

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES & PARKS
Bureau of Fisheries and Wildlife
1505 Eastover Drive
Jackson, MS 39211

PUBLIC NOTICE F2- 1405

The Mississippi Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks at a meeting at North Mississippi Fish Hatchery in Enid, Mississippi on January 18, 2011, under authority of Section 25-43-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, make known its intent to adopt the following regulations on possession of aquatic organisms under authority of Section 49-7-80.

Be it ordered that Public Notice 1405 is hereby repealed and the following rules and regulations are adopted.

It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to transport into the state, offer for sale or have in their possession within the state live forms of the following fishes:

Scientific names, Genus names or Family name	Common name(s)
<i>Clarias batrachus</i>	Walking Catfish
All species in the Genera <i>Pygocentrus</i> , <i>Pristobrycon</i> , <i>Pygopristis</i> , <i>Serrasalmus</i>	Piranhas
All species in the Family <i>Channidae</i>	Snakeheads
All species in the Family <i>Synbranchidae</i>	Swamp Eels

Any person or persons having these species in their possession shall immediately notify the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks of such possession.

Conservation Officers shall take possession of these fishes and dispose of them in any humane manner to prevent their introduction into any waters within the State of Mississippi.

Except for legally permitted aquaculture facilities, it shall be illegal for any person, firm, company or agency to stock, release or cause to be released into any private or public pond, lake, stream, river or any other water body within the state any nonnative aquatic species as defined in Section 49-7-1 except for common carp (*Cyprinus carpio*) goldfish (*Carassius auratus*), koi (*Cyprinus carpio*), and grass carp (*Ctenopharyngodon idella*). Rainbow trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) may only be stocked in private ponds but not in any other water body unless as specified in the MS Code of 1972, as amended under Section 49-7-80.

This adopted public notice will become effective February 18, 2011. Witness my hand and seal this the 18th day of January, 2011.

MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON WILDLIFE,
FISHERIES AND PARKS

BY: Charles Rigdon
Charles Rigdon, Chairman

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE,
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I certify this to be a
true and correct copy.

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