CODE. ANN. §49-7-101.

History: Revised April 2020.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-4-4, and 49-7-47.

Part 2, Chapter 6. Regulations regarding trapping and fur dealing.

RULE 6.1 TRAPPING AND FUR DEALING.

A. Lure.

1. 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.

2. 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.

B. Tagging.

1. The Department of Wildlife, Fisheries & Parks (MDWFP) shall provide federal CITES identification tags for bobcat and river otter upon which there are federal export quotas or controls.

2. All pelts, skins, or carcasses of river otter and bobcat must be tagged with a CITES tag prior to shipping or transporting out of Mississippi.

3. The MDWFP will charge a processing fee for CITES tags.
4. Trappers, fur dealers, or owners will bear the expense of each tag.
5. The MDWFP shall provide such tags for purchase at designated MDWFP locations.
6. CITES tags will be available during the trapping season and for thirty (30) days thereafter.
7. All unused issued CITES tags must be returned to the MDWFP within forty-five (45) days after close of the trapping season for which they were issued.
8. Possession of unused CITES tags between forty-five (45) days after close of trapping season and the day prior to opening trapping season is prohibited.
9. CITES tags are not transferable.

C. Trapper Harvest Reports.

1. Each licensed trapper shall be required to complete and return a trapper harvest report or survey provided by the MDWFP by May 1st of each year following each trapping season.
2. Licensed trappers failing to satisfactorily complete or return such report or survey may be denied trapping license renewal for the following year.

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

F. Trapper identification numbers.

1. Pursuant 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.
2. The trapper identification number shall be assigned to each trapping license holder by the MDWFP.
3. Trappers shall be required to visit their traps at least every thirty-six (36) hours.
4. Any conservation officer shall be authorized to take up any traps not properly marked.

5. Trappers may obtain their trapper identification number by contacting the MDWFP at 1505 Eastover Drive, Jackson, MS 39211-6374 or by telephone at 601-432-2400.

History: Updated April 2014.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-4-4, 49-7-1, 49-7-8, 49-7-13, 49-7-16, 49-7-21, 49-7-27, 49-7-31.4 and 49-7-31.5.

Part 2, Chapter 7: Nuisance Animals

RULE 7.1 GENERAL REGULATION FOR THE TAKING OF NUISANCE ANIMALS.

A. MISS. CODE ANN. §49-7-1, as amended, classifies nutria, beaver, fox, skunks, coyotes and wild hogs, as “nuisance” animals. Pursuant to the authority stated therein, the Commission issues this regulation for the taking of nuisance animals:

B. Nuisance animals may be hunted, trapped, taken, killed, chased, or pursued on private lands.

1. Landowners and any leaseholders may hunt nuisance animals year-round at any time of day or night with no weapon/caliber restrictions on property titled in their name or otherwise owned, or leased by them.

2. Designated agents of the landowners / leaseholders may hunt nuisance animals year-round at any time of day or night with no weapon / caliber restrictions, provided they have written permission from the landowner or leaseholder in his or her possession, when hunting nuisance animals. Permission letters must be signed and dated by the landowner or leaseholder, shall include:

- a. the contact information of the landowner or leaseholder;
- b. the contact information of the permitted person; and
- c. a specific a date of expiration.

3. Persons hunting nuisance animals during any open gun season on deer will be required to wear, in full view, 500 square inches of solid unbroken hunter orange, unless they are hunting from a fully enclosed stand.

4. Nuisance animals may be hunted with the aid of electronic calls.

5. Any part of any nuisance animal that has been lawfully taken, may be sold year-round, with the exception of wild hog meat, as set forth elsewhere in this rule. The only