

Mississippi

[Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce](#)

The Mississippi Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce has the authority to make rules and regulations listing the insect pests, diseases and noxious weeds that the introduction to or the dissemination within this state should be prevented to safeguard the environment, agricultural and horticultural production, and the plants and plant products of this state, together with the plants and plant products and other things likely to become infested or infected with such insect pests, diseases and noxious weeds. Every such insect pest, disease and noxious weed listed, and every plant and plant product and other thing infected therewith, is hereby declared to be a public nuisance.

[Mississippi Department of Marine Resources](#)

The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources is authorized to take actions necessary to help protect, conserve and revitalize seafood life in the State.

[Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality and Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks](#)

The roll of the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality and Mississippi Department of Wildlife Fisheries and Parks is to conserve, manage, develop and protect our natural resources and wildlife for the benefit of this and succeeding generations.

	Provision Summary	Citation
Invasive Plants and Animals	All nonnative aquatic plants and animals require a permit.	Miss. Code § 79-22-9
	List of deleterious species (plants and animals) compiled by the Department of Agriculture and Commerce. No person shall import, sell, possess, transport, release or cause to be released into the waters of the state any listed species or hybrids thereof.	2 Miss. Admin Code Pt. 1, Subpt 4, Ch. 11, § 104
Invasive Plants	Every person who has knowledge of any pest, disease, weed, shall immediately report to commissioner or an inspector of the Department of Agriculture.	Miss. Code § 69-25-9
Invasive Animals	No person shall release or cause to be released into any public waters any aquatic species without a permit. No person shall release any animal not indigenous to Mississippi.	Miss. Code § 49-7-80

Use of Bait (unrelated to commercial licensing)	Non-native species of shrimp are strictly prohibited from being used as live bait in the marine waters of the State of Mississippi.	22 Miss. Admin. Code Pt. 6, ch.08, § 100
	Licensed commercial fishers may sell the following as bait: golden shiners, fathead minnows, goldfish, emerald shiner, and mosquitofish.	40 Miss. Admin. Code Pt. 3, R. 3.1.C.1
	Minnows, non-game fish, or nonnative fish harvested from public waters may not be taken outside the state for sale.	40 Miss. Admin. Code Pt. 3, R. 3.1.G.4