



# MWFP FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER



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## UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

AUGUST 19, 2009  
TBD

NOVEMBER 11, 2009  
TBD

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### North Mississippi Fish Hatchery

The ribbon cutting for the North Mississippi Fish Hatchery was on April 8, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. Mr. Bob Tyler, consultant to the department of MDWFP, gave the keynote speech for the grand opening of the North Mississippi Fish Hatchery. Indeed it was grand with an outstanding attendance of over 300 people visiting the long anticipated opening of the fish hatchery. On May 20, 2009 the Board of Directors for the Mississippi Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks Foundation held a board meeting at the new hatchery, took photos and toured the hatchery with the students of Water Valley, MS.



### Black Bear Update

Mississippi black bear research continues to grow. The Department and The Foundation support the tracking and monitoring of twenty radio collared black bears throughout Mississippi. Information gained from research assists biologists in management of the species as the population grows. We currently work in conjunction with Mississippi State University to capture and radio collar black bears in Mississippi.



### Pascagoula River Fish Restoration

The third phase for the Pascagoula River Fish Restoration has begun. In April MDWFP picked up 20,000 Florida largemouth bass from the North Mississippi Fish Hatchery. These bass are around 4 to 5 inches right now and are expected to grow to 10 to 12 inches. The MDWFP recently picked up a large load of fathead minnow from Arkansas to feed the bass with. The fish are said to be doing fine even through this hot summer heat.

### Satterwhite Program- Success

The only thing required to receive world class shotgun instruction is a phone call. But to get in one of these four time National shotgun champions classes you better call early. John Satterwhite's classes are offered free of charge through the MDWFP at the Turcotte Shooting Range in Canton, Mississippi. When asked, "What contributes to the success of this class?" Satterwhite said, "He enjoyed working with the public on marksmanship and the beautiful facility lent itself so well to marksmanship education. It's a win-win situation for everyone." To-date over 200 individuals have taken advantage of this opportunity.



### Mississippi Archery in Schools

As no surprise the tireless efforts of Waldo Cleland are once again showing what an "army of one" can do. The Harrison County School Board has recently approved \$98,000.00 to place archery in 22 schools. This brings our statewide total to over 150 public and private schools in the program. Help spread the word to your area educators as to the benefits of this great program.

## 2009-2010 MWFP Foundation Projects

MS Archery in Schools

Pascagoula River Fish Restocking  
(Partnered with MS Power Foundation)

North MS Fish Hatchery

Howard Miller WMA  
Educational & Technical Center

Black Bear Radio Tracking

Whitetail Deer Research Program



### Carley Baker On Board June 8th as Deputy Director

The Mississippi Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks Foundation is pleased to announce Jackson resident Carley Baker as the new deputy director. Baker, a Mississippi State University graduate, grew up dove and duck hunting with her father in Warren County. With a passion for wildlife and the outdoors, Carley's role with the Foundation is a natural fit. "This is a natural progression for me to be working with wildlife and the outdoors," she said. "This is what I love and I'm excited about the challenge and the opportunity."

As deputy director, she will be involved with the Foundation's fundraising efforts along with research and other Foundation projects.

