

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND PARKS  
1505 EASTOVER DRIVE  
JACKSON, MS 39211

PUBLIC NOTICE L3-3407

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 to, and thirty (30) days thereafter did, adopt the following regulations establishing a **Special Crossbow** and **General Crossbow** hunting license. This was done under authority of section 49-7-38, Mississippi Code of 1972.

Be it ordered that Public Notice No. L2-3407(a) is hereby amended and the following rules and regulations are adopted.

**DEFINITION:** A crossbow shall be defined as a device designed to launch an arrow that consists of a small bow, either conventional (recurve) or compound, mounted transversely upon a stock so as to be deployed in a fashion similar to a rifle.

Any eligible person may purchase a special license to hunt deer and small game with a crossbow, provided that any person obtaining such special license must also hold a valid Mississippi hunting license unless exempt from procuring a license under section 49-7-2 and or 49-7-5, Mississippi Code of 1972.

**SPECIAL CROSSBOW LICENSE**

**PERSONS ELIGIBLE FOR SPECIAL CROSSBOW LICENSE:**

- A. Any person sixty-five years of age or older; or
- B. Any person having a disability which totally and permanently prevents the person from using a long bow or other conventional archery equipment. Such disability must be certified by one (1) physician duly licensed to practice medicine in the State of Mississippi.
- C. Any eligible person may purchase a special license to hunt deer, turkey and small game with a crossbow, provided that any person obtaining such special license must also hold a valid Mississippi hunting license to take deer and turkey, and small game unless exempt under Section 49-7-2 and/or 49-7-5, Mississippi Code of 19972, from procuring a licenses.

**FEE FOR SPECIAL CROSSBOW LICENSE:**

The fee for a Special Crossbow License shall be \$5.00 for residents and \$10.00 for nonresidents.

**APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL CROSSBOW LICENSE:**

- A. Special Crossbow License will be issued at the Jackson office only.
- B. Applicants sixty-five (65) years of age or older must present proof of age.
- C. Applicants under sixty-five (65) must present statements on letterhead from one (1) physician licensed to practice medicine in Mississippi certifying that the applicant has a disability which totally and permanently prevents him from using a long bow or other conventional archery equipment.
- D. Applicants must also present a valid Mississippi hunting license, or proof of his exemption.

**SEASON DATES FOR SPECIAL CROSSBOW LICENSE:**

- A. Deer and Turkey: Deer may be hunted with a Special Crossbow License during the respective seasons on deer and turkey.
- B. Small Game: Small game may be hunted with a Special Crossbow License during those periods when open season for the particular small game animal coincides with any open season on deer.

**GENERAL CROSSBOW LICENSE**

**PERSONS ELIGIBLE FOR GENERAL CROSSBOW LICENSE:**

All Residents and Non-Residents are eligible to purchase a General Crossbow License. A person required to have a hunting license must have a license to take deer and turkey in order to obtain a General Crossbow License.

**FEE FOR GENERAL CROSSBOW LICENSE:**

The fee for a General Crossbow License shall be \$10.00 for Residents and \$20 for Non-Residents.

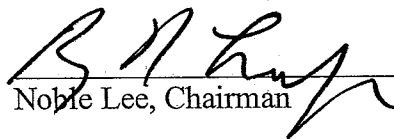
**SEASON DATES GENERAL CROSSBOW LICENSE:**

The General Crossbow License is only valid during primitive weapon and gun season for deer only.

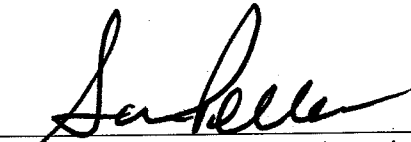
Small Game may be hunted with a General Crossbow License during those periods when open season for the particular small game animal coincides with any open gun or primitive weapons season on deer.

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

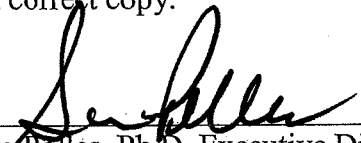
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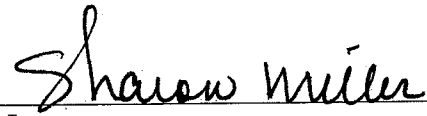
By:   
Noble Lee, Chairman

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF  
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By:   
Sam Polles, Ph.D.; Executive Director

I certify this to be a true  
and correct copy.

  
Sam Polles, Ph.D, Executive Director

  
Notary

My commission expires:

Notary Public State of Mississippi At Large  
My Commission Expires: May 15, 2008  
Bonded Thru Heiden, Brooks & Garland, Inc.

