

Arkansas Game and Fish Commission

Wildlife Management Division

November 15, 2001

Steve N. Wilson/Raft Creek WMA Emergency Proclamation Closure

Presented by Donny Harris, Chief

At the October Commission meeting the Wildlife Division recommended the emergency closure of all hunting seasons and limited public access on the Steve N. Wilson/Raft Creek WMA for public safety reasons due to ongoing development and restoration activities. The Commission approved an emergency closure proclamation.

In compliance with the Arkansas Administrative Procedures Act the necessary code changes are presented in order to ratify the Commission's emergency closure.

Donny Harris, Chief
Wildlife Management Division

Proposed Code Changes

(November 15, 2001 Commission Meeting)

Proposed Changes are in Red Ink

(due to Emergency Proclamation)

Proposed New Code

20.34 **SEASON RESTRICTIONS ON STEVE N. WILSON/RAFT CREEK**
11-01 **BOTTOMS WMA.** It shall be unlawful to hunt on the STEVE N.
WILSON/RAFT CREEK BOTTOMS WMA for the 2001-2002 season.
PENALTY: \$100.00 to \$1,000.00

Proposed Change

21.06 **ARCHERY/CROSSBOW SEASON RESTRICTED ON CERTAIN**
11-01 **WMAs.** It shall be unlawful to take or attempt to take deer with archery/crossbow
tackle on the following WMAs other than as specified herein:

- (A) October 1, 2001-January 31, 2002 within BIG LAKE WMA, DAVE DONALDSON/BLACK RIVER WMA, EARL BUSS/BAYOU DEVIEW, FELSENTHAL NWR, OVERFLOW NWR, POND CREEK NWR, ROBERT L. HANKINS/MUD CREEK RANCH WDA and ST. FRANCIS SUNKEN LANDS WMA, SHIREY BAY-RAINEY BRAKE WMA, W. E. BREWER/SCATTER CREEK WMA and WHITE RIVER NWR (North Unit).
- (B) October 1-November 10, 2001 within GENE RUSH WMA.
- (C) October 1-31, 2001 and February 1-28, 2002, within JOHNSON COUNTY, HORSEHEAD CREEK and CARBON CITY WATERFOWL REST AREAS on DARDANELLE WMA.
- (D) October 1-31, 2001 within HENRY MOORE WATERFOWL REST AREA on SULPHUR RIVER WMA, RED SLOUGH WRA on BOIS D'ARC WMA.
- (E) October 1-December 31, 2001 within WHITE RIVER NWR (South Unit).
- (F) October 1-November 4, 2001 and November 10-December 9, 2001 within RICK EVANS/GRANDVIEW PRAIRIE WMA. Permit required for both hunts.
- (G) Archery/Crossbow season closed on BREWER LAKE/CYPRESS CREEK WMA and WAPANOCCA NWR.
- (H) November 1-December 31, 2001 within BIG LAKE NWR.
- (I) October 1, 2001-February 28, 2002 within BALD KNOB, CACHE RIVER NWR, ST. FRANCIS FOREST WMA and ~~STEVE N. WILSON/RAFT CREEK WMA.~~
- (J) October 1-November 30, 2001 within HOLLA BEND NWR, WEDINGTON.

PENALTY: \$100.00 to \$1,000.00.

Proposed Change

25.10

05-01/11-01

NON-RESIDENT WATERFOWL HUNTING PERMIT

REQUIREMENTS ON CERTAIN WMAS. It shall be unlawful for non-resident hunters to hunt waterfowl on BAYOU METO, BELL SLOUGH, BERYL ANTHONY/LOWER OUACHITA, BIG LAKE, BOIS D'ARC, CUT-OFF CREEK, DAGMAR, DAVE DONALDSON/BLACK RIVER, EARL BUSS/BAYOU DEVIEW, ED GORDON/POINT REMOVE, GALLA CREEK, HARRIS BRAKE, HENRY GRAY/HURRICANE LAKE, HOLLAND BOTTOMS, NIMROD, PETIT JEAN RIVER, REX HANCOCK/BLACK SWAMP, SEVEN DEVILS, ST. FRANCIS SUNKEN LANDS, SHIREY BAY/RAINEY BRAKE, ~~STEVE N. WILSON/RAFT CREEK~~, SULPHUR RIVER, and TRUSTEN HOLDER WMAS without first obtaining a Non-resident Wildlife Management Area Waterfowl Hunting Permit for each area hunted by the non-resident hunter. This permit is in addition to hunting and/or guide license requirements as stated in Section 03.00 Licenses. This permit must be in possession while hunting on these Wildlife Management Areas.

PENALTY: \$100.00 to \$1,000.00

ARKANSAS GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

Little Rock, Arkansas

MINUTE ORDER NO: _____

SUBJECT: Steve N. Wilson/Raft Creek
Bottoms WMA Closure

DATE PASSED: November 15, 2001

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LOCATION: Steve N. Wilson/Raft Creek
Bottoms WMA

WHEREAS, the Steve N. Wilson/Raft Creek Bottoms WMA is in a development and restoration phase; boating access, levee construction, boundary development, installation of water control structures, road building and habitat restoration efforts are presently underway; and

WHEREAS, all hunting seasons need to be closed in order to prevent imminent peril to the public safety, health and welfare of all hunters as well as contractors; and

WHEREAS, the Commission closed the Steve N. Wilson/Raft Creek Bottoms WMA by emergency proclamation at its regular October 2001 meeting; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that this emergency proclamation be ratified to comply with the Arkansas Administrative Procedures Act; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed code will ratify the emergency closure approved at the October meeting,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission approves the proposed code 20.34 and revisions to codes 21.06 and 25.10.

STAFF APPROVAL

COMMISSION APPROVAL

Submitted by: _____

Donny Harris

Chairman

Commissioner

Division: _____

Wildlife

Vice Chairman

Commissioner

Approved: _____

Director

Commissioner

Commissioner

Approved: _____

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DEPARTMENT ARKANSAS GAME & FISH COMMISSION
 DIVISION WMD
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FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

To comply with Act 1104 of 1995, please complete the following Financial Impact Statement and file with the questionnaire and proposed rules.

SHORT TITLE OF THIS RULE Steve N. Wilson/Raft Creek Bottoms WMA Closure

1. Does this proposed, amended, or repealed rule or regulation have a financial impact?
 Yes: No:

2. If you believe that the development of a financial impact statement is so speculative as to be cost prohibited, please explain:

3. If the purpose of this rule or regulation is to implement a federal rule or regulation, please give the incremental cost for implementing the regulation.

<u>1999-2000 Fiscal Year</u>	<u>2000-01 Fiscal Year</u>
General Revenue _____	General Revenue _____
Federal Funds _____	Federal Funds _____
Cash Funds _____	Cash Funds _____
Special Revenue _____	Special Revenue _____
Other _____	Other _____
Total _____	Total _____

4. What is the total estimated cost by fiscal year to any party subject to the proposed, amended, or repealed rule or regulation?

1999-2000 Fiscal Year

2000-01 Fiscal Year

5. What is the total estimated cost by fiscal year to the agency to implement this regulation?

1999-2000 Fiscal Year

2000-01 Fiscal Year

2002 Spring Turkey Season and Code Approval

Proposed Changes - Red Ink

Calendar Modifications - Pink Ink

Clarifications - Blue Ink

No Change

02.04 WILD TURKEY SEASONS (2001-2002). It shall be unlawful to take

10-01 or attempt to take wild turkey other than during the open seasons as specified herein:

2002 Spring Wild Turkey Firearms, Archery/Crossbow Season:

April 1 – May 5, 2002 in Spring Turkey Zone 1 and **17.**

April 1 - April 14, 2002 in Spring Turkey Zone 2.

Closed in Spring Turkey Zone 3

~~March 30 – May 5, 2002 in Spring Turkey Zone 17.~~

EXCEPTION:

- (1) Reference Code 23.01 (Certain WMAs and WDAs Closed to Spring Turkey Hunting) and 23.02 (Turkey Season Restrictions on Certain WMAs.)

2001-2002 Fall Wild Turkey Archery/Crossbow Season:

October 1, 2001 – February 28, 2002 in Fall

Archery/Crossbow-Zone. Either-sex.

EXCEPTION:

- (1) Reference Code 23.03 (Certain WMAs Closed for Fall Archery/Crossbow Turkey Season) and 23.04 (Fall Archery/Crossbow Season Restrictions on Certain WMAs.)

2001 Fall Wild Turkey Firearms Season:

October 10-16, 2001 in Fall Firearms Turkey Zone. Either-

sex.

EXCEPTION:

- (1) Reference Code 23.05 (Certain WMAs and WDAs Closed for Fall Firearms Turkey Season)

PENALTY: \$200.00 to \$1,000.00.

No Change

02.12 GAME ANIMAL DAILY BAG LIMIT AND POSSESSION

10-01 **RESTRICTIONS.** It shall be unlawful to take or attempt to take more than the daily bag limit of any game species set forth by the Commission as specified herein: (Ref: Section 01.00-C Bag Limit). The possession limit shall not exceed two (2) daily bag limits or as otherwise specified herein:

(A) Deer:

- (1) Individual seasonal limit of four (4) deer, no more than two of which may be legal bucks.

- (2) Individual limit of one (1) deer with modern gun for holders of Resident Wildlife Conservation License (HNT).
 - (3) Deer camp antlerless tags do not apply toward an individual annual bag limit.
 - (B) Quail:
Daily bag limit 6, Possession limit 12.
 - (C) Rabbit:
Daily bag limit 8, Possession limit 16.
 - (D) Raccoon:
No daily bag limit.
 - (E) Squirrel:
Daily bag limit 8, Possession limit 16.
 - (F) Wild Turkey:
2002 Spring Gun - Archery/Crossbow:
Individual limit of two (2) gobblers or bearded turkeys for spring season in Spring Turkey Zones 1 and 17; one (1) gobbler or bearded turkey in spring Turkey Zone 2. No more than one legal turkey may be taken per day, no more than one jake (sub-adult male) may be taken per season, and no more than two legal turkeys may be taken during the spring season in any combination of zones.
2001-2002 Fall Archery/Crossbow:
Individual limit of one (1) either-sex wild turkey in Fall Archery/Crossbow Turkey Zone.
2001-2002 Fall Firearms:
Individual limit of one (1) either-sex wild turkey in the Fall Firearms Turkey Zone.
 - (G) Bear:
Individual annual limit of one (1) bear.
 - (H) Elk:
Individual limit of one (1) elk by permit only.
- PENALTY:** \$150.00 to \$1,000.00.

Proposed Change

05.03 TURKEY MANAGEMENT ZONE DESCRIPTION.

10-01 **SPRING TURKEY ZONE 1:** The following counties or parts of counties - Arkansas (south and east of U. S. 79), Ashley, Baxter, Benton, Boone, Bradley, Calhoun, Carroll, Chicot (except Deer/Turkey Zone 17), Clark, Clay (the Crowley's Ridge portion of the county bounded on the west by Hwy. 139 from the Missouri line to Pollard, U. S. 62 from Pollard to McDougal, and Hwy. 141 from McDougal to the Greene County line, and bounded on the east by U. S. 62 from the Missouri line to Piggot and U. S. 49 from Piggot to the Greene County line), Cleburne, Cleveland, Columbia, Conway, Craighead (the north-central portion of the county bounded by U. S. 63 from the Lawrence County line near Sedgwick to Jonesboro and U. S. 49 from Jonesboro to the Greene County line), Crawford, Crittenden (south of I-40, except Deer/Turkey Zone 17), Dallas, Desha (except Deer/Turkey Zone 17), Drew, Faulkner, Franklin, Fulton, Garland, Grant, Greene (the

Crowley's Ridge portion of the county bounded by Hwy. 141 from the Clay County line to the vicinity of Stanford, U. S. 412 from the vicinity of Stanford to Light and Hwy. 228 from Light to the Lawrence County line, and on the east by U. S. 49), Hempstead (the portion of the county east of Hwy. 29 from the Lafayette County line to Blevins and north of U. S. 371 from Blevins to the Howard County line), Hot Spring, Howard (north of U. S. 371), Independence (west of Black River), IZARD, Jackson (the extreme western part of the county, west of Hwy. 367), Jefferson (the entire county except the northeast portion bounded by Hwy. 15 and U. S. 79), Johnson, Lafayette (east of Hwy. 29), Lawrence (west of Black River and the area in the east-central part of the county near Sedgwick bounded by Hwy. 228 and U. S. 63), Lee (the eastern part of the county east of Hwy. 1 from the Phillips County line to Marianna and U. S. 79 from Marianna to the St. Francis County line, excluding Deer/Turkey Zone 17), Lincoln, Logan, Lonoke (the southwest part of the county southwest of U.S. 165 from the Pulaski County line to England and Arkansas 15 from England to the Jefferson County line, and the northwest part of the county northwest of U. S. 67), Madison, Marion, Monroe (south of U. S. 79 and U. S. 49 from the Prairie County line to the Phillips County line), Montgomery, Nevada, Newton, Ouachita, Perry, Phillips (the entire county except the northwest portion bounded by U. S. 49 from the Monroe County line to Walnut Corner and Hwy. 1 from Walnut Corner to the Lee County line, excluding Deer/Turkey Zone 17), Pike, Polk, Pope, Prairie (the part of the county south of U. S. 79), Pulaski (the entire county with the exception of the east central part bounded by U. S. 67 and U. S. 165), Randolph (west of Current River), St. Francis (the southeast part of the county southeast of U. S. 79), Saline, Scott, Searcy, Sebastian, Sevier (north of U. S. 371 from the Howard County line to Lockesburg, U. S. 71 from Lockesburg to DeQueen and U. S. 70 from DeQueen to the Oklahoma line), Sharp, Stone, Union, Van Buren, Washington, White (the portion of the county west of U.S. 67), and Yell counties.

SPRING TURKEY ZONE 2: Arkansas (the part of the county north and west of U.S. 79), Clay (the western portion of the county bounded by Hwy. 139 from the Missouri line to Pollard, U. S. 62 from Pollard to McDougal, and Hwy. 141 from McDougal to the Greene County line, and the eastern portion of the county bounded by U. S. 62 from the Missouri line to Piggot and U. S. 49 from Piggot to the Greene County line), Craighead (the portion of the county south and west of U. S. 63 from the Lawrence County line to Jonesboro and south and east of U. S. 49 from Jonesboro to the Greene County line), Cross (the Crowley's Ridge portion of the county bounded on the west by the Languille River and on the east by the St. Francis River), Greene (the western portion of the county bounded by Hwy. 141 from the Clay County line to the vicinity of Stanford, U. S. 412 from the vicinity of Stanford to Light and Hwy. 228 from Light to the Lawrence County line, and the eastern portion of the county bounded by U. S. 49), Hempstead (the portion of the county west of Hwy 29 from the Lafayette County line to Blevins and south of U. S. 371 from Blevins to the Howard County line, ~~except for the Zone 3 (closed) area in the west-central portion of the county bounded by Hwys. 73, 195, 278, 332, and County Road 35N~~),

Howard (south of U. S. 371), Jackson (all portions of the county, except the extreme western portion bounded by Hwy 367, and the extreme southeastern portion bounded by Hwys. 17 and 14), Jefferson (the northeastern part of the county bounded by Hwy. 15 and U.S. 79), Lafayette (west of Hwy. 29), Lawrence (east of Black River, except the small area near Sedgewick bounded by Hwy. 228 and U. S. 63), Lee (the western portion of the county, west of Hwy. 1 from the Phillips County line to Marianna and west of U. S. 79 from Marianna to the St. Francis County line), Little River, Lonoke (entire county except the extreme northwest part bounded by U.S. 67-167 and the extreme southwest part bounded by U.S. 165 and Arkansas 15), Miller (~~entire county except the closed area (Zone 3) bounded by U. S. 71, Hwys. 134 and Hwy. 196~~), Monroe (north of U. S. 79 and U. S. 49 from the Prairie County line to the Phillips County line, except for the extreme northeast portion of the county bounded by Hwy. 17 and I-40), Phillips (the northwest part of the county bounded by U.S. 49 from the Monroe County line to Walnut Corner and Hwy. 1 from Walnut Corner to the Lee County line), Poinsett, Prairie (the part of the county north of U. S. 79), Pulaski (the east-central portion of the county bounded by U. S. 67 and U. S. 165), Randolph (east of Current River), St. Francis (the entire county except the southeast part bounded by U. S. 79, and the northeast part bounded by the Languille River and I-40), Sevier (south of U. S. 371 from the Howard County line to Lockesburg, U. S. 71 from Lockesburg to DeQueen and U. S. 70 from DeQueen to the Oklahoma line), White (the southeast portion of the county south and east of U.S. 67), and Woodruff (west of Hwy. 17) counties.

SPRING TURKEY ZONE 3: Crittenden (north of I-40, excluding Deer/Turkey Zone 17), Cross (the portions of the county west of Languille River and east of the St. Francis River), ~~Hempstead (the portion of the county in and around Rick Evans/Grandview Prairie WMA bounded by Hwys. 73, 195, 278, 332, and County Road 35N)~~, Independence (east of Black River), Jackson (the southeastern portion of the county bounded by Hwys. 17 and 14), Jefferson (the White Bluff properties of Entergy Corporation), ~~Miller (the portion of the county bounded by U. S. 71, Hwy. 134 and Hwy. 196)~~, Mississippi (except Deer/Turkey Zone 17), Monroe (the extreme northeastern part of the county bounded by Hwy. 17 and I-40), St. Francis (the northwest part of the county bounded by the Languille River and I-40), and Woodruff (east of Hwy. 17) counties.

SPRING TURKEY ZONE 17: Same as Deer Zone 17.

FALL FIREARMS TURKEY ZONE: Start at the northwest corner of Arkansas; south on the Arkansas-Oklahoma state line to junction of U.S. Hwy. 70; east on U.S. Hwy. 70 to U.S. Hwy. 278 at Dierks; south on Hwy. 278 to Hwy. 26; east on Hwy. 26 to Hwy. 51; east on Hwy. 51 to I-30; northeast on I-30 to I-40; east on I-40 to U.S. Hwy. 67; northeast on U.S. Hwy. 67 to Hwy. 14 junction; west on Hwy. 14 to Newport; northwest on the White River to the Black River; northeast on the Black River to the Current River; northeast on the Current River to Arkansas-Missouri state line; west on Arkansas-Missouri state line to northwest corner of Arkansas.

FALL ARCHERY/CROSSBOW ZONE: Arkansas, Ashley, Baxter, Benton, Boone, Bradley, Calhoun, Carroll, Chicot, Clark, Clay, Cleburne, Cleveland, Columbia, Conway, Craighead, Crawford, Crittenden (all areas south of I-40 and east of the Mississippi River Levee), Cross (all of the county, except the western part bounded by the Languille River and the eastern part bounded by the St. Francis River), Dallas, Desha, Drew, Faulkner, Franklin, Fulton, Garland, Grant, Greene, Hempstead, Hot Spring, Howard, Independence, Izard, Jackson (the entire county, except the southeast portion bounded by Hwys. 17 and 14), Jefferson), Johnson, Lafayette, Lawrence, Lee, Lincoln, Little River, Logan, Lonoke, Madison, Marion, Miller, Mississippi (east of the Mississippi River Levee), Monroe (the entire county, except the extreme northeast part of the county, bounded by Hwys 17 and I-40), Montgomery, Nevada, Newton, Ouachita, Perry, Phillips, Pike, Poinsett, Polk, Pope, Prairie, Pulaski, Randolph, St. Francis (the entire county, except the northwest part bounded by the Languille River and I-40), Saline, Scott, Searcy, Sebastian, Sevier, Sharp, Stone, Union, Van Buren, Washington, White, Woodfuff (west of Hwy 17) and Yell counties.

Proposed Change

23.02 **SPRING TURKEY SEASON RESTRICTIONS ON CERTAIN WMAS.** It shall be unlawful to take or attempt to take turkeys during the spring turkey season on the following WMA's other than as specified herein:
10-01

QUOTA PERMIT HUNTS: Permit required. Only permit holders will be allowed to engage in any hunting-related activities on areas where a permit is required during quota permit hunts. Limit – one (1) legal turkey. Turkeys must be checked at designated check stations. Other specific regulations are listed below:

- (1) Spring turkey season [April 1-3](#) and [April 5-7, 2002](#) on BOIS D'ARC WMA. Ten (10) permits per hunt. BOIS D'ARC WMA will be divided into two compartments for these hunts. Permit holders with odd numbered permits will hunt the West compartment, while permit holders with even numbered permits will hunt the East compartment.
- (2) Spring turkey season on CAMP ROBINSON/BELL SLOUGH WMA's. Three 3-day hunts: Dates to be announced by National Guard at a later date. Fifty (50) permits per hunt. Permit holders must also possess a "To Hold Harmless" brochure issued by the National Guard. All areas south of Declination Road and east of Cato Road, south of the pipeline and west of Cato Road, the impact area and the drop zone are closed.
- (3) Spring turkey season [April 3-5 and April 10-12, 2001](#) [April 9-11, April 16-18, and April 23-25, 2002](#) on CUT-OFF CREEK WMA. Twenty-five (25) permits per hunt. Hunting to end at 1:00 p.m. daily on permit hunts.
- (4) Spring turkey season [April 11-13](#) and [April 18-20, 2002](#) on FELSENTHAL NWR and BERYL ANTHONY/LOWER OUACHITA WMA. Fifty (50) permits per hunt. Permit is good on either WMA or NWR lands. Permits available from Felsenthal NWR,

P. O. Box 1157, Crossett, AR 71635. Current signed Refuge hunt brochure also required when hunting on Refuge lands.

- (5) Spring turkey season [April 1-3, April 6-8, April 13-15, April 20-22, and April 27-29, 2002](#) on HAROLD E. ALEXANDER WMA. Thirty (30) permits per hunt.
- (6) Spring turkey season [April 13-15, 2002](#) on HOLLAND BOTTOMS WMA. Fifteen (15) permits per hunt.
- (7) Spring turkey season [April 1-3, 2002](#) on LAFAYETTE COUNTY WMA. Fifty (50) permits. Permittee's must possess the Lafayette County WMA Leased Land Permit (LLC) to participate in this hunt.
- (8) Spring turkey season [April 1-3](#) and [April 12-14, 2002](#) on REX HANCOCK/BLACK SWAMP WMA and CACHE RIVER NWR (all Refuge lands within an area bounded by **U.S. 64 Hwy 17** on North, Hwy. 17 on East, Hwy. 38 on South, and Hwy. 33 on West). ~~Fifteen (15)~~ **Twenty (20)** permits. Permit is good on either WMA or NWR lands. Current signed Refuge hunt brochure is also required on NWR lands.
- (9) Spring turkey season [April 1-3, April 6-8, April 13-15, and April 20-22, 2002](#) on SHIREY BAY/RAINEY BRAKE WMA. Thirty (30) permits per hunt.
- (10) Spring turkey season [April 1-3 and April 5-7, 2002](#) on SULPHUR RIVER WMA. Forty (40) permits per hunt.

PRE-SEASON SPECIAL YOUTH PERMIT HUNTS: Special youth hunts will be held on the Wildlife Management Areas specified herein on [March 23-24, 2002](#). Youths (under 16 as of [05-06-2002](#)) only; must be accompanied by one un-armed adult. Youths must have successfully completed a hunter education course. Permit required for both youth and adult (Ref. Code 04.08). Only youth and an accompanying adult with appropriate permits will be allowed to engage in any activity other than those related to fishing on the following WMAs during the special youth permit hunts. Limit - one legal turkey. Turkey must be checked at designated check station(s).

~~(1) — BAYOU METO WMA. Twenty-five (25) youth permits.~~

~~(2) — CUT-OFF CREEK WMA. Twenty-five (25) youth permits.
Hunting shall end at 1:00 p.m. daily.~~

- (3) GULF MOUNTAIN WMA. Fifteen (15) youth permits.
- (4) HAROLD E. ALEXANDER WMA. Twenty (20) youth permits.
- (5) HOLLAND BOTTOMS WMA. Ten (10) youth permits.
- (6) LAFAYETTE COUNTY WMA. Fifty (50) youth permits. Permittee's must possess the Lafayette County WMA Leased Land Permit (LLC) to participate in this hunt.
- (7) MADISON COUNTY WMA. Twenty-five (25) youth permits.
- (8) NORFORK LAKE WMA. Nine (9) youth permits – three (3) for the Indian Head/Chapin Point Unit, two (2) for the Seward Point Unit, two (2) for the Bennett's Bayou Unit and two (2) for the Fulton County Unit. Successful permittee's must contact U. S. Army Corps of

Engineers no later than March 8, 2002 for maps and a hunter survey questionnaire.

- (9) PETIT JEAN WMA. Twenty-five (25) youth permits.
- (10) REX HANCOCK/BLACK SWAMP and CACHE RIVER NWR (all Refuge lands within an area bounded by **U.S. 64 Hwy 17** on North, Hwy. 17 on East, Hwy. 38 on South, and Hwy. 33 on West). **Fifteen (15) Twenty (20)** youth permits. Permit is good on either WMA or NWR lands. Current signed Refuge hunt brochure is also required on NWR lands.
- (11) ST. FRANCIS FOREST WMA. Twenty-five (25) youth permits.
- (12) SULPHUR RIVER WMA. Twenty (20) youth permits.
- ~~(13) TRUSTEN HOLDER WMA. Twenty (20) youth permits.~~
- (14) W. E. BREWER/SCATTER CREEK WMA. Permit required, unlimited.

OTHER SPECIAL SEASONS OR RESTRICTIONS: Special restrictions are listed below:

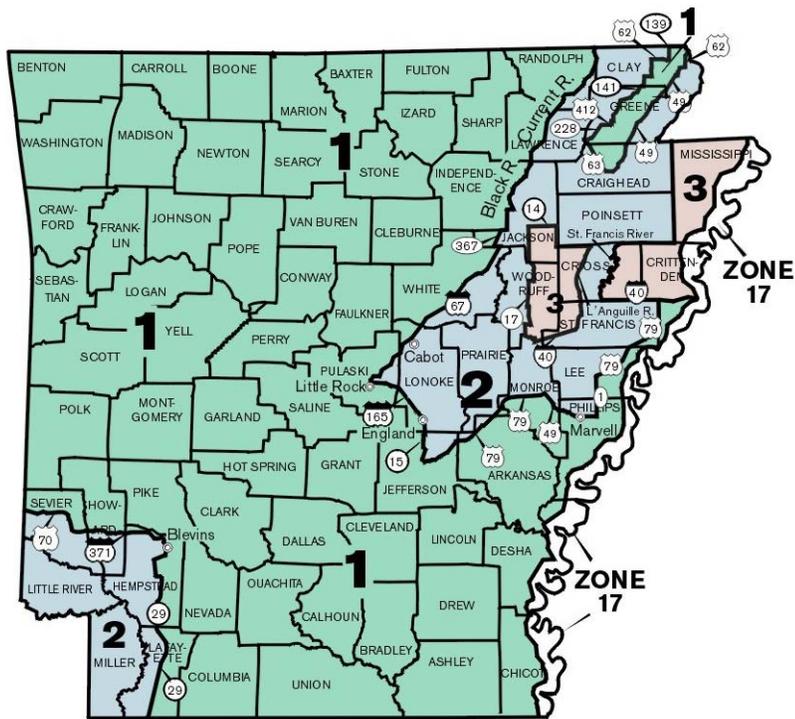
- (1) **BAYOU METO WMA. March 30–31, 2002. Twenty-five (25) youth permits. Youths (under 16 as of 05-06-2002) only; must be accompanied by one un-armed adult. Youths must have successfully completed a hunter education course. Permit required for both youth and adult (Ref. Code 04.08). Only youth and an accompanying adult with appropriate permits will be allowed to engage in any activity other than those related to fishing on the following WMAs during the special youth permit hunts. Limit - one legal turkey. Turkey must be checked at designated check station(s).**
- (2) **CUT-OFF CREEK WMA. March 30–31, 2002. Twenty-five (25) youth permits. Hunting shall end at 1:00 p.m. daily. Youths (under 16 as of 05-06-2002) only; must be accompanied by one un-armed adult. Youths must have successfully completed a hunter education course. Permit required for both youth and adult (Ref. Code 04.08). Only youth and an accompanying adult with appropriate permits will be allowed to engage in any activity other than those related to fishing on the following WMAs during the special youth permit hunts. Limit - one legal turkey. Turkey must be checked at designated check station(s).**
- (3) **CUT-OFF CREEK WMA. ~~April 20–May 6, 2001~~ April 1–5 and April 26–May 5, 2002. Archery/crossbow only. No permit required for archery hunting during the above periods. Limit – one legal turkey. Turkey must be checked at designated check stations.**
- (4) **FELSENTHAL NWR and BERYL ANTHONY/LOWER OUACHITA WMA. YOUTH HUNT: March 23-24, 2002. Fifty (50) youth permits. Limit – one (1) legal turkey. Permit is good on either WMA or NWR lands. Permits available from Felsenthal NWR, P. O. Box 1157, Crossett, AR 71635. Current signed Refuge hunt brochure also required when hunting on Refuge lands. Turkeys must be**

- checked at designated check stations in Ashley, Bradley, and Union counties.
- (5) FELSENTHAL NWR and BERYL ANTHONY/LOWER OUACHITA WMA. ARCHERY/CROSSBOW: Same as Turkey Zone 1, except during Refuge/WMA Quota Permit Hunts. Current signed Refuge hunt brochure serves as a permit for archery hunting on Refuge land. Limit – two (2) legal turkeys on archery hunts. Turkeys must be checked at designated check stations in Ashley, Bradley, and Union counties.
 - (6) HENRY GRAY/HURRICANE LAKE WMA. [April 13-14 and April 20-21, 2002](#). Youth (under 16 as of [05-06-2002](#)) only; must be accompanied by one un-armed adult. Youth must have successfully completed a hunter education course. No permit necessary. These hunts will be canceled when the White River gauge at Augusta exceeds 26 feet and will remain closed until the gauge falls to 14 feet or below at Georgetown as recorded in the statewide newspaper (Ref. Code 20.17). Turkeys must be checked at designated check station.
 - (7) HOLLA BEND NWR. [March 24-25 and March 30-31, 2002](#). Six (6) youth permits per hunt. Permits available from Holla Bend NWR, Route 1 Box 59, Dardanelle, AR 72834. Turkeys must be checked at area headquarters.
 - (8) HOLLA BEND NWR. [April 1–May 5, 2002](#). Archery/crossbow only. Refuge permit or fee required. Limit – two (2) legal turkeys. Turkeys must be checked at Refuge Headquarters.
 - (9) HOLLAND BOTTOMS WMA. [April 6-8, 2002](#). Ten (10) youth permits. Turkeys must be checked at area headquarters.
 - (10) OVERFLOW NWR. [April 1–May 5, 2002](#). Archery/crossbow only. Current signed Refuge hunt brochure serves as a permit for archery/crossbow hunting. Limit – two (2) legal turkeys.
 - (11) TRUSTEN HOLDER WMA. [March 30–31, 2002](#). Twenty (20) youth permits. Youths (under 16 as of 05-06-2002) only; must be accompanied by one un-armed adult. Youths must have successfully completed a hunter education course. Permit required for both youth and adult (Ref. Code 04.08). Only youth and an accompanying adult with appropriate permits will be allowed to engage in any activity other than those related to fishing on the following WMAs during the special youth permit hunts. Limit - one legal turkey. Turkey must be checked at designated check station(s).**
 - (12) TRUSTEN HOLDER WMA, including all WMA lands within Zone 17. [April 1–May 5, 2002](#).

PENALTY: \$200.00 TO \$1,000.00. In addition, a jail sentence not to exceed 10 days may be imposed and hunting privileges may be suspended in accordance with Code 11.05, Revocation of Privileges.

2002 Spring Wild Turkey Zone Map

Proposed Change



Zone 1 and 17 – April 1-May 5, 2002
Zone 2 – April 1-April 14, 2002
Zone 3 – Closed

12/17/2001

Arkansas Game and Fish Commission

Wildlife Management Division

November 15, 2001

Choctaw WMA Emergency Proclamation Closure

Presented by Donny Harris, Chief

The Wildlife Management Division is recommending the closure of all hunting seasons and public access on the Choctaw WMA to comply with the terms of the acquisition agreement. The former landowner had leased the property for hunting and fishing purposes and the terms of the purchase were that the Commission would honor that lease through the current hunting seasons.

The Division is requesting that the Commission declare the area closed by emergency proclamation.

Donny Harris, Chief
Wildlife Management Division

Proposed Code Change

(November 15, 2001 Commission Meeting)

Proposed Changes are in Red Ink
(due to Emergency Proclamation)

Proposed Code

20.34

SEASON RESTRICTIONS ON STEVE N. WILSON/RAFT CREEK

11-01

BOTTOMS AND CHOCTAW ISLAND WMAs. It shall be unlawful to hunt on the STEVE N. WILSON/RAFT CREEK BOTTOMS and **Choctaw Island** WMAs for the 2001-2002 season.

EXCEPTION:

- 1.** Members and guest of the CI Investments, Inc. Hunting Lease may hunt on Choctaw Island as per their lease agreement.

PENALTY: \$100.00 to \$1,000.00

ARKANSAS GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

Little Rock, Arkansas

MINUTE ORDER NO: _____

SUBJECT: Choctaw WMA Closure

DATE PASSED: November 15, 2001

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LOCATION: Choctaw WMA

WHEREAS, the Choctaw WMA was recently purchased by the Commission; and

WHEREAS, the former landowner had leased the area for hunting purposes through the current hunting season; and,

WHEREAS, terms of the purchase agreement provide that the lease would be honored by the Commission;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED this 15th day of November 2001 that the Choctaw WMA be closed to the public by Emergency Proclamation to all hunting and access with the exception of members and guest of the CI Investments, Inc. Hunting Lease.

STAFF APPROVAL

COMMISSION APPROVAL

Submitted by:

Donny Harris

Chairman

Commissioner

Division:

Wildlife

Vice Chairman

Commissioner

Approved:

Director

Commissioner

Commissioner

Approved:

Legal

Commissioner

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Fiscal

Commissioner

DEPARTMENT ARKANSAS GAME & FISH COMMISSION
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FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

To comply with Act 1104 of 1995, please complete the following Financial Impact Statement and file with the questionnaire and proposed rules.

SHORT TITLE OF THIS RULE Choctaw Island WMA Emergency Closure

1. Does this proposed, amended, or repealed rule or regulation have a financial impact?
 Yes: No:

2. If you believe that the development of a financial impact statement is so speculative as to be cost prohibited, please explain:

3. If the purpose of this rule or regulation is to implement a federal rule or regulation, please give the incremental cost for implementing the regulation.

<u>1999-2000 Fiscal Year</u>	<u>2000-01 Fiscal Year</u>
General Revenue _____	General Revenue _____
Federal Funds _____	Federal Funds _____
Cash Funds _____	Cash Funds _____
Special Revenue _____	Special Revenue _____
Other _____	Other _____
Total _____	Total _____

4. What is the total estimated cost by fiscal year to any party subject to the proposed, amended, or repealed rule or regulation?

1999-2000 Fiscal Year

2000-01 Fiscal Year

5. What is the total estimated cost by fiscal year to the agency to implement this regulation?

1999-2000 Fiscal Year

2000-01 Fiscal Year