

**MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE,
FISHERIES, & PARKS**

***In Re:* Suspension/Closure of Boating and other recreational activities during recovery
from severe storm damage: Lake Monroe**


EXECUTIVE ORDER

PURSUANT to the authority set forth in MISSISSIPPI CODE ANNOTATED §59-21-111, the Executive Director of the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, with the approval of the Commission, has ordered the suspension of all recreational boating, fishing, camping, and other activity on the lake or lakes listed below, due to extensive storm damage caused by severe weather over the weekend of March 24-27, 2023. This suspension of privileges applies to commercial and recreational fishing and recreational boating. This closure does not apply to any boating activity that must be employed for the safe transportation of persons to and from a home or dwelling or other legitimate emergency response purpose. Should any boating activity be necessary during the suspension period, that activity shall be conducted in a reasonable manner, minimizing any wake created (No Wake/Dead Slow), or otherwise conducted to minimize all negative effects on surrounding property. The lake or lakes set forth below shall remain closed to recreational boating, fishing, camping, etc., until further notice:

**LAKE: Lake Monroe
 Monroe County, Mississippi**

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, That the lake or lakes listed above shall be closed to recreational boating, fishing, camping and other activity, in order to protect the health, safety and welfare of the general public, until further notice. Any necessary boating activity shall be conducted according to a "Dead Slow; Leave No Wake," standard. Failure to comply with this order may subject an individual to criminal liability.

SO ORDERED, this the _____ day of **March, 2023**.



Lynn Posey
Executive Director