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# MISSISSIPPI NON-RESIDENT MAIL SURVEY OF GAME HARVEST AND HUNTER EFFORT FOR

1998-99

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## INTRODUCTION

The purpose of the non-resident game harvest survey is to establish indices of harvest and hunter effort for each game species taken by non-residents. These indices will provide trend data which will allow staff to monitor changes in harvest and effort through time. When interpreting these data, it is important to consider habitat changes, species abundance, the current socio-economic climate of the state as well as changes in management strategies.

The Mississippi Department of Wildlife Fisheries and Parks (MDWFP) used a mail survey to obtain data on total harvest, average daily kill, average seasonal harvest, and total man-days hunted for each game species hunted by non-residents. The estimates obtained for each of these categories contain serious sampling, response and nonresponse biases, therefore the accuracy of these estimates is unknown. Filion (1980) provided a good review of these biases and their effect on the estimates. Recognizing that these biases exist and assuming all biases remain constant, the estimates obtained from the survey provide adequate indices for monitoring trends in non-resident hunter harvest and effort.

The primary objective of the non-resident mail survey for the 1998-99 hunting season was to obtain a reliable set of statewide indices for each game species in Mississippi. Harvest estimates were calculated for each district as well. The survey also will be used as a tool to monitor hunter attitudes and perceptions on specific issues. The results of the survey will be used to help guide future management decisions.

## METHODS

The sampling frame for the survey consisted of non-resident holders of a Type 40 - All Game Hunting, Type 41 - 5 Day All Game Hunting, Type 33 Small Game Hunting or Type 34 - 5 Day Small Game Hunting license purchased during the 1998-99 license year.

An approximate 0.185 percent random sample of these hunting license buyers was selected from the 26,743 licenses processed from July 1, 1998 - January 31, 1999.

An initial sample of 2,854 Type 40 - All Game Hunting, 779 Type 41 - 5 Day All Game Hunting, 511 Type 33 - Small Game Hunting and 803 Type 34 - 5 Day Small Game Hunting licenses holders was selected. All types were combined into a single computer file for mailing purposes. A final list of 4,947 hunters was produced.

The initial mailing consisting of the questionnaire (Figure 1), a cover letter and a No. 9 postage-paid business reply envelope was mailed in a No. 10 window envelope on March 29, 1999 to the 4,947 sampled hunters. Three weeks after the initial mailing reminder post cards were mailed to 2,698 sampled hunters who had not returned their questionnaire. The final 2,413 piece mailing, composed of the identical questionnaire, cover letter and business reply envelope was mailed approximately three weeks after the reminder post card mailing to the remaining nonrespondents. First mailing questionnaires were given identification numbers from 100,001 to 104,947, while the final mailing was given a 200,000 numbering sequence to differentiate responses between mailings.

Questionnaire design and mailing procedures were outlined by Steffen (1981). Procedures for editing and data entry of returned questionnaires were also identical to Steffen

hunters who were successful, total man-days spent hunting, average days afield per hunter and the average daily kill. These indices were calculated on a statewide basis.

The 1997-98 survey obtained information about two different license years. Turkey harvest indices were partially calculated from hunters who hunted during the spring 1998 turkey season, which was the 97/98 license year. Indices for other species were determined for the 1998-99 season alone. Spring 1998 turkey indices were calculated based on the respondents who also purchased a big game license during the previous July 1, 1997 - June 30, 1998 fiscal year (Question 11 on survey).

## RESULTS

Based on all three mailings, 504 (10.2%) of the 4,947 questionnaires were returned as non-deliverable by the post office. Therefore 4,443 individuals were assumed to have been contacted to participate in the survey. Of these 3,083 (69.4%) returned their questionnaires for possible analysis. Of those returned, 59 (0.2%) were returned too late for analysis, therefore 3,024 (68.1%) were available for use. Nonresponses were 1,360 (30.6%).

Statewide expansions were calculated based on the total hunting licenses sold for each type and accounted for by the middle of July 1998. There existed 16,319 individuals licensed to hunt all game, 7,611 licensed for 5 day all game hunting, 3,191 licensed for small game hunting and 6,394 licensed for 5 day small game hunting. The spring, 1998 turkey hunting estimates were based on the 15,591 All Game Hunting and 7,036 5-day All Game Hunting licence holders accounted for in the 1997-98 license sales totals.

The expanded statewide summaries of total harvest, average daily kill, average seasonal kill, the percent of hunters and the percent of total licenses that hunted are provided in Table 1 - 22 for all game species included in the survey.

Table 23 summarizes the responses to the additional questions in Part B.

## DISCUSSION

This was the fifth year this survey was conducted. Response rates were good, indicating a willingness on the part of non-residents to report their hunting activities.

Total deer harvest increased by over 10% from the 1997-98 season harvest. Nearly twice as many does than bucks were harvested. This shift to greater doe harvest was first recorded three years ago and may be due to the four-point rule for buck harvest along with more days available to harvest antlerless deer. It should be noted that not all districts had the same doe opportunity during the deer season. In District 1, doe hunting was closed from December 24 - January 20 in Tippah, Alcorn, Prentiss, Tishomingo, Union, Pontotoc, Lee, and Itawamba counties. In District 4, doe hunting was closed from December 24 - January 20 in Covington, Scott and Smith counties. All of District 6 which includes the counties of Lamar, Forrest, Perry, Greene, Pearl River, Stone, George, Hancock, Harrison, and Jackson was closed to doe harvest from December 24 - January 20. Other districts were open for doe hunting during all deer seasons.

Response and nonresponse biases exist with the survey as previously noted. Therefore discretion must be used when considering these data as absolute estimates. Assuming the biases remain consistent over time, the best uses of these data are as indices for trend determinations. For management purposes, it should be reemphasized that the hunting data provided are only indices to harvest and effort.

The survey should be continued with a sample of 3,000-5,000 non-resident hunters. To avoid changes in biases, attention to the consistency of survey methodology should be continued in future surveys.

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TABLE 1. TOTAL 1998-99 DEER HARVEST IN MISSISSIPPI BY NON-RESIDENTS

TOTAL HARVEST	TOTAL MANDAYS
41,155	302,987
BUCK	
13,776	
DOE	
27,379	

TABLE 2. TOTAL 1998-99 DEER HARVEST IN MISSISSIPPI BY NON-RESIDENTS BY WEAPON TYPE

TOTAL HARVEST GUN	TOTAL MANDAYS	TOTAL HARVEST ARCHERY	TOTAL MANDAYS	TOTAL HARVEST PRIMITIVE	TOTAL MANDAYS
35,144	226,875	3,742	53,114	2,249	22,998
BUCK		BUCK		BUCK	
11,500		1,316		960	
DOE		DOE		DOE	
23,644		2,426		1,289	

TABLE 3. 1998-99 GUN DEER HARVEST IN MISSISSIPPI BY NON-RESIDENT TYPE 40 - ALL GAME HUNTING LICENSE BUYERS

TOTAL HARVEST	AVERAGE DAILY KILL	AVERAGE SEASONAL HARVEST	% SUCCESSFUL HUNTERS	TOTAL MANDAYS	AVERAGE SEASONAL DAYS HUNTING	TOTAL HUNTERS	% TOTAL LICENSEES
20,770				206,096	14.19	14,524 (1,667)	89.0
BUCK							
9,441	0.05	0.65	51.6				
DOE							
11,329	0.6	0.78	46.8				

14 DISTRICT HUNTED MOST

DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT 2	DISTRICT 3	DISTRICT 4	DISTRICT 5	DISTRICT 6
2.1%	4.5%	4.8%	8.6%	74.4%	5.6%

TABLE 4. 1998-99 GUN DEER HARVEST IN MISSISSIPPI BY NON-RESIDENT TYPE 41 - 5 DAY ALL GAME HUNTING LICENSE BUYERS

TOTAL HARVEST	AVERAGE DAILY KILL	AVERAGE SEASONAL HARVEST	% SUCCESSFUL HUNTERS	TOTAL MANDAYS	AVERAGE SEASONAL DAYS HUNTING	TOTAL HUNTERS	% TOTAL LICENSEES
4,274				20,779	3.5	5,937 (341)	78.0
BUCK							
1,959	0.09	0.33	31.0				
DOE							
2,315	0.08	0.29	25.0				

DISTRICT HUNTED MOST

DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT 2	DISTRICT 3	DISTRICT 4	DISTRICT 5	DISTRICT 6
7.1%	13.2%	20.9%	19.6%	33.4%	5.8%

TABLE 5. 1998-99 ARCHERY DEER HARVEST IN MISSISSIPPI BY NON-RESIDENT TYPE 40 - ALL GAME HUNTING LICENSE BUYERS

TOTAL HARVEST	AVERAGE DAILY KILL	AVERAGE SEASONAL HARVEST	% SUCCESSFUL HUNTERS	TOTAL MANDAYS	AVERAGE SEASONAL DAYS HUNTING	TOTAL HUNTERS	% TOTAL LICENSEES
3,393				50,511	9.38	5,385 (621)	33.0
BUCK							
1,131	0.02	0.21	15.8				
DOE							
2,262	0.05	0.42	32.5				

DISTRICT HUNTED MOST

DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT 2	DISTRICT 3	DISTRICT 4	DISTRICT 5	DISTRICT 6
1.8%	8.5%	6.2%	7.4%	69.2%	6.9%

TABLE 6. 1998-99 ARCHERY DEER HARVEST IN MISSISSIPPI BY NON-RESIDENT TYPE 41 - 5 DAY ALL GAME HUNTING LICENSE BUYERS

TOTAL HARVEST	AVERAGE DAILY KILL	AVERAGE SEASONAL HARVEST	% SUCCESSFUL HUNTERS	TOTAL MANDAYS	AVERAGE SEASONAL DAYS HUNTING	TOTAL HUNTERS	% TOTAL LICENSEES
349				2,603	3.8	685 (41)	9.0
BUCK							
185	0.07	0.27	24.0				
DOE							
164	0.06	0.24	22.0				

DISTRICT HUNTED MOST

DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT 2	DISTRICT 3	DISTRICT 4	DISTRICT 5	DISTRICT 6
	6.1%	39.4%	15.2%	30.3%	9.1%

TABLE 7. 1998-99 PRIMITIVE WEAPON DEER HARVEST IN MISSISSIPPI BY NON-RESIDENT TYPE 40 - ALL GAME HUNTING LICENSE BUYERS

TOTAL HARVEST	AVERAGE DAILY KILL	AVERAGE SEASONAL HARVEST	% SUCCESSFUL HUNTERS	TOTAL MANDAYS	AVERAGE SEASONAL DAYS HUNTING	TOTAL HUNTERS	% TOTAL LICENSEES
2,021				21,573	4.59	4,700 (538)	28.8
BUCK							
846	0.04	0.18	17.8				
DOE							
1,175	0.05	0.25	22.0				

DISTRICT HUNTED MOST

DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT 2	DISTRICT 3	DISTRICT 4	DISTRICT 5	DISTRICT 6
1.0%	10.7%	6.5%	4.6%	72.1%	5.2%

TABLE 8. 1998-99 PRIMITIVE WEAPON DEER HARVEST IN MISSISSIPPI BY NON-RESIDENT TYPE 41 - 5 DAY ALL GAME HUNTING LICENSE BUYERS

TOTAL HARVEST	AVERAGE DAILY KILL	AVERAGE SEASONAL HARVEST	% SUCCESSFUL HUNTERS	TOTAL MANDAYS	AVERAGE SEASONAL DAYS HUNTING	TOTAL HUNTERS	% TOTAL LICENSEES
228				1,425	3.74	381 (23)	5.0
BUCK							
114	0.08	0.30	30.0				
DOE							
114	0.08	0.30	26.0				

DISTRICT HUNTED MOST

DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT 2	DISTRICT 3	DISTRICT 4	DISTRICT 5	DISTRICT 6
4.3%	21.7%	17.4%	17.4%	34.8%	4.3%

TABLE 9. 1998-99 DOVE HARVEST IN MISSISSIPPI BY NON-RESIDENTS BY LICENSE TYPE

TOTAL HARVEST	AVERAGE DAILY KILL	AVERAGE SEASONAL HARVEST	% SUCCESSFUL HUNTERS	TOTAL MANDAYS	AVERAGE SEASONAL DAYS HUNTING	TOTAL HUNTERS	% TOTAL LICENSEES
TYPE 40							
32,376	7.05	22.04	95.4	4,598	3.13	1,469 (173)	9.0
TYPE 41							
690	9.20	23.00	100.0	75	2.50	30 (2)	0.4
TYPE 33							
31,197	8.68	26.71	96.5	3,597	3.08	1,168 (115)	36.6
TYPE 34							
21,307	8.09	13.89	92.0	2,638	1.72	1,534 (99)	24.0
TOTAL							
85,570				10,908		4,201	

DISTRICT HUNTED MOST

DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT 2	DISTRICT 3	DISTRICT 4	DISTRICT 5	DISTRICT 6
6.1%	37.2%	29.4%	5.3%	15.2%	6.4%

TABLE 10. 1998-99 QUAIL HARVEST IN MISSISSIPPI BY NON-RESIDENTS BY LICENSE TYPE

TOTAL HARVEST	AVERAGE DAILY KILL	AVERAGE SEASONAL HARVEST	% SUCCESSFUL HUNTERS	TOTAL MANDAYS	AVERAGE SEASONAL DAYS HUNTING	TOTAL HUNTERS	% TOTAL LICENSEES
TYPE 40							
1,513	1.9	9.28	90.5	792	4.86	163 (21)	1.0
TYPE 41							
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TYPE 33							
4,530	4.27	24.89	89.0	1,061	5.83	182 (18)	5.7
TYPE 34							
480	2.67	10.67	100.0	180	4.00	45 (3)	0.7
TOTAL							
6,523				2,033		390	

DISTRICT HUNTED MOST

DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT 2	DISTRICT 3	DISTRICT 4	DISTRICT 5	DISTRICT 6
19.5%	43.9%	7.3%	4.9%	9.8%	14.6%

TABLE 11. 1998-99 WOODCOCK HARVEST IN MISSISSIPPI BY NON-RESIDENTS BY LICENSE TYPE

TOTAL HARVEST	AVERAGE DAILY KILL	AVERAGE SEASONAL HARVEST	% SUCCESSFUL HUNTERS	TOTAL MANDAYS	AVERAGE SEASONAL DAYS HUNTING	TOTAL HUNTERS	% TOTAL LICENSEES
TYPE 40							
104	1.18	6.5	100.0	88	5.5	16 (2)	0.1
TYPE 41							
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TYPE 33							
10	0.20	0.5	50.0	47	2.5	19 (2)	0.6
TYPE 34							
0	0	0	0	13	1	13	0.2
TOTAL							
114				148		48	

DISTRICT HUNTED MOST

DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT 2	DISTRICT 3	DISTRICT 4	DISTRICT 5	DISTRICT 6
	40.0 %	20.2 %	20.0 %	20.0 %	

TABLE 12. 1998-99 RABBIT HARVEST IN MISSISSIPPI BY NON-RESIDENTS BY LICENSE TYPE

TOTAL HARVEST	AVERAGE DAILY KILL	AVERAGE SEASONAL HARVEST	% SUCCESSFUL HUNTERS	TOTAL MANDAYS	AVERAGE SEASONAL DAYS HUNTING	TOTAL HUNTERS	% TOTAL LICENSEES
TYPE 40							
6,442	1.80	6.58	89.8	3,554	3.6	979 (118)	6.0
TYPE 41							
75	1.67	2.5	100.0	45	1.5	30 (2)	0.4
TYPE 33							
877	1.95	8.6	80.0	449	4.4	102 (10)	3.2
TYPE 34							
300	2.22	6.67	67.0	135	3.0	45 (3)	7.0
TOTAL							
7,711				4,183		1,156	

DISTRICT HUNTED MOST

DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT 2	DISTRICT 3	DISTRICT 4	DISTRICT 5	DISTRICT 6
3.1%	21.1%	7.8%	7.0%	50.8%	10.2%

TABLE 13. 1998-99 SQUIRREL HARVEST IN MISSISSIPPI BY NON-RESIDENTS BY LICENSE TYPE

TOTAL HARVEST	AVERAGE DAILY KILL	AVERAGE SEASONAL HARVEST	% SUCCESSFUL HUNTERS	TOTAL MANDAYS	AVERAGE SEASONAL DAYS HUNTING	TOTAL HUNTERS	% TOTAL LICENSEES
TYPE 40							
45,343	2.96	14.25	93.1	13,301	4.81	3,182 (364)	19.5
TYPE 41							
1,081	3.37	7.11	89.0	321	2.11	152 (9)	2.0
TYPE 33							
702	2.38	6.27	82.0	296	2.64	112 (11)	3.5
TYPE 34							
1,056	3.30	8.25	75.0	320	2.5	128 (8)	2.0
TOTAL							
48,182				14,238		3,574	

DISTRICT HUNTED MOST

DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT 2	DISTRICT 3	DISTRICT 4	DISTRICT 5	DISTRICT 6
1.0%	11.5%	7.3%	5.0%	66.1%	9.1%

TABLE 14. 1998-99 RACCOON HARVEST IN MISSISSIPPI BY NON-RESIDENTS BY LICENSE TYPE

TOTAL HARVEST	AVERAGE DAILY KILL	AVERAGE SEASONAL HARVEST	% SUCCESSFUL HUNTERS	TOTAL MANDAYS	AVERAGE SEASONAL DAYS HUNTING	TOTAL HUNTERS	% TOTAL LICENSEES
TYPE 40							
661	1.78	3.12	87.5	371	1.75	212 (24)	1.3
TYPE 41							
53	.5	1	100.0	106	2	53 (3)	0.7
TYPE 33							
200	0.58	6.25	75.0	1,376	2.75	32 (4)	1.0
TYPE 34							
26	0.67	2.00	100.0	39	3	13 (1)	0.2
TOTAL							
940				1,892		310	

DISTRICT HUNTED MOST

DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT 2	DISTRICT 3	DISTRICT 4	DISTRICT 5	DISTRICT 6
	32.3%	22.6%		29.0%	16.1%

TABLE 15. 1998 SPRING TURKEY HARVEST IN MISSISSIPPI BY NON-RESIDENTS BY LICENSE TYPE

TOTAL HARVEST	AVERAGE DAILY KILL	AVERAGE SEASONAL HARVEST	% SUCCESSFUL HUNTERS	TOTAL MANDAYS	AVERAGE SEASONAL DAYS HUNTING	TOTAL HUNTERS	% TOTAL LICENSEES
TYPE 40							
1,172	0.08	0.56	34.0	13,144	6.28	2,093 (321)	17.0
TYPE 41							
114	0.27	0.90	60.0	419	3.30	127 (10)	2.3
TOTAL							
1,286				13,563		2,220	

DISTRICT HUNTED MOST

DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT 2	DISTRICT 3	DISTRICT 4	DISTRICT 5	DISTRICT 6
2.1%	11.4%	13.5%	8.1%	59.3%	5.7%

TABLE 16. 1998 FALL TURKEY HARVEST IN MISSISSIPPI BY NON-RESIDENTS BY LICENSE TYPE

TOTAL HARVEST	AVERAGE DAILY KILL	AVERAGE SEASONAL HARVEST	% SUCCESSFUL HUNTERS	TOTAL MANDAYS	AVERAGE SEASONAL DAYS HUNTING	TOTAL HUNTERS	% TOTAL LICENSEES
TYPE 40							
279	0.09	0.34	23.0	1,125	3.63	310 (35)	1.9
TYPE 41							
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL							
279				1,125		310	

DISTRICT HUNTED MOST

DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT 2	DISTRICT 3	DISTRICT 4	DISTRICT 5	DISTRICT 6
	26.5%	17.6%		41.2%	

TABLE 17. 1998-99 DUCK HARVEST IN MISSISSIPPI BY NON-RESIDENTS BY LICENSE TYPE

TOTAL HARVEST	AVERAGE DAILY KILL	AVERAGE SEASONAL HARVEST	% SUCCESSFUL HUNTERS	TOTAL MANDAYS	AVERAGE SEASONAL DAYS HUNTING	TOTAL HUNTERS	% TOTAL LICENSEES
TYPE 40							
Mallard 11,597	1.22	8.88	72.8	9,482	7.26	1,306 (151)	8.0
Wood 2,952	0.31	2.26	49.0				
Other 7,039	0.74	5.39	58.0				
TYPE 41							
Mallard 3,036	1.41	4.07	81.0	2,148	2.8	746 (43)	9.8
Wood 537	0.25	0.72	72.0		8		
Other 1,925	0.89	2.58	56.0				
TYPE 33							
Mallard 33,980	1.42	14.20	87.0	23,786	9.94	2,393 (236)	75.0
Wood 5,049	0.21	2.11	49.0				
Other 21,010	0.88	8.78	72.0				
TYPE 34							
Mallard 22,080	1.49	4.73	83.5	14,564	3.12	4,668 (297)	73.0
Wood 4,621	0.37	0.99	41.0				
Other 17,691	1.19	3.79	78.0				
TOTAL							
131,517				49,980		9,113	

DISTRICT HUNTED MOST

DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT 2	DISTRICT 3	DISTRICT 4	DISTRICT 5	DISTRICT 6
3.8%	35.2%	46.7%	2.6%	9.3%	1.7%

TABLE 18. 1998-99 GOOSE HARVEST IN MISSISSIPPI BY NON-RESIDENTS BY LICENSE TYPE

TOTAL HARVEST	AVERAGE DAILY KILL	AVERAGE SEASONAL HARVEST	% SUCCESSFUL HUNTERS	TOTAL MANDAYS	AVERAGE SEASONAL DAYS HUNTING	TOTAL HUNTERS	% TOTAL LICENSEES
TYPE 40							
1,055	0.85	6.47	79.0	1,236	7.58	163 (19)	1.0
TYPE 41							
104	1.00	1.50	75.0	104	1.5	69 (4)	0.9
TYPE 33							
2,160	0.54	4.26	90.0	4,026	7.94	507 (50)	1.6
TYPE 34							
863	0.54	1.50	72.0	1,581	2.75	575 (36)	9.0
TOTAL							
4,182				6,947		1,314	

DISTRICT HUNTED MOST

DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT 2	DISTRICT 3	DISTRICT 4	DISTRICT 5	DISTRICT 6
3.9%	45.6%	48.5%	1.9%		

TABLE 19. 1998-99 RED FOX HARVEST IN MISSISSIPPI BY NON-RESIDENTS BY LICENSE TYPE

TOTAL HARVEST	AVERAGE DAILY KILL	AVERAGE SEASONAL HARVEST	% SUCCESSFUL HUNTERS	TOTAL MANDAYS	AVERAGE SEASONAL DAYS HUNTING	TOTAL HUNTERS	% TOTAL LICENSEES
TYPE 40							
16	0.22	1.00	50.0	72	4.50	16 (2)	0.1
TYPE 41							
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TYPE 33							
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TYPE 34							
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL							
16				72		16	

DISTRICT HUNTED MOST

DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT 2	DISTRICT 3	DISTRICT 4	DISTRICT 5	DISTRICT 6
			50.0%	50.0%	

TABLE 20. 1998-99 GRAY FOX HARVEST IN MISSISSIPPI BY NON-RESIDENTS BY LICENSE TYPE

TOTAL HARVEST	AVERAGE DAILY KILL	AVERAGE SEASONAL HARVEST	% SUCCESSFUL HUNTERS	TOTAL MANDAYS	AVERAGE SEASONAL DAYS HUNTING	TOTAL HUNTERS	% TOTAL LICENSEES
TYPE 40							
11	0.25	0.66	67.0	43	1.0	16 (3)	0.1
TYPE 41							
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TYPE 33							
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TYPE 34							
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL							
11				43		16	

DISTRICT HUNTED MOST

DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT 2	DISTRICT 3	DISTRICT 4	DISTRICT 5	DISTRICT 6
	33.3%			66.7%	

TABLE 21. 1998-99 BOBCAT HARVEST IN MISSISSIPPI BY NON-RESIDENTS BY LICENSE TYPE

TOTAL HARVEST	AVERAGE DAILY KILL	AVERAGE SEASONAL HARVEST	% SUCCESSFUL HUNTERS	TOTAL MANDAYS	AVERAGE SEASONAL DAYS HUNTING	TOTAL HUNTERS	% TOTAL LICENSEES
TYPE 40							
321	0.21	1.16	87.5	1,532	5.53	277 (32)	1.7
TYPE 41							
15	0.05	0.20	20.0	304	4.00	76 (5)	1.0
TYPE 33							
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TYPE 34							
13	1.00	1.00	100.0	13	1.00	13 (1)	0.2
TOTAL							
349				1,849		366	

DISTRICT HUNTED MOST

DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT 2	DISTRICT 3	DISTRICT 4	DISTRICT 5	DISTRICT 6
2.7%	18.9%	13.5%	8.1%	56.8%	

TABLE 22. 1998-99 COYOTE HARVEST IN MISSISSIPPI BY NON-RESIDENTS BY LICENSE TYPE

TOTAL HARVEST	AVERAGE DAILY KILL	AVERAGE SEASONAL HARVEST	% SUCCESSFUL HUNTERS	TOTAL MANDAYS	AVERAGE SEASONAL DAYS HUNTING	TOTAL HUNTERS	% TOTAL LICENSEES
TYPE 40							
816	0.27	1.39	92.0	3,041	5.18	587 (67)	3.6
TYPE 41							
35	0.15	0.50	50.0	224	3.25	69 (4)	0.9
TYPE 33							
9	1.00	1.00	100.0	9	1	9 (1)	0.3
TYPE 34							
13	0.50	1.00	100.0	26	2.00	13 (1)	0.2
TOTAL							
864				3,291		669	

DISTRICT HUNTED MOST

DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT 2	DISTRICT 3	DISTRICT 4	DISTRICT 5	DISTRICT 6
1.4%	18.3%	19.7%	5.6%	49.3%	5.6%

TABLE 22. 1998-99 COYOTE HARVEST IN MISSISSIPPI BY NON-RESIDENTS BY LICENSE TYPE

TOTAL HARVEST	AVERAGE DAILY KILL	AVERAGE SEASONAL HARVEST	% SUCCESSFUL HUNTERS	TOTAL MANDAYS	AVERAGE SEASONAL DAYS HUNTING	TOTAL HUNTERS	% TOTAL LICENSEES
TYPE 40							
816	0.27	1.39	92.0	3,041	5.18	587 (67)	3.6
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35	0.15	0.50	50.0	224	3.25	69 (4)	0.9
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9	1.00	1.00	100.0	9	1	9 (1)	0.3
TYPE 34							
13	0.50	1.00	100.0	26	2.00	13 (1)	0.2
TOTAL							
864				3,291		669	

DISTRICT HUNTED MOST

DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT 2	DISTRICT 3	DISTRICT 4	DISTRICT 5	DISTRICT 6
1.4%	18.3%	19.7%	5.6%	49.3%	5.6%

TABLE 23. SUMMARY OF RESPONSES TO ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

## 1. Why do you hunt in Mississippi? Choose the ONE best answer.

5.6	170	Prefer the season framework here
61.5	1855	To hunt with friends/family
11.9	359	More successful hunting here
12.5	378	Better wildlife populations
8.4	254	No response

## 5. Do you deer hunt on public land in Mississippi?

9.3	280	Yes
88.3	2664	No
2.4	72	No response

If not, why? How important are these factors in deciding not to hunt public land. Circle one number beside each phrase with 1=Very important (VI), 2=Important (I), 3=Neutral (N), 4=Not important, 5=Not very important (NVI)

## Too far to public land

5.2	157	Very important
4.2	128	Important
21.9	661	Neutral
11.7	353	Not important
30.4	918	Not very important
26.5	799	No response

## Management areas too dangerous

23.0	695	Very important
14.3	432	Important
18.8	566	Neutral
5.2	158	Not important
14.3	431	Not very important
24.3	734	No response

## Joined a club

30.3	914	Very important
7.0	210	Important
15.5	466	Neutral
5.4	163	Not important
17.6	531	Not very important
24.3	732	No response

## Too many restrictions

8.0	241	Very important
7.5	226	Important
26.4	795	Neutral
9.4	285	Not important
22.1	666	Not very important
26.6	803	No response

No designated stands

12.9	388	Very important
9.0	270	Important
20.6	621	Neutral
8.8	265	Not important
22.4	677	Not very important
26.4	795	No response

Cannot harvest antlerless deer

14.3	432	Very important
7.2	218	Important
19.4	585	Neutral
8.2	248	Not important
24.7	745	Not very important
26.1	788	No response

4. Would you be more likely to hunt on wildlife management areas if you could harvest an antlerless deer through special hunts?

17.0	512	Much more likely
12.1	364	Somewhat likely
16.2	490	Same
38.7	1167	Not likely
8.5	255	Don't know
7.6	228	No response

5. Would you be more likely to hunt on wildlife management areas if you could harvest an antlerless deer during archery and primitive weapon seasons?

18.9	571	Much more likely
10.4	315	Somewhat likely
13.8	415	Same
40.9	1234	Not likely
8.6	260	Don't know
7.3	221	No response

6. How do you feel about a tagging system for all deer killed in Mississippi?

25.1	758	Strongly approve
9.2	277	Mildly approve
29.4	887	Neither approve nor disapprove
6.9	208	Mildly disapprove
12.2	369	Strongly disapprove
10.8	326	Don't know
6.3	191	No response

If you support a tagging system, would you be willing to pay an additional \$10 to implement this program?

14.3	432	Strongly approve
6.1	185	Mildly approve
14.6	441	Neither approve nor disapprove
6.7	202	Mildly disapprove
33.3	1005	Strongly disapprove
9.2	278	Don't know
15.7	473	No response

6. How do you feel about a tagging system for all turkeys killed in Mississippi?

22.5	678	Strongly approve
6.5	196	Mildly approve
29.9	903	Neither approve nor disapprove
4.5	135	Mildly disapprove
11.6	349	Strongly disapprove
18.7	564	Don't know
6.3	191	No response

If you support a tagging system, would you be willing to pay an additional \$10 to implement this program?

13.3	402	Strongly approve
5.1	153	Mildly approve
17.8	537	Neither approve nor disapprove
6.0	182	Mildly disapprove
31.3	943	Strongly disapprove
10.7	322	Don't know
1.7	50	Don't understand
14.2	427	No response

8. How many years have you hunted in Mississippi?

Average 10.5 years

9. How many years have you purchased a license?

Average 10.0 years

10. If you hunted in Mississippi last year without a license, why did you buy one this year?

1.8	54	Increased law enforcement effort
0.5	15	Just turned sixteen years of age
97.9	2947	No response

11. Were you checked by a Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks conservation officer during the 1998-99 hunting season?

19.6	592	Yes
79.1	2387	No
1.2	37	No response

12. Did you buy a license to hunt deer and/or turkey in the 1997-98 hunting season?

66.5	2007	Yes
31.6	953	No
1.9	56	No response

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13. Age

Average 44.3 years

14. Sex

97.0	2925	Male
2.1	63	Female
0.9	28	No response

14. Race

1.1	33	African American
97.3	2935	White
0.2	5	Hispanic
0.1	4	American Indian
0.1	2	Asian
0.1	2	Other
1.2	35	No response



# 1998-99 Mississippi Hunter Questionnaire Non-Residents

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A. Please fill in the blocks below for each game species you hunted during the 1998-99 hunting season (even if you were unsuccessful). If you hunted more than one kind of game on a particular day, count a day for each type of game you hunted. Report only game taken by you. Your answers will be kept confidential. Please answer the questions in part B., whether you hunted or not.

Species	Total Kill	Total Days Hunted	District Hunted Most
1 Dove			
2 Quail			
3 Woodcock			
4 Rabbit			
5 Squirrel			
6 Raccoon			
	Bucks Does		
7 Deer (archery)			
8 Deer (prim. weap.)			
9 Deer (gun)			
10 Turkey (Spring 98)			
11 Turkey (Fall 98)			
	Mallard Wood Other		
12 Ducks			
13 Geese			
14 Red Fox			
15 Gray Fox			
16 Bobcat			
17 Coyote			

Determine DISTRICT HUNTED MOST from map.

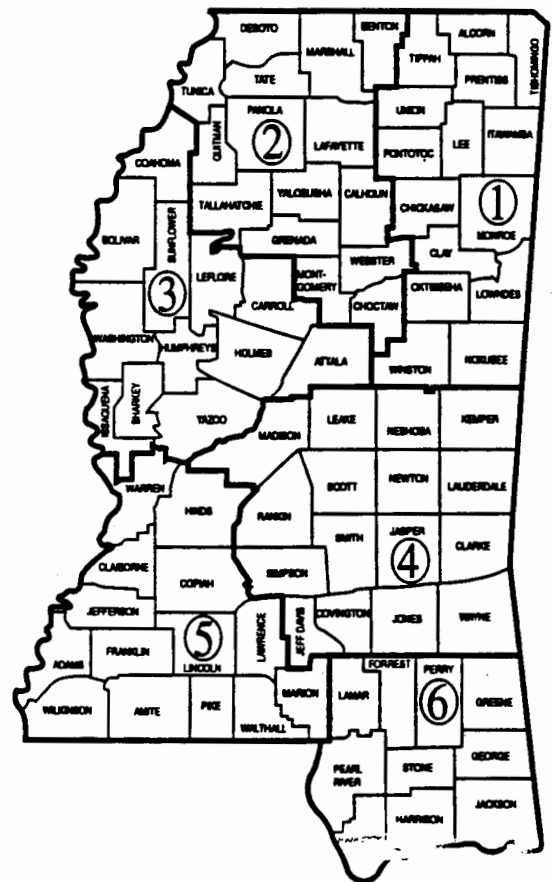


FIGURE 1. QUESTIONNAIRE USED FOR THE 1998-99 MAIL SURVEY OF NON-RESIDENT GAME HARVEST AND HUNTER EFFORT IN MISSISSIPPI

B.1. Why do you hunt in Mississippi? Choose the ONE best answer.

- ☐ Prefer the season framework here
- ☐ To hunt with friends/family
- ☐ More successful hunting here
- ☐ Better wildlife populations

2. Do you deer hunt on public land in Mississippi?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

3. If not, how important are these factors in deciding not to hunt public land. Circle one number beside each phrase with 1=Very important (VI), 2=Important (I), 3=Neutral (N), 4=Not important, 5=Not very important (NVI).

	VI	I	N	NI	NVI
Too far to public land	1	2	3	4	5
Management areas too dangerous	1	2	3	4	5
Joined a club	1	2	3	4	5
Too many restrictions	1	2	3	4	5
No designated stands	1	2	3	4	5
Cannot harvest antlerless deer	1	2	3	4	5

4. Would you be more likely to hunt on wildlife management areas if you could harvest an antlerless deer through special hunts?

- ☐ Much more likely
- ☐ Somewhat likely
- ☐ Same
- ☐ Not likely
- ☐ Don't know

5. Would you be more likely to hunt on wildlife management areas if you could harvest an antlerless deer during archery and primitive weapon seasons?

- ☐ Much more likely
- ☐ Somewhat likely
- ☐ Same
- ☐ Not likely
- ☐ Don't know

6. How do you feel about a tagging system for all deer killed in Mississippi?

- ☐ Strongly approve
- ☐ Mildly approve
- ☐ Neither approve nor disapprove
- ☐ Mildly disapprove
- ☐ Strongly disapprove
- ☐ Don't know

If you support a tagging system, would you be willing to pay an additional \$10.00 to implement this program?

- ☐ Strongly approve
- ☐ Mildly approve
- ☐ Neither approve nor disapprove
- ☐ Mildly disapprove
- ☐ Strongly disapprove
- ☐ Don't know

7. How do you feel about a tagging system for all turkeys killed in Mississippi?

- ☐ Strongly approve
- ☐ Mildly approve
- ☐ Neither approve nor disapprove
- ☐ Mildly disapprove
- ☐ Strongly disapprove
- ☐ Don't know

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If you support a tagging system, would you be willing to pay an additional \$10.00 to implement this program?

- ☐ Strongly approve
- ☐ Mildly approve
- ☐ Neither approve nor disapprove
- ☐ Mildly disapprove
- ☐ Strongly disapprove
- ☐ Don't know
- ☐ Don't Understand

8. How many years have you hunted in Mississippi? \_\_\_\_\_ Years
9. How many years have you purchased a license? \_\_\_\_\_ Years
10. If you hunted in Mississippi last year without a license, why did you buy one this year?
- ☐ Increased law enforcement effort
  - ☐ Just turned 16 years of age
11. Were you checked by a Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks conservation officer during the 1998-99 hunting season?
- ☐ Yes
  - ☐ No
12. Did you buy a license to hunt deer and/or turkey in the 1997-98 hunting season?
- ☐ Yes
  - ☐ No

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13. Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Years
14. Sex:    ☐ Male        ☐ Female
15. Race:    ☐ African American    ☐ White        ☐ Hispan...
- ☐ American Indian        ☐ Asian        ☐ Other