

# Approved 2004-2005 Early Migratory Bird Seasons And Codes

Approved Changes - Red Ink  
Approved Calendar Modifications -  
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## **MOURNING AND EURASIAN COLLARED DOVES** (12.01, 12.02)

September 4-26, 2004, **October 9-24, 2004** and **December 20, 2004-January 9, 2005.**

Mourning Doves: Daily bag and possession limits of 15 and 30.

Eurasian Collared Doves: No daily bag or possession limit.

## **VIRGINIA AND SORA RAILS** (12.05, 12.06)

September 1-November 9, 2004.

Daily bag and possession limits of 25 and 25, singly or in aggregate.

## **COMMON MOORHEN AND PURPLE GALLINULE** (12.11, 12.12, 12.13, 12.14)

September 1-November 9, 2004.

Daily bag and possession limits of 15 and 30, singly or in aggregate.

## **COMMON SNIPE** (codes 12.09, 12.10)

November 6, 2004-February 20, 2005.

Daily bag and possession limits of 8 and 16, singly or in aggregate.

## **AMERICAN WOODCOCK** (12.07, 12.08)

November 6-December 5, 2004 and December 25, 2004-January 8, 2005.

Daily bag and possession limits of 3 and 6.

*Shooting hours for all species listed above are from one-half hour before sunrise until sunset.*

## **SPECIAL SEPTEMBER TEAL SEASON** (12.03, 12.04)

**September 18-26, 2004.**

Daily bag and possession limits of 4 and 8 teal.

*Special September Teal shooting hours are sunrise until sunset.*

## Proposed Code Changes and Modifications

- 12.01**  
07-04 **MOURNING AND EURASIAN COLLARED DOVE SEASON RESTRICTIONS.** It shall be unlawful to take or attempt to take Mourning and Eurasian Collared Doves other than from [September 4-26, 2004](#), [October 9-24, 2004](#) and [December 20, 2004-January 9, 2005](#).  
**EXCEPTION:**  
(1) In compliance with applicable WMA regulations.  
**PENALTY:** \$200.00 to \$1,000.00.
- 12.03**  
07-04 **TEAL SEASON RESTRICTIONS.** It shall be unlawful to take or attempt to take Teal other than from [September 18-26, 2004](#).  
**EXCEPTION:**  
(1) Teal may be taken in compliance with Code 12.15, Duck and Coot Season Restrictions and Code 12.17, Duck Daily Bag and Possession Restrictions.  
**PENALTY:** \$200.00 to \$1,000.00.
- 12.05**  
07-04 **RAIL (VIRGINIA & SORA) SEASON RESTRICTIONS.** It shall be unlawful to take or attempt to take Rail other than from [September 1 - November 9, 2004](#).  
**PENALTY:** \$200.00 to \$1,000.00.
- 12.07**  
07-04 **WOODCOCK SEASON RESTRICTIONS.** It shall be unlawful to take or attempt to take woodcock other than from [November 6-December 5, 2004 and December 25, 2004-January 8, 2005](#).  
**PENALTY:** \$200.00 to \$1,000.00.
- 12.09**  
07-04 **COMMON SNIPE SEASON RESTRICTIONS.** It shall be unlawful to take or attempt to take common snipe other than from [November 6, 2004 - February 20, 2005](#).  
**PENALTY:** \$200.00 to \$1,000.00.
- 12.11**  
07-04 **PURPLE GALLINULE SEASON RESTRICTIONS.** It shall be unlawful to take or attempt to take purple gallinule other than from [September 1 - November 9, 2004](#).  
**PENALTY:** \$200.00 to \$1,000.00.
- 12.13**  
07-04 **COMMON MOORHEN SEASON RESTRICTIONS:** It shall be unlawful to take or attempt to take common moorhen other than [September 1 - November 9, 2004](#).  
**PENALTY:** \$200.00 to \$1,000.00.

Arkansas Game and Fish Commission  
Little Rock, Arkansas

MINUTE ORDER NO:	_____	SUBJECT:	2004-2005 Early Migratory Bird Hunting Seasons
DATE PASSED:	July 22, 2004	_____	_____
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		LOCATION:	Statewide

- WHEREAS,** the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, meeting in regular session on July 22, 2004, has carefully reviewed and approved the attached early migratory bird hunting regulations for statewide application; and
- WHEREAS,** the early migratory bird hunting season proposals were not provided to the Commission by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service for consideration until after the June 2004 Commission Meeting was held and thereby prevented the Commission from providing the usual full thirty-day opportunity for public comment before adoption of the regulations before the start of the early migratory bird hunting seasons; and
- WHEREAS,** the failure to timely adopt the attached hunting regulations could have an adverse effect upon the State's early migratory bird populations (Mourning and Eurasian Collared doves, Rails, Snipe, Woodcock, Teal, Purple Gallinule, Common Moorhen, etc.), as well as other possible adverse impacts; and
- WHEREAS,** the various sections of the AGFC Code Book affected by the adoption of these regulations must be replaced or amended, and then legally certified to the Secretary of State, the Arkansas State Library and the Bureau of Legislative Research in accordance with applicable law;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED, THIS** 22nd day of July the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission finds that an emergency exists and hereby approves and adopts the attached hunting regulations for the 2004-2005 early migratory bird hunting seasons, which regulations shall remain in effect until further notice, and authorizes the Commission staff to proceed with making the appropriate AGFC Code Book revisions and legal certification.

STAFF APPROVAL

COMMISSION APPROVAL

<b>Submitted by:</b>	_____	_____	_____
	Donny Harris	Chairman	Commissioner
<b>Division:</b>	_____	_____	_____
	Wildlife	Vice Chairman	Commissioner
<b>Approved:</b>	_____	_____	_____
	Director	Commissioner	Commissioner
<b>Approved:</b>	_____	_____	_____
	Legal	Commissioner	

**Approved:**

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**FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**PLEASE ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS COMPLETELY**

**DEPARTMENT** Arkansas Game and Fish Commission  
**DIVISION** Wildlife  
**PERSON COMPLETING THIS STATEMENT** Donny Harris  
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To comply with Act 1104 of 1995, please complete the following Financial Impact Statement and file two copies with the questionnaire and proposed rules.

**SHORT TITLE OF THIS RULE**

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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 is to implement a federal rule or regulation, please give the incremental cost for implementing the regulation. Please indicate if the cost provided is the cost of the program.

<b><u>Current Fiscal Year</u></b>	<b><u>New Fiscal Year</u></b>
General Revenue _____	General Revenue _____
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Cash Funds _____	Cash Funds _____
Special Revenue _____	Special Revenue _____
Other (Identify) _____	Other (Identify) _____
Total _____	Total _____

3. What is the total estimated cost by fiscal year to any party subject to the proposed, amended, or repealed rule? Identify the party subject to the proposed rule, and explain how they are affected.

<b><u>Current Fiscal Year</u></b>	<b><u>Next Fiscal Year</u></b>
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5. What is the total estimated cost by fiscal year to the agency to implement this rule?  
**Current Fiscal Year** **Next Fiscal Year**

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# APPROVED 2004-2005 HUNTING CODE

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10.09  
08-04

**AMMUNITION PROHIBITED FOR TAKING FUR-BEARERS.** It shall be unlawful to take or attempt to take fur-bearers with any rifled slug or shot size larger than T shot, or with any ammunition for rifle or pistol other than **rimfire ammunition not in excess of .22 caliber rimfire.**

**EXCEPTIONS:**

- (1) In compliance with Commission Code 18.09 (Depredation Permit).
- (2) In compliance with Commission Code 20.02.
- (3) During any open season (except deer, bear and turkey), bobcat and coyote may be taken during daylight hours only with archery tackle, firearms no larger than .30 caliber or shotguns with shot no larger than T shot.
- (4) Bobcat and coyote may be taken during daylight hours of any open deer, bear or turkey season with method of take legal for that season and zone.

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

19.05  
08-04

**LITTERING STREAMS AND PUBLIC HUNTING LANDS PROHIBITED.** It shall be unlawful to drop, discard or otherwise dispose of litter upon any public property in this state or upon or into any river, pond, lake, stream or other body of water within this state. ~~or fail to extinguish fires before leaving camp.~~

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

**Arkansas Game and Fish Commission**  
Little Rock, Arkansas

MINUTE ORDER NO: \_\_\_\_\_ SUBJECT: Misc. Codes (10.09/19.05)  
DATE PASSED: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**WHEREAS,** the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, meeting in regular session on August 26, 2004, has carefully reviewed and approved the attached hunting regulation proposals for statewide application; **and**

**WHEREAS,** the various sections of the AGFC Code Book affected by the adoption of these regulations must be replaced or amended, and then certified to the Secretary of State, the Arkansas State Library and the Bureau of Legislative Research in accordance with applicable law;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED, THIS 26<sup>th</sup>** day of August the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission hereby approves and adopts the attached hunting regulations for the 2004-2005 hunting license year, and authorizes the Commission staff to proceed with making the appropriate AGFC Code Book revisions and legal certification.

	<u>STAFF APPROVAL</u>		<u>COMMISSION APPROVAL</u>
<b>Submitted by:</b>	_____	_____	_____
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**SHORT TITLE OF THIS RULE** Misc. Hunting Codes

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Yes \_\_\_\_\_ **No** \_\_\_\_\_
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**Current Fiscal Year**

General Revenue \_\_\_\_\_  
Federal Funds \_\_\_\_\_  
Cash Funds \_\_\_\_\_  
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Other (Identify) \_\_\_\_\_

Total \_\_\_\_\_

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General Revenue \_\_\_\_\_  
Federal Funds \_\_\_\_\_  
Cash Funds \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Revenue \_\_\_\_\_  
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Total \_\_\_\_\_

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**Current Fiscal Year**

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**Next Fiscal Year**

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

**Current Fiscal Year**

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**Next Fiscal Year**

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# Approved 2004-2005 Late Waterfowl Seasons and Codes

Approved Changes - Red Ink

Approved Calendar Modifications - Orange Ink

Approved Clarifications - Blue Ink

## Duck, Coot and Merganser (12.15, 12.17)

November 20–December 5, 2004, December 17-24, 2004 ~~December 12-24, 2003~~ and  
December 26, 2004-January 30, 2005.

## Canvasback (12.15)

January 1-30, 2005 ~~December 27-January 25, 2004.~~

## Pintail (12.15)

November 20-28, 2004 and January 10-30, 2005 ~~January 5-January 25, 2004.~~

## Snow, Blue and Ross' Goose (12.18)

November 11-December 10, 2004 ~~November 6, 2003-January 30, 2004~~ and  
December 13, 2004-February 6, 2005.

*Conservation Order:* February 7-April 30, 2005 ~~February 2-April 30, 2004.~~

## White-Fronted Goose (12.18)

November 11-December 10, 2004 ~~November 6, 2003-January 30, 2004~~ and  
December 13, 2004-February 6, 2005.

## Canada Goose (05.09, 12.20)

Northwest Canada Goose Zone

October 2-11, 2004.

*Statewide*

January 15-February 6, 2005 ~~January 8-30, 2004.~~

## Extended Falconry (12.23)

December 6-17, 2004, December 25, 2004 and January 31-February 20, 2005.

## Special Youth Waterfowl Hunt (12.15, 12.25, 25.01)

December 11-12, 2004 ~~January 31-February 1, 2004.~~

## Approved Codes and Modifications

- 12.15**  
08-04 **DUCK, COOT AND MERGANSER SEASON RESTRICTIONS.** It shall be unlawful to take or attempt to take ducks or coots other than from November 20-December 5, 2004 and December 17-24, 2004 ~~December 12-24, 2003~~ and December 26, 2004-January 30, 2005.
- EXCEPTIONS:**
- (1) Ducks, coots and mergansers may be taken during the Special Youth Waterfowl Hunt on December 11-12, 2004 January 31-February 1, 2004 (Ref. Code 12.25 Special Youth Waterfowl Hunt Restrictions).
  - (2) Canvasbacks may only be taken from January 1-30, 2005 ~~December 27, 2003-January 25, 2004~~.
  - (3) Canvasbacks may not be taken during the youth hunt.
  - (4) Pintail may only be taken from November 20-28, 2004 and January 10-30, 2005 ~~January 5-25, 2004~~.
  - (5) Pintails may be taken during the Youth Waterfowl Hunt (dates).
- PENALTY:** \$200.00 to \$1,000.00.
- 12.18**  
08-04 **SNOW, BLUE, ROSS' AND WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE SEASON RESTRICTIONS.** It shall be unlawful to take or attempt to take Snow, Blue, Ross' and white fronted-geese other than from November 11-December 10, 2004 ~~November 6, 2003-January 30, 2004~~ and December 13, 2004-February 6, 2005.
- PENALTY:** \$200.00 to \$1,000.00.
- 12.20**  
08-04 **CANADA GOOSE SEASON RESTRICTIONS.** It shall be unlawful to take or attempt to take Canada geese other than from October 2-11, 2004 in the Northwest Canada Goose Zone and from January 15-February 6, 2005 ~~January 8-30, 2004~~ statewide. Shooting hours are from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset statewide.
- EXCEPTIONS:**
- (1) Holla Bend National Wildlife Refuge is closed.
  - ~~(2) All parks administered by the Corps of Engineers except (Lead Hill Park on Bull Shoals and Parker Creek, Buckhorn, Pikeville, Laurel Creek, parts of Cowhide Cove, Kirby Landing and Self Creek on Lake Greeson) are closed.~~
- PENALTY:** \$200.00 to \$1,000.00.
- 12.23**  
08-04 **FALCONRY SEASON RESTRICTIONS.** It shall be unlawful to take or attempt to take migratory birds with raptors other than during the regular migratory bird seasons except as follows Ducks, Coots and Mergansers: December 6-17, 2004, December 25, 2004 and January 31-February 20, 2005.
- PENALTY:** \$100.00 to \$1,000.00.

**12.25**  
08-04

**SPECIAL YOUTH WATERFOWL HUNT RESTRICTIONS.** It shall be unlawful for anyone other than youths, 15 years of age or younger, to hunt ducks, in season geese, mergansers and coots during the special youth waterfowl hunt on December 11-12, 2004 January 31-February 1, 2004. Youths who have completed a hunter education course must be accompanied by an adult mentor who is 18 years of age or older. Youths who have not completed a hunter education course must be under the direct supervision of an adult mentor who is 21 years of age or older. Mentors may not hunt ducks, geese, mergansers or coots but may, if properly licensed, hunt other game in season. Shooting hours and bag limits are the same as the regular waterfowl season. All Commission owned Waterfowl Rest Areas, Bob Young and Horsehead Creek Waterfowl Rest Areas on Dardanelle WMA are open to youth hunting during the Special Youth Waterfowl Hunt.

**EXCEPTION:**

- (1) The Waterfowl Rest Area on Ed Gordon/Point Remove WMA is closed during the Special Youth Waterfowl Hunt.

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

**25.01**  
08-04

**MIGRATORY WATERFOWL SHOOTING HOUR RESTRICTIONS WITHIN CERTAIN WMAs AND WDAs.** It shall be unlawful to take or attempt to take migratory waterfowl during migratory waterfowl seasons later than 12:00 o'clock noon on Wildlife Management Areas.

**EXCEPTIONS:**

- (A) Migratory waterfowl hunting permitted during the entire day (regular shooting hours) of the last 3 days of the last duck season. Ref: Commission code 12.15 (Duck and Coot Season Restrictions).
- (B) In Compliance with 25.02, Hunting or Trespassing prohibited within Certain Waterfowl Management Areas.
- (C) All day hunting allowed during the Special Youth Waterfowl Hunt on December 11-12, 2004 January 31-February 1, 2004 (Ref. Code 12.25 Special Youth Waterfowl Hunt Restrictions).
- (D) All Commission owned Waterfowl Rest Areas are open, Bob Young and Horsehead Creek Waterfowl Rest Areas on Dardanelle WMA are open to all day hunting to youth hunting during the Special Youth Waterfowl Hunt.
- (E) The Waterfowl Rest Area on Ed Gordon/Point Remove WMA is closed.
- (F) All day hunting allowed on Beaver Lake, Dardanelle, Ft. Chaffee, Mt. Magazine and Ozark Lake WMAs.

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

Arkansas Game and Fish Commission  
Little Rock, Arkansas

MINUTE ORDER NO: \_\_\_\_\_ SUBJECT: 2004-2005 Late Waterfowl Hunting  
DATE PASSED: August 26, 2004 Seasons  
PAGE 1 of 1 PAGES LOCATION: Statewide

- WHEREAS,** the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, meeting in regular session on August 26, 2004, has carefully reviewed and approved the attached late waterfowl hunting regulations for statewide application; and
- WHEREAS,** the late waterfowl hunting season proposals were not provided to the Commission by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service for consideration until after the July 2004 Commission Meeting was held and thereby prevented the Commission from providing the usual full thirty-day opportunity for public comment before adoption of the regulations before the start of the early migratory bird hunting seasons; and
- WHEREAS,** the failure to timely adopt the attached hunting regulations could have an adverse effect upon the State’s late waterfowl populations (Duck, Coot, Merganser, Canvasback, Pintail, Snow Goose, Blue Goose, Ross Goose, White-Fronted Goose, and Canada Goose, etc.), as well as other possible adverse impacts; and
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**SHORT TITLE OF THIS RULE** Late Waterfowl Season Dates

1. Does this proposed, amended, or repealed rule or regulation have a financial impact?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ **No** \_\_\_\_\_
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Special Revenue	_____	Special Revenue	_____
Other (Identify)	_____	Other (Identify)	_____
Total	_____	Total	_____

3. What is the total estimated cost by fiscal year to any party subject to the proposed, amended, or repealed rule? Identify the party subject to the proposed rule, and explain how they are affected.

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

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# *Proposed Regulation Code Changes for 2005*

## *Fisheries Division*

Additions in **RED**

Deletions in ~~RED-STRIKTHROUGH~~

**01.00-C**      **DEFINITION OF TERMS.** For the purposes of the Arkansas Game and  
11-03            Fish Commission Code of Regulations, the following terms shall be construed,  
respectively, to mean and include:

**AQUACULTURE SPECIES** – Any species listed on the Approved Aquaculture Species List (available from the Fisheries Division) and species not listed but allowed under Unlisted or Restricted Species Possession Permits.

**FISH FARM** - Waters and adjacent premises confined within a pond, tank, or lake not connected with public waters, and under management by a ~~commercial~~ fish farmer.

**FISH FARMER (AQUACULTURIST)** - Any person, firm, partnership or corporation engaged in the propagation ~~and/or production, or rearing~~ of aquaculture species ~~crawfish, fish and/or minnows for sale.~~

**HOGGING** – The taking of fish by the use of hands only in or under the water.

**NOODLING** – The taking of fish by the use of a pole mounted breakaway hook that detaches at the time of the strike or catch, or snare type device, with or without an attached line no longer than 4 feet in length, manipulated by hand when a person is in or under the water.

~~**POSSESS or POSSESSION** - To have under control. The manual or ideal custody of wildlife or anything that may be the subject of property, for one's use and enjoyment, either as owner or as the proprietor of a qualified right in it, and either held personally or by another who exercises it in one's place and name. Possession includes the act or state of possessing and that condition of facts under which one can exercise his power over a corporeal thing at his pleasure to the exclusion of all other persons. Possession includes constructive possession, which means not actual but assumed to exist, where one claims to hold by virtue of some title, without having actual custody.~~

**POSSESS or POSSESSION** – Having or holding wildlife, or any property in one's power; the exercise of dominion over property. Possession includes actual possession, which means physical occupancy or control over property, and constructive possession, which means control or dominion over property without actual possession or custody of the property.

**PROPAGATE or PROPAGATION** – To cause plants or animals to breed or multiply.

**REAR OR REARING** – To maintain plants or animals in order to increase their size or developmental stage.

**SELL or SALE** – To exchange or deliver for money or its equivalent; to offer for sale, barter, exchange, or trade or the act of selling, bartering, exchanging or trading.

**SECTION 31.00 - SPORT FISHING**

- 31.01A Game Fish Daily Limit Restrictions.**
- 31.01B Game Fish Possession Limit Restrictions.**
- 31.02 Game Fish Length Limits and Protective Slot Limits on Certain Lakes and Rivers.**
- 31.03 Trout Permit Requirements.**
- 31.04 Gigging of Game Fish Prohibited.**
- 31.05 Snagging Game Fish Prohibited.**
- 31.06 Baiting with Game Fish Prohibited.**
- 31.07 Sale of Game Fish Prohibited.**
- 31.08 Sale of Bait Prohibited.**
- 31.09 Yo-Yo Fishing Restrictions.**
- 31.10 Freefloating Fishing Devices Restrictions.**
- 31.11 Trotline Fishing Requirements.**
- 31.12 Herding Trout.**
- 31.13 Chain Dragging on North Fork River Prohibited.**
- 31.14 Transfer of Trout by Guides Restricted.**
- 31.15 Tackle Restrictions for Trout Streams.**
- 31.16 Special Restrictions on Trout Waters.**
- 31.17 Brown Trout Restrictions on White River.**
- 31.18 Possession of Filleted Fish Prohibited on Length/Slot Limit Waters.**
- 31.19 ~~Urban Fishing Program~~ Family Fishing Program Restrictions.**
- 31.20 Community Fishing Management Program Restrictions.**
- 31.21 Chumming Prohibited.**
- 31.22 Rainbow Trout Retention Restriction.**

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**31.01B GAME FISH POSSESSION LIMIT RESTRICTIONS.** It shall be unlawful to possess more than two (2) daily limits of game fish or the aggregate thereof.

Daily Limit - Black Basses(including not more than four Smallmouth).	10
Daily Limit - Rock Bass.....	10
Daily Limit - Catfish(exc. Bullhead).....	10
Daily Limit - Bream(over 4" in length).....	50
Daily Limit - Crappie.....	20
Daily Limit - Muskellunge.....	6
Daily Limit - Pickerel.....	6
Daily Limit - Northern Pike.....	6
Daily Limit - Sauger.....	6
Daily Limit - Saugeye.....	6

**31.01B (continued)**

Daily Limit - Striped Bass or Hybrid Combination.....	6	
Daily Limit – Trout - (including not more than 2 each of brown, cutthroat and brook trout).....	5	
Daily Limit - Walleye.....	6	
Daily Limit - White Bass..... (Yellow Bass - No Limit)	25	
Daily Limit - Paddlefish.....	2	
Daily Limit - Alligator Gar.....	2	
Daily Aggregate Limit.....	75	
Daily Limit for all sportfish on Bois d’Arc in Hempstead County		½ daily limit

**EXCEPTIONS:**

(1) **LARGEMOUTH, SPOTTED, SMALLMOUTH (BLACK BASS):**

- (A) Ozark Zone (Baxter, Benton, Boone, Carroll, Cleburne, Fulton, Independence, IZard, Lawrence, Madison, Marion, Newton, Randolph, Searcy, Sharp, Stone, Van Buren, and Washington counties) - smallmouth bass minimum length limit 12 inches with a daily limit of 4, except Bull Shoals Lake, Beaver Lake, Lake Norfolk, and Table Rock Lake (see exception 1(B) below). Ozark Zone Blue Ribbon Streams (Crooked Creek and Buffalo River) - smallmouth bass minimum length limit of 14 inches with a daily limit of 2. Smallmouth bass minimum length limit on Crooked Creek 18 inches with a daily limit of 1: from 101 bridge downstream to the confluence with the White River; between the hwy 62-412 and Hwy 62 Spur bridges at Pyatt. Ozark Zone Catch and Release Area – Crooked Creek, along boundary of Arkansas Game and Fish Foundation property near Kelly’s Slab Access. Ozark Zone Quality Streams (Kings, Spring, and South Fork/Spring rivers) - smallmouth bass minimum length limit of 14 inches with a daily limit of 2, except on Kings River from Trigger Gap to Hwy 62 bridge: minimum length limit 18 inches and daily limit of 1. Ouachita/Boston Zone (all Arkansas counties not included in the Ozark Zone) - smallmouth bass minimum length limit of 10 inches with a daily limit of 4. Ouachita/Boston Zone Quality Streams (Mulberry, Caddo above DeGray Lake, DeGray Lake, Ouachita River upstream from Lake Ouachita, Saline River, including its four headwater forks in Saline, Perry and Garland counties, South Fork/Ouachita, Little Missouri above Lake Greeson and Lake Greeson) - smallmouth bass minimum length limit of 12 inches with a daily limit of 2.

Ouachita/Boston Zone Catch-and-Release area - all smallmouth bass caught in Lake Ouachita including the Ouachita River upstream to the River Bluff access area and Little Missouri River from Lake Greeson Dam to the Ouachita River must be immediately returned to the stream.

- (B) Black Bass daily limit - six (6) on Beaver Lake, Bull Shoals, Norfolk Lake, Lake Ouachita and Table Rock Lake, five (5) on Lake Lou Emma - Crawford County, and four (4) on Lake Cargile; Largemouth bass daily limit – five (5) on Grandview Lake #2, four (4) in Lower White Oak Lake; (Reference Code 31.02 (6), Black Bass Length Limits and Protective Slot Limits on Certain Lakes).
- (C) Largemouth bass caught must be immediately returned to the water in ~~Cedar Creek Watershed Lake (Perry County)~~; Lake Greenlee in Monroe County, Lake Sylvia in Perry County, Lake SWEPCO, **Bois d’Arc Lake** and Lake Ashbaugh in Greene County.

(2) **BREAM**

- (A) No limit on bream four (4) inches or less in length.

(3) **CATFISH**

- (A) No limit on catfish on Grand Lake - Chicot County, Lake Chicot (including that portion of Connerly Bayou downstream from Connerly Dam to the bayou’s mouth and Ditch Bayou from the inlet on Lake Chicot to Ditch Bayou Dam) and between the main levees of the Mississippi River.
- (B) Catfish daily limit five (5) on **DeWitt City Park Lake – Arkansas County**; Lake Atalanta and Lake Bentonville - Benton County; Big Timber Lake - Clark County; Hidden Lake - Carroll County; Gurdon Lake - Clark County; Hubble Lake - Clay County; Lake Bailey - Conway County; Craighead Forest Lake - Craighead County; Lake Cambadelle - Crawford County; Lake Lou Emma - Crawford County; West Memphis City Parks Lake **and Marion City Park Lake** - Crittenden County; Village Creek State Park Lakes - Cross and St. Francis Counties; Lake Bennett - Faulkner County; Lake Clearfork - Garland County; Crowley Ridge State Park Lake and Reynolds Park Lake - Greene County; Newark City Lake – Independence County; **Ward City Park Lake – Lonoke County**; Hindsville Lake - Madison County; Blytheville City Park Lake - Mississippi County; **Donald Branch Fishing Pond – Monroe County**; Lake Sylvia - Perry County; Shady Lake - Polk County; Twin Lakes A & B, Camp Ferncliff, Paradise Lake, and all Little Rock and North Little Rock City Park lakes - Pulaski County; Old Davidsonville State Park Lake - Randolph County; **Forrest City Park Lake – St. Francis County**; Truman Baker Lake - Scott County; Cave City's Lakes - Sharp County; Gunner Pool and Hayden Bend Pond - Stone County; Devils Den State Park - Washington County; Spring Lake - Yell County; Kingfisher, Clubhouse Lakes in Petit Jean WMA, Yell County and posted U.S. Forest Service ponds and lakes.

- (C) In addition to daily limit, ten (10) channel catfish under 16 inches may be taken on the Arkansas River.
- (D) In addition to daily limit, ten channel catfish of any size may be taken in Lake Erling and Millwood Lake.

(4) CRAPPIE

- (A) Crappie daily limit - 15 in Beaver, Table Rock, Bull Shoals, ~~and~~ Norfolk Reservoirs and Cane Creek Lake in Lincoln County.
- (B) Crappie daily limit - 30 east of a line beginning at the Arkansas - Missouri State Line on U.S. Hwy 63 and described as follows: following U.S. Hwy. 63 south to Hardy, continuing on U.S. Hwy. 62 west to Ash Flat, continuing on U.S. Hwy 167 south to Little Rock, continuing on U.S. Hwy 67 south to Texarkana to Arkansas - Texas State Line. ~~-, except daily limit of 20 crappie in Lake Chicot.~~
- (C) Crappie daily limit - 50 between the main levees of the Mississippi River and on Horseshoe Lake in Crittenden County.
- (D) **Crappie daily limit – 20 in Lake Chicot and Lake Monticello.**

(5) TROUT

- (A) Brown Trout daily limit - 2 with a 16-inch minimum size limit in White River (including Beaver Lake tailwaters and Bull Shoals Lake Tailwaters), North Fork White River, Spavinaw Creek (Benton County) west of Hwy. 59, Spring River; Brown Trout daily limit - 4, only one of which may be 21 inches and over, with a protected slot limit from 16 to 21 inches in length in Little Red River.
- (B) Cutthroat Trout daily limit - 2 with a 16-inch minimum size limit in trout waters as listed in 31.15, Tackle Restrictions for Trout Streams.
- (C) Trout daily limit - 3 in Blanchard Springs/Mirror Lake.

(6) WALLEYE

- (A) Walleye daily limit - 4 with an 18 inch minimum length limit in **Beaver**, Bull Shoals, Norfolk and Table Rock lakes to the Beaver Dam on the White River; Greers Ferry Lake including all its tributaries, daily limit – 4, only one of which may be 28 inches or over, with a protected slot limit from **20** to 28 inches.
- (7) In compliance with Commission Code 31.02 (Game Fish Limits and Protective Slot Limits on Certain Lakes and Rivers).
- (8) In compliance with Commission Code Section 35.00 (Spear Fishing).
- (9) In compliance with Commission Code Section 42.00 (Fish Farmer).

(10)

WHITE BASS, STRIPED BASS, HYBRID STRIPED BASS

- (A) White Bass daily limit of 50 and possession limit of 100 while fishing between the main levees of the Mississippi River.
- (B) Striped Bass or Hybrid Combination daily limit – 3 on Beaver Lake, Bull Shoals Lake, Lake Greeson, Lake Maumelle, Norfolk Lake and Lake Ouachita; 10 when taken from the Arkansas River and connecting lakes.
- (C) No limit on White Bass on Lake Ashbaugh and Beaver Lake and all tributaries including Lake Sequoyah.

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

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**GAME FISH LENGTH LIMITS AND PROTECTIVE SLOT LIMITS  
ON CERTAIN LAKES AND RIVERS**

- (A) BASS: It shall be unlawful to possess black bass as follows:
  - (1) Less than 12 inches in length on largemouth bass in Lake Frierson.
  - (2) Less than 12 inches in length on spotted bass in Beaver Lake, Bull Shoals Lake, Norfolk Lake and Table Rock Lake.
  - (3) Less than 15 inches in length on smallmouth bass in Beaver Lake, Bull Shoals Lake, Norfolk Lake and Table Rock Lake.
  - (4) Less than 15 inches in length on largemouth bass only in Lake Atkins, Beaver Lake, Big Lake National Wildlife Refuge, Blue Mountain Lake, Bull Shoals Lake, Caddo Fishing Pond, Upper and Lower Lake Chicot (including that portion of Connerly Bayou downstream from Connerly Dam to the bayou's mouth and Ditch Bayou from the inlet on Lake Chicot to Ditch Bayou Dam) in Chicot County, Georgia Pacific Lake Lake Greenlee, Kingfisher Lake, Greers Ferry Lake, Mercer Bayou (Sulphur River WMA), Moss Creek Pond, Norfolk Lake, Shady Lake, Table Rock Lake, Lake Wright (Sebastian County), and Arkansas River:
  - (5) It shall be unlawful to possess largemouth bass from 13" to 16" in length on Lake Barnett (White County), **Lake Austell (Cross County)** Bear Creek Lake, Bob Kidd Lake, Lake Brewer, Lake DeGray, Dierks Reservoir (Howard and Sevier counties), Lake Hogue, Lee Creek Lake, Lake Maumelle (Pulaski County), ~~Lake Ouachita~~, Sugar Loaf Lake, and Lake Wilhelmina (Polk County); or to possess largemouth bass from 13" to 18" in length on DeQueen Reservoir.
  - (6) Less than 16 inches in length on largemouth bass only in Lake Millwood. Limit 3.
  - (7) It shall be unlawful to possess largemouth bass from 16" to 21" in length or to possess more than one (1) largemouth bass 21" or longer in ~~Lake Austell~~, Lake Cargile (Conway County), Lake Columbia, Lower White Oak Lake and Mallard Lake. Limit 4.

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- (8) It shall be unlawful to possess largemouth bass from 16"-21" in length in Lake Pickthorne; limit 2, only one of which may be 21" or longer.
  - (9) It shall be unlawful to possess largemouth bass from 16 inches to 21 inches in length in Lake #1 in Grandview WMA. Limit 2 largemouth bass (1 over 21" and 1 under 16", or 2 under 16"). Limit on other game fish is one half the statewide daily limit.
  - (10) It shall be unlawful to possess largemouth bass from 16" to 21" in length or to possess more than one (1) largemouth bass 21" or longer in Lake Monticello. Limit 4.
  - (11) ~~Less than 13 inches in length on largemouth bass in Lake Ouachita.~~
- (B) CRAPPIE: It shall be unlawful to possess crappie as follows:
- (1) Less than 10 inches in length in Beaver, Table Rock, Bull Shoals and Norfolk Reservoirs, ~~with a daily limit of 15 crappie.~~ Cane Creek Lake in Lincoln County, Lake Chicot (including that portion of Connerly Bayou downstream from Connerly Dam to the bayou's mouth and Ditch Bayou from the inlet on Lake Chicot to Ditch Bayou Dam), Lake Charles and Lake Monticello.
  - ~~(2) Less than 10 inches in length in Cane Creek Lake, Upper and Lower Lake Chicot (including that portion of Connerly Bayou downstream from Connerly Dam to the bayou's mouth and Ditch Bayou from the inlet on Lake Chicot to Ditch Bayou Dam), Lake Charles and Lake Monticello.~~
  - ~~(3)~~(2) Less than 9 inches in length in Blue Mountain Lake and Harris Brake Lake.  
**EXCEPTION:**  
 During the months of December, January and February, the minimum length limit is waived on Lake Monticello and the harvest is regulated by a 20-fish daily bag limit. The first 20 crappie caught, regardless of size, must be retained: culling is not permitted. From March through November, harvest is controlled by a 10-inch minimum length, 20-fish daily bag limit.
- (C) TROUT: It shall be unlawful to possess brook trout as follows:
- (1) Less than 14" minimum length limit for brook trout statewide. Limit: 2.
- EXCEPTION:**
- (1) Sportfish may be snagged (except in catch and release areas) in accordance with Code 31.05, Hogging, Noodling and Snagging Game Fish Prohibited, and within the restrictive size limits as specified in Code 31.02.
- NOTE: Measure all fish from the front end of the lower jaw to the tip of the tail with fish laid flat on rule, mouth closed and tail lobes pressed together.
- PENALTY:** \$100.00 to \$1,000.00.

10-92 It shall be unlawful for a person to fish more than 30 yo-yos (or other mechanical fishing devices) or to leave such unattended (out of sight or hearing) at any times during daylight hours, or to suspend more than one (1) yo-yo or mechanical device from any horizontal line, wire, limb or support. All yo-yo's must be clearly labeled with the name and address, or vehicle operator's license number, or current vehicle license number of the person using such equipment. These regulations shall apply to all yo-yos left in place whether "set" or "tripped" (disabled).

**EXCEPTION:**

~~(1) Yo-yos may be left unattended from sunset to sunrise only if clearly and legibly marked with name and address, vehicle operator license number, or current vehicle license number (registered to the user) of the user.~~

**PENALTY:** \$50.00 to \$1,000.00.

**31.11 TROTLINE, SETLINE AND LIMBLINE FISHING REQUIREMENTS.**

It shall be unlawful to use any trotline, setline and limblime with drops or hooks less than twenty-four (24) inches apart statewide, or to use any trotline or snagline below any Lock and Dam on the Arkansas River from the Dam to the nearest arrival point navigation marker downstream, or to fail to run trotlines any line and remove catch daily. All trotlines, setlines and limblines must be clearly labeled with the name and address, or vehicle operator's license number, or current vehicle license number of the person using such equipment. Information must be attached on each line at the bank end. Unattended Unlabeled lines shall be removed and destroyed by Commission Officers. It shall also be unlawful for an angler to fish any more than 100 hooks at any time between the main levees of the Mississippi River. (Refer to Code 32.08, Waters Restricted to Certain Fishing Tackle, and Code 32.15, Cotton Line Anchoring Requirements.)

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

**31.19 ~~URBAN FISHING PROGRAM RESTRICTIONS~~ FAMILY FISHING PROGRAM RESTRICTIONS.**

It shall be unlawful to fish in the following waters except as specified herein:

(A) Coleman Creek Pond (Little Rock), Bob Courtway Pond (Conway), Camp Robinson Firing Range on Camp Robinson WMA, Lake Village Community Fishing Pond and Pine Bluff Regional Park Youth Fishing Pond, Landers Lake (Little Rock):

(1) Fishing open only to persons 15-under 16 years of age and younger and 65 years of age and older. Properly licensed persons between the age of 16 and 64 may fish if accompanied by a person under age 16 who is actively fishing.

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(2) Only hand held rod or pole allowed.

- (3) Largemouth bass: catch and release only.
- (5) Catfish daily limit: 3
- (6) Bream daily limit: 25
- (7) All other sportfish daily limit: same as statewide.
- (8) Trout daily limit: 35
- (9) Hybrid striped bass: 3
- (10) Lakes open to electric motors only.

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

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**COMMUNITY FISHING MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

**RESTRICTIONS.** It shall be unlawful to fish in the following waters except as specified herein:

- (A) Clear Lake (Clark County), Searcy City Lake (White County), Carol Ann Cross Pond (Sebastian County), Mountain Home Community Lake (Baxter County), T. J. House Reservoir (City of Mulberry lake), ~~and~~ all lakes and ponds managed by the City of Little Rock Parks and Recreation Department within the city limits of Little Rock, Springdale Community Fishing Pond in Murphy Park, Cabot Community Fishing Pond, Willow Beach Park Pond in Scott, Benton City (Sunset) Lake, North Little Rock City Park waters, Cherrywood Lake in Sherwood, Sherwood Municipal City Pond, Martin Luther King Jr. Park Pond in Pine Bluff:
- (B) Only hand held rod or pole allowed.
  - (1) Largemouth bass: catch and release only.
  - (2) Catfish daily limit: 3
  - (3) Bream daily limit: 25
  - (4) Trout daily limit: 35
  - (5) Hybrid striped bass: 3
- (C) Horseshoe Bend Pool (Strawberry River)
  - (1) Only two (2) hand held rods allowed.
  - (2) Black Bass: 12 inch minimum length limit.
  - (3) All other sportfish daily limit: One-half daily limit.
- (C) ~~Lander's Community Fishing Management Program Restrictions (Lander's Lake - Pulaski County):~~
  - ~~(1) Only hand held rod or pole allowed.~~
  - ~~(2) Largemouth bass: catch and release only.~~
  - ~~(3) Catfish daily limit: 3~~
  - ~~(4) Bream daily limit: 25~~
  - ~~(5) All other sportfish daily limit: same as statewide.~~
  - ~~(6) Fishing open only to persons under age 16 and age 65 and older. Persons between age 16 and 64 may fish if accompanied by a person under age 16 who is actively fishing.~~
  - ~~(7) Lake open to electric trolling motors only.~~
  - ~~(8) Trout daily limit: 3~~

~~PENALTY: \$100.00 TO \$1,000.00~~

**Section 32.00**

## General Fishing Regulations

- 32.01 Taking Fish With Electrical Devices, Firearms, Explosives, Toxic, Stupefying Or Killing Substances Prohibited.
- 32.02 Trapping Fish Prohibited.
- 32.03 Dip-Netting For Fish Prohibited.
- 32.04 Gaffing Fish Prohibited.
- 32.05 Hogging and Noodling Restrictions.
- 32.06 Taking Fish with Bow and Arrow or Gig Restricted.
- 32.07 Fishing Below Dam Restrictions.
- 32.08 Waters Restricted to Certain Fishing Tackle.
- 32.09 Sportfishing Season Restrictions On Certain National Wildlife Refuges (NWRs).
- 32.10 Blocking Streams Prohibited.
- 32.11 Requirements for Pumping from Public Waters.
- 32.12 The Release of Native or Non-Native Aquatic Wildlife Prohibited.
- 32.13 Certain Exotic **Species Fish** Prohibited.
- ~~32.14 Cotton Line Anchoring Requirements.~~
- 32.15 The Use or Sale as Baitfish of Grass Carp, Silver Carp, Black Carp, Bighead Carp or European Rudd Prohibited.
- 32.16 Transportation of Zebra Mussels Prohibited.
- 32.17 Restrictions for Taking Suckers.
- 32.18 Permit Required to Possess Silver Carp, Bighead Carp, *Diploid* Black Carp or European Rudd.

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32.05 **HOGGING AND NOODLING RESTRICTIONS.** It shall be unlawful to  
08-03 hog or noodle fish.

**EXCEPTIONS:**

- (1) When taken for personal use, buffalo, catfish, carp and drum shall may be taken. ~~from May 1 – July 15 between the main levees of the Mississippi River.~~ The portion of the state north and west of U.S. Highway 67 will be open July 15<sup>th</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup>, and that portion of the state south and east of U.S. Highway 67 will be open June 1<sup>st</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup>. The Arkansas River will be open June 1<sup>st</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup>. The Mississippi River will be open from May 1<sup>st</sup> through July 15<sup>th</sup>. While engaged in hogging in this area, it is unlawful to raise any part of a natural or artificial device out of the water thereby aiding in the capture of enclosed fish.
- (2) ~~When taken for personal use, buffalo, catfish, carp and drum shall be taken from June 15 to October 31.~~ One-half daily limit on catfish.

**PENALTY:** \$100.00 To \$1,000.00.

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**WATERS RESTRICTED TO CERTAIN FISHING TACKLE.** It shall be unlawful to fish with any device other than rod or pole in:

- A. **DeWitt City park Lake – Arkansas County;** Lake Atalanta and Lake Bentonville - Benton County; Big Timber Lake - Clark County; Hidden Lake - Carroll County; Gurdon Lake - Clark County; Lake Hubble - Clay County; Lake Bailey - Conway County; Lake Roosevelt in Petit Jean State Park – Conway County; Craighead Forest Lake - Craighead County; Lake Cambadelle - Crawford County; Lake Lou Emma - Crawford County; West Memphis City Parks Lake **and Marion City Park Lake** - Crittenden County; Lake Bennett - Faulkner County; Crowley Ridge State Park Lake and Reynolds Park Lake - Greene County; Lakes #1 and #2 in the Grandview WMA - Hempstead County; Lake Greenlee in Monroe County; Pickthorne Lake and **Ward City Park Lake** - Lonoke County; Hindsville Lake - Madison County; Lake Greenlee; **Donald Branch Fishing Pond – Monroe County;** Lake Sylvia - Perry County; Shady Lake - Polk County; Upper Lake Hogue - Poinsett County; Old Davidsonville State Park Lake - Randolph County; **Forrest City Park Lake – St. Francis County;** Truman Baker Lake - Scott County; Carol Cross Lake - Sebastian County; Gunner Pool and Hayden Bend Pond - Stone County; Mirror Lake - Stone County; Lake Kingfisher - Yell County; All lakes in VILLAGE CREEK STATE PARK - Cross and St. Francis Counties; DEVILS DEN STATE PARK LAKE - Washington County; and posted U.S. Forest Service ponds and lakes. Wattensaw WMA ponds and lakes, except oxbow lakes in Prairie County, and North Fork Lake in Montgomery County, LITTLE RED RIVER from Greers Ferry Dam downstream to Highway 305 bridge, LITTLE MISSOURI RIVER from Narrows Dam downstream to the mouth of Muddy Fork Creek; SPRING RIVER and tributaries from 100 yards below Dam No. 1 to the mouth of Myatt Creek; WHITE RIVER from Beaver Dam to Hwy 62 bridge; WHITE RIVER from 100 yards below Bull Shoals Dam to Hwy 58 bridge at Guion; NORTH FORK RIVER from 100 yards below Norfork Dam to the White River; SPRING RIVER LAKE.
- B. ARKANSAS RIVER from 100 yards below Dardanelle Dam to Hwy 7 bridge and 100 yards below Dam No. 2 to the mouth of Morgan Cut-Off (Ref: Commission Code 41.21, ARKANSAS RIVER Below Dam No. 2 Commercial Fishing Restrictions); FOURCHE LEFAVE RIVER from 100 yards below Nimrod Dam to Hwy 7 bridge.
- C. Waters listed in Section 31.19 and 31.20.

**EXCEPTION:**

- (1) Giggling or bowfishing for scaled rough fish is permitted in accordance with Code 32.06, Taking Fish with Bow and Arrow or Gig Restricted, in waters listed in Section B and in other unrestricted state waters.

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

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**CERTAIN EXOTIC SPECIES FISH PROHIBITED.** It shall be unlawful to import, transport, or possess in this state any **species fish** commonly known as snakehead (Family Channidae), walking catfish, stickleback, mexican banded tetra, ~~or~~ **piranha or rusty crayfish (Orconected rusticus)**. These species may be possessed for display and educational purposes by written permit approved by the Chief of Fisheries.  
**PENALTY:** \$250.00 to \$1,000.00.

~~32.14~~ ~~COTTON LINE ANCHORING REQUIREMENTS.~~ All trotlines, snaglines, ~~08-93~~ ~~throwlines, limblines, and set hooks shall be tied-off or anchored at both ends with 100% cotton line only.~~

~~EXCEPTION:~~

~~(1) All legal commercial fishing tackle.~~

~~PENALTY: \$50.00 to \$1,000.00.~~

**Section 39.00**  
**Aquatic Turtle Regulations**

- 39.01 **Permit/License Requirements for the Commercial Harvest and Sale of Aquatic Turtles.**
- 39.02 **Commercial Aquatic Turtle Harvest Restrictions.**
- 39.03 **Aquatic Turtle Tackle Tagging.**
- 39.04 **Aquatic Turtle Tackle Restrictions.**
- 39.05 **Reporting Requirements for Sale of Aquatic Turtles by Commercial Fisherman.**
- 39.06 **Possession of Fish by Commercial Aquatic Turtle Harvesters Prohibited.**
- 39.07 **Take or Possession of Alligator Snapping Turtles Prohibited.**
- 38.08 **Import of Alligator Snapping Turtles Prohibited.**
- 39.09 **Alligator Snapping Turtle Breeder/Dealer Permit Requirements.**
- 39.10 **Alligator Snapping Turtle Breeder/Dealer Reporting Requirements.**

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39.01 **PERMIT/LICENSE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE COMMERCIAL**  
08-03 **HARVEST AND SALE OF AQUATIC TURTLES.** It shall be unlawful for any person to operate any tackle for the purpose of taking aquatic turtles for commercial purposes **and/or engage in the sale or purchase of aquatic turtles** without first obtaining a **Commercial Fisherman Permit and Sportfishing License** and the proper tackle tags. **A valid Arkansas fishing license is required to take aquatic turtles for noncommercial purposes (see Exception 3). Nonresidents are not permitted to obtain or possess a Commercial Fisherman Permit and Sportfishing License.**

**EXCEPTION:**

- (1) **A person with a valid Commercial Fisherman Helpers Permit may independently operate properly tagged tackle of a Commercial Fisherman Permit and Sportfishing Licensee. This does not allow the holder of a Helper permit to sell aquatic turtles.**
- (2) Fish farmers operating under a valid Fish Farmer's Permit on those specific ponds, impoundments, and drainages where valid fish farming operations are occurring are not required to obtain a commercial fishing license or tags.
- (3) **Aquatic turtles taken in compliance with Code 15.16 (Native Wildlife Pet Restrictions) may be kept as pets but not sold.**

**PENALTY:** \$250.00 to \$1,000.00. **Second offense may result in revocation of the Commercial Fisherman Permit and Sportfishing License in accordance with Code 11.05, Revocation of Privileges.**

**11.05 REVOCATION OF PRIVILEGES.** Courts of competent jurisdiction or the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission by its authorized representatives may suspend, revoke, or deny a permit, license, tag or stamp for reasonable cause. Any suspension, revocation, or denial of privileges by the Commission, or its authorized representative shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions in Code Regulation 01.00-K.

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**COMMERCIAL AQUATIC TURTLE HARVEST RESTRICTIONS.**

**It shall be unlawful to take aquatic turtles for commercial purposes by any means other than hoop net or box type turtle traps in the following counties and/or bodies of water:**

Arkansas, Ashley, Bradley, Calhoun, Chicot, Cleveland, Clay, Columbia, Craighead, Crittenden, Cross, Dallas, Desha, Drew, Grant, Greene, Hempstead, Jackson, Jefferson, Lafayette, Lawrence (**see Exception 4**), Lee, Lincoln, Little River, Lonoke, Miller, Mississippi, Monroe, Nevada, Ouachita, Phillips, Poinsett, Prairie, Pulaski, Randolph (**see Exception 4**), St. Francis, Saline, Union, White, Woodruff, and the Arkansas River, from its mouth to the Arkansas/Oklahoma state line, including that part of the Arkansas River from the Ozark Dam to the Arkansas-Oklahoma state line, bounded on the north by the Union Pacific Railroad and on the south by Highway 22 (In compliance with Code 41.19). Arkansas waters between the main levees of the Mississippi River. All lakes, bays or other bodies of water, other than tributary streams, connected to waters as specified above, when accessible by boat, from the main channel except as limited by Section 30.00 (Reciprocal License Agreements). When a river or stream forms the boundary between opened and closed counties, that boundary segment shall be open to tackle legal in the open county.

**EXCEPTIONS:**

- (1) Only box type turtle traps may be used in counties or waters not specifically opened to hoop net turtle traps as listed above.
- (2) **Fish farmers operating under a valid Fish Farmer's (Aquaculturist's) Permit may take aquatic turtles on those specific ponds, impoundments and drainages where valid fish farming operations are occurring.**
- (3) Bayou Meto Bayou, in accordance with Code 44.01, Closure to All Commercial Harvest - Bayou Meto Bayou, is closed to all commercial harvest.
- (4) The following waters are closed to hoop net traps:  
**Eleven-Point River in Randolph County; Spring River in Lawrence and Randolph counties;** Lake Erling, including all tributaries upstream from 100 yards below Lake Erling Dam to State Highway #313 in Lafayette County; all lakes owned by the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission (excluding Grand Lake and all natural or channel scar lakes on WMAs located in counties listed above), Lake Columbia in Columbia County, Horseshoe Lake in Crittenden County, Lake Wallace in Drew and Chicot Counties, Upper and Lower Lake Chicot (Connerly Bayou to Ditch Bayou Dam inclusive) in Chicot County.
- (5) U.S. Forest Service lakes, State Park lakes and lakes owned by municipalities or property-owner associations are closed to commercial turtle trapping, unless specifically opened.

**PENALTY:** \$100.00 to \$1,000.00. **Second offense may result in revocation of the Commercial Fisherman Permit and Sportfishing License in accordance with Code 11.05, Revocation of Privileges.**

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**AQUATIC TURTLE TACKLE RESTRICTIONS.** It shall be unlawful to take or attempt to take aquatic turtles by the use of chemicals, explosives, or tackle other than as specified herein:

- (A) Hoop nets with ramp netting attached to the first hoop and a slot opening secured against fish entry by parallel lines to the second hoop. Net to be set with slot horizontal. Maximum slot opening 1 inch by 3 feet. Minimum mesh size **1½ inches on the square ~~1/4 inch~~**. Wings or leads may not be used. Nets must be set so that a portion of the enclosure remains ~~at or~~ above water surface **at all times**.
- (B) Box type traps with an open top that is above the water surface. All other trap surfaces must be fully closed and incapable of taking fish. Box type turtle traps may not exceed 4x4x4 feet
- (C) **A Commercial Fisherman Permittee must check and remove catch from all nets and/or traps at least once during each 24-hour period.**

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

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**POSSESSION OF FISH BY COMMERCIAL AQUATIC TURTLE HARVESTERS PROHIBITED.** It shall be unlawful for a **Commercial Fisherman Permittee to sportfish** or possess game fish in the same waters where he is engaged in turtle trapping.

**EXCEPTION:**

- (1) **Scaled rough fish, caught in turtle traps, may be retained for use as bait.**
- (2) **If hoop nets or box type traps are baited with fish only scaled rough fish may be used.**

**PENALTY:** \$100.00 to \$1,000.00. **Second offense may result in revocation of the Commercial Fisherman Permit and Sportfishing License in accordance with Code 11.05, Revocation of Privileges.**

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**ALLIGATOR SNAPPING TURTLE BREEDER/DEALER PERMIT REQUIREMENTS.** It shall be unlawful to possess, buy or sell alligator snapping turtles without first obtaining an Alligator Snapping Turtle Breeder/Dealer Permit. Such permits may be granted in accordance with Commission requirements, including:

- (A) A site plan, **to include physical and geographic description, of all facilities to be used to hold alligator snapping turtles must be provided to the Fisheries Division Chief.**
- (B) **All sites shall be inspected and approved by Commission personnel prior to issuance of a permit.**
- (C) **Holding ponds/areas shall be fenced and maintained in such manner as, to prevent egress of captives and ingress of wild stock.**

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- (D) Facilities shall be subject to random inspection by **Commission personnel in the performance of their duties.**
- (E) **Alligator Snapping Turtle Breeder/Dealer Permit holders are the only allowed source for the purchase of alligator snapping turtles and alligator snapping turtle eggs.**
- (F) Transport of alligator snapping turtles must be accompanied by a bill of sale **or bill of lading and must contain the following information: name, address, and telephone number of buyer, name and permit number of breeder/dealer, and number of turtles.**
- (G) Permit holders must complete monthly reports as detailed in Code 39.10.
- (H) Alligator snapping turtles in excess of five **(5)** inches curved carapace length **may not be sold, bartered, traded, or transferred.**

**PENALTY:** \$500.00 to \$1,000.00; **Any offence may result in permanent permit revocation and stock confiscation in accordance with Code 11.05, Revocation of Privileges.**

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**ALLIGATOR SNAPPING TURTLE BREEDER/DEALER**

**REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.** It shall be unlawful for alligator snapping **turtle breeder/dealers** to fail to mail or deliver to the Commission by the **10<sup>th</sup>** of each month a legible, itemized inventory of all alligator snapping turtles purchased, sold, or in possession during the prior month. This inventory shall include the names, addresses and phone numbers of the person(s) to or from whom alligator snapping turtles were sold, bartered, traded or **transferred**. This inventory shall be recorded on a form provided by the Commission.

**PENALTY:** \$100.00 to \$1,000.00. Second offense may result in revocation of alligator snapping turtle breeder/dealer permit **in accordance with Code 11.05, Revocation of Privileges.**

**Section 41.00  
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**COMMERCIAL FISHING SEASON AND RESTRICTIONS.**

(A) The following waters are open year around to legal commercial tackle as defined in Code 41.03 and 41.08:

RED RIVER in Hempstead, Lafayette, Little River and Miller counties;  
LITTLE RIVER from its mouth in Hempstead and Little River counties  
upstream to Corps of Engineers boat ramp on west bank of river  
below Millwood Lake Dam;

SULPHUR RIVER from its mouth to the Texas State line, OUACHITA  
RIVER from the Louisiana State Line to the confluence of the Caddo  
River (See Exception 2 below), Saline River from its confluence with  
the Ouachita River upstream to the Stillion Railroad Bridge in Ashley  
and Bradley Counties, FOURCHE LaFAVE RIVER from its mouth to  
Highway 7 Bridge in Perry County; PETIT JEAN RIVER from its mouth  
to Highway 10 Bridge in Yell County; WHITE RIVER upstream from its  
mouth to one hundred (100) yards below Dam No. 1 at Batesville in  
Independence County; BLACK RIVER from its mouth to the Missouri  
state line; ST. FRANCIS RIVER upstream to the mouth of the left  
hand chute of Little River in Poinsett County; CACHE RIVER and  
lakes accessible by boat from the river. ARKANSAS RIVER from its  
mouth to the Arkansas/Oklahoma State line including that part of the  
Arkansas River from the Ozark Dam to the Arkansas - Oklahoma  
State line, bounded on the north by the Union Pacific Railroad and on  
the south by Highway 22 (In compliance with Commission Codes  
41.09, 41.19, and 41.20) and ARKANSAS WATERS between the main  
levees of the Mississippi River. All lakes, bays or other bodies of  
water, other than tributary streams, connected to waters as specified  
above, when accessible by boat, from the main channel except as  
limited by Section 30.00 (Reciprocal License Agreements).

**EXCEPTIONS:**

- (1) Emergency Closures listed in Section 44.00.
- (2) Flathead catfish, bowfin, drum, and gar may not be taken or possessed by commercial fishermen on the Ouachita River from Smackover Creek to the northern boundary of Felsenthal National Wildlife Refuge.
- (3) Blue catfish, flathead catfish, bowfin, drum and gar may not be taken or possessed by commercial fishermen on the Ouachita River from the northern boundary of Felsenthal National Wildlife Refuge to the Louisiana State Line, all waters within Felsenthal National Wildlife Refuge, and from the Saline River from its mouth within Felsenthal National Wildlife Refuge upstream to the Stillion Railroad Bridge.
- (4) Island 40 Chute in Crittenden County closed to commercial fishing except noon, November 1 to noon, March 30, or when accessible by boat from the Mississippi River.

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(B) The following waters are closed year around to commercial fishing: Lake Erling, including all tributaries upstream from 100 yards below Lake Erling Dam to State Highway #313 in Lafayette County; All lakes owned and/or operated by the State Parks, Recreation and Travel Commission, the U.S. Forest Service, the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission (excluding Grand Lake and all natural or channel scar lakes on Commission Wildlife Management Areas located within counties not designated as closed); Columbia County Lake in Columbia County, Dorcheat Bayou from its headwaters in Nevada County to the Arkansas/Louisiana state line, Horseshoe Lake in Crittenden County; Saline River above State Highway 4 in Bradley County, Lake Wallace in Drew and Chicot Counties; Upper and Lower Lake Chicot (from Connerly Bayou Dam to the Ditch Bayou Dam, inclusive) in Chicot County; Hensley Lake in Jefferson County, Lake Maumelle in Pulaski County, White Oak Bay (Ozark Lake/Arkansas River), Morgan Point Bendway Lake in Desha County, **Little Missouri River** and all lakes in the Hot Springs Village Area of Saline County.

(C) The following counties or parts thereof are open year around to legal commercial fishing unless noted closed in Section B or other 41.00 codes. Legal gill and trammel nets may be fished in the following counties only from Noon, September 30 to Noon, May 1: Arkansas (See Emergency Closure Code 44.01), Ashley (See Emergency Closure Codes 44.04, 44.05 and 44.06), Bradley (See Emergency Closure Codes 44.03 and 44.06), Calhoun (See Emergency Closure Codes 44.03, 44.04 and 44.06), Chicot, Clay, Columbia (Dorcheat Bayou closed in (B) above; also see Emergency Closure Code 44.02), Craighead, Crittenden, Cross, Dallas, Desha, Drew (See Emergency Closure Codes 44.04 and 44.05), Greene, Hempstead, **Independence**, Jackson, Jefferson (See Emergency Closure Code 44.01), Lafayette, Lawrence, Lee, Lincoln, Little River, Lonoke (See Emergency Closure Code 44.01), Miller, Mississippi, Monroe, Nevada (Dorcheat Bayou closed in (B) above), Ouachita, Phillips, Poinsett, Prairie (See Emergency Closure Code 44.01), Pulaski (See Emergency Closure Code 44.01), Randolph, Saint Francis, White, Woodruff and Union (See Emergency Closure Code 44.06) counties.

**EXCEPTIONS:**

(1) For waters in the above counties located within the White River National Wildlife Refuge below Highway 1, gill and trammel net season is from noon, September 30 through noon, November 30 and from noon, March 1 through noon, September 30 when accessible by boat from the White River and the White River is above 23.5 ft. on the St. Charles gauge. All commercial fishermen must obtain a Special Use Permit from the White River Refuge Manager prior to fishing refuge waters.

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- (2) Saline River and backwaters from Stillion Railroad Bridge in Ashley and Bradley Counties to State Hwy 4 Bridge in Bradley County closed all year to gill and trammel nets.
- (3) Open waters in Independence County include White River, Black River and oxbow lakes that are north of Arkansas Hwy 14 and east of Arkansas Hwy 122 and Arkansas Hwy 25. Landowner permission will be required for oxbow lakes that are not accessible from the Black River
- (D) The following counties are closed year around to commercial fishing unless noted open in Section A or other 41.00 codes:

Baxter, Benton, Boone, Carroll, Clark, Cleburne, Cleveland, Conway, Crawford, Faulkner, Franklin, Fulton, Garland, Grant, Hot Spring, Howard, ~~Independence~~, IZARD, Logan, Johnson, Madison, Marion, Montgomery, Newton, Perry, Pike, Polk, Pope, Saline, Scott, Searcy, Sebastian, Sevier, Sharp, Stone, Van Buren, Washington and Yell counties. When a river or stream forms the boundary between opened and closed counties, that boundary segment shall be open to tackle legal in the open county, unless closed in other 41.00 and 44.00 codes.

**EXCEPTION:**

- (1) That part of Saline River south of Hwy 24 in Howard and Sevier counties open year around to hoop nets.

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

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**UNDERSIZED COMMERCIAL FISH PROHIBITED.** It shall be unlawful for commercial fishermen to possess catfish or buffalo fish less than 16 inches in length or paddlefish, and sturgeon and bowfin of any size taken from public waters.

**EXCEPTIONS:**

- (1) Twelve (12) inch or larger blue and channel catfish only may be taken in waters specified in Section 41.24.
- (2) Holders of a current Resident Roe Taker/Seller Permit or Resident Roe Buyer/Exporter Permit in compliance with Code 41.05(A) or Code 41.05(B) may possess paddlefish in excess of 36 inches or larger in the open portion of the Arkansas River, 32 inches or larger in body length in the open portion of the White River and 34 inches or larger in body length for all other waters open to paddlefish harvest or sturgeon when in season.

**Paddlefish shall be measured from front of eye to fork of tail with the fish laid flat on a rule.**

**PENALTY:** \$100.00 to \$1,000.00 and fishing privileges may be suspended in accordance with Code 11.05, Revocation of Privileges.

Section 42.00  
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~~42.00-A AQUACULTURE SPECIES DEFINED. Aquaculture Species shall mean~~  
~~10-02 any species listed on the Approved Aquaculture Species List (available from Fisheries Division) and species not listed but allowed under Unlisted or Restricted Species Possession Permits.~~

~~42.00-B FISH FARMER (AQUACULTURIST) DEFINED. A Fish Farmer~~  
~~10-02 (Acquaculturist) shall mean any person, firm or corporation engaged in the propagation or production of Aquaculture Species on property owned or controlled by said farmer.~~

42.01 **FISH FARMER (AQUACULTURIST) PERMIT REQUIREMENTS.** It shall be  
10-02 unlawful for fish farmers to **possess, propagate, culture and/or sell** Aquaculture Species without first obtaining a Fish Farmers **(Aquaculturist)** Permit annually. A Fish Dealer License is required to sell minnows retail unless sold on property where minnows are grown.  
**PENALTY:** \$100.00 to \$1,000.00.

42.03 **FISH FARMER (AQUACULTURIST) BILL OF LADING REQUIREMENTS.**  
10-02 It shall be unlawful for fish farmers **(Aquaculturists)** to fail to furnish bill of lading or bill of sale as specified herein:  
(A) A bill of sale or true bill of lading must be immediately supplied to each purchaser of fish indicating the species, number "or weight" of fish sold, name of purchaser and name and permit number of fish farmer making transaction and accompany shipment to final destination.  
(B) The name and address of the consignor and consignee must be indicated on a true bill of lading for fish shipped or transported in intrastate **and interstate** commerce.  
(C) The original fish farmer's permit number must be indicated on each and every bill of sale, invoice or bill of lading covering each fish transaction.  
**PENALTY:** \$100.00 to \$1,000.00.

**42.04** **FISH FARMER (AQUACULTURIST) TACKLE REQUIREMENTS.** It shall  
08-80 be unlawful for fish farmers (**Aquaculturists**) to use or transport illegal commercial tackle without first complying with Commission Code 42.01 (Fish Farmer ~~(Aquaculturists)(Aquaculturists)~~ Permit Requirements)  
**PENALTY:** \$100.00 to \$1,000.00.

**42.05** **TRANSPORTATION OR SALE ~~OR OF~~ WHITE CRAPPIE ~~OR~~**  
10-99 **UNDESIRABLE AQUATIC WILDLIFE PROHIBITED.** It shall be unlawful for fish ~~for~~ farmers to transport, sell or deliver White Crappie (*Pomoxis annularis*) in excess of 6 (six) inches in length. ~~, or any fish or minnows designated as undesirable species (Ref: Commission Code 32.13 Certain Exotic Fish Prohibited) by the Commission.~~  
**PENALTY:** \$100.00 to \$1,000.00.

**42.06** **RAISING-REARING OR PROPAGATING AQUATIC WILDLIFE FISH IN**  
08-80 **CONFINEMENT RESTRICTED.** It shall be unlawful to ~~raise rear or propagate aquatic wildlife any species of fish~~ in confinement in public waters without first registering such operation with the Commission and complying with Commission Code 42.01 (Fish Farmer Permit Requirements).  
**PENALTY:** \$100.00 to \$1,000.00.

**42.07** **FISHING IN CAGED FISH CONFINEMENTS PROHIBITED.** It shall be  
08-80 unlawful to fish or otherwise disturb ~~fish~~ **aquaculture species** contained in fish confinements for production or rearing of said ~~fish~~ **aquaculture species**.  
**PENALTY:** \$100.00 to \$1,000.00.

**42.09** **POSSESSION, REARING, PROPAGATION, OR SALE BY FISH FARMERS**  
**(AQUACULTURISTS) OF RESTRICTED AND UNLISTED AQUACULTURE**  
**SPECIES PROHIBITED.**

10-02 It shall be unlawful for fish farmers (aquaculturists) to possess, rear, propagate, or sell ~~engage in the rearing or sale of aquatic aquaculture~~ species not listed on the Approved Aquaculture Species List (list available from Fisheries Division) without first applying for and obtaining a Restricted Species Possession Permit (Restricted Species List available from the Fisheries Division) or an Unlisted Aquaculture Species Permit from the Chief of Fisheries.

**EXCEPTION:**

- (1) The sale of native crayfish and turtle species that naturally colonize culture facilities is allowed **if not otherwise prohibited.**
- (2) Marine and tropical aquatic ~~species~~ **wildlife** commonly distributed in the aquarium trade may be sold without special permit, as long as they are held only in closed aquarium systems and not otherwise prohibited.
- (3) The rearing and sale of turtles as allowed under Commission Code Section 39.

**PENALTY:** \$350.00 to \$1,000.00.

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**PADDLEFISH, AND STURGEON AND BOWFIN ROE REGULATIONS.**

It shall be unlawful for a fish farmer to sell or buy paddlefish (also called spoonbill catfish), sturgeon ~~or bowfin~~, or their parts, including eggs (roe), without first obtaining a Resident Roe Taker/Seller Permit, Resident Roe Buyer/Exporter Permit, or a Non-Resident Roe Buyer Permit as applicable in accordance with Code 41.05. Fish farmers in possession of a Resident Roe Buyer/Exporter Permit, or a Non-Resident Roe Buyer Permit will be required to follow the reporting requirements as stated in Code 41.05.

**PENALTY:** \$500.00 to \$1,000.00, and privileges may be suspended in accordance with Code 11.05, Revocation or Privileges

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### 31.01B EXCEPTIONS: (continued)

Crooked Creek 18 inches with a daily limit of 1: from 101 bridge downstream to the confluence with the White River; between the hwy 62-412 and Hwy 62 Spur bridges at Pyatt.

Ozark Zone Catch and Release Area – Crooked Creek, along boundary of Arkansas Game and Fish Foundation property near Kelly’s Slab Access. Ozark Zone Quality Streams (Kings, Spring, and South Fork/Spring rivers) - smallmouth bass minimum length limit of 14 inches with a daily limit of 2, except on Kings River from Trigger Gap to Hwy 62 bridge: minimum length limit 18 inches and daily limit of 1. Ouachita/Boston Zone (all Arkansas counties not included in the Ozark Zone) - smallmouth bass minimum length limit of 10 inches with a daily limit of 4. Ouachita/Boston Zone Quality Streams (Mulberry, Caddo above DeGray Lake, DeGray Lake, Ouachita River upstream from Lake Ouachita, Saline River, including its four headwater forks in Saline, Perry and Garland counties, South Fork/Ouachita, Little Missouri above Lake Greeson and Lake Greeson) - smallmouth bass minimum length limit of 12 inches with a daily limit of 2.

Ouachita/Boston Zone Catch-and-Release area - all smallmouth bass caught in Lake Ouachita including the Ouachita River upstream to the River Bluff access area and Little Missouri River from Lake Greeson Dam to the Ouachita River must be immediately returned to the stream.

- (B) Black Bass daily limit - six (6) on Beaver Lake, Bull Shoals, Norfolk Lake, Lake Ouachita and Table Rock Lake, five (5) on Lake Lou Emma - Crawford County, and four (4) on Lake Cargile; Largemouth bass daily limit – five (5) on Grandview Lake #2, four (4) in Lower White Oak Lake; (Reference Code 31.02 (6), Black Bass Length Limits and Protective Slot Limits on Certain Lakes).
- (C) Largemouth bass caught must be immediately returned to the water in Cedar Creek Watershed Lake (Perry County), Lake Greenlee in Monroe County, Lake Sylvia in Perry County, Lake SWEPCO, **Bois d’Arc Lake** and Lake Ashbaugh in Greene County.

(2) **BREAM**

- (A) No limit on bream four (4) inches or less in length.

(3) **CATFISH**

- (A) No limit on catfish on Grand Lake - Chicot County, Lake Chicot (including that portion of Connerly Bayou downstream from Connerly Dam to the bayou’s mouth and Ditch Bayou from the inlet on Lake Chicot to Ditch Bayou Dam) and between the main levees of the Mississippi River.

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**31.01B EXCEPTIONS: (continued)**

- (B) Catfish daily limit five (5) on Lake Atalanta and Lake Bentonville - Benton County; Big Timber Lake - Clark County; Hidden Lake - Carroll County; Gurdon Lake - Clark County; Hubble Lake - Clay County; Lake Bailey - Conway County; Craighead Forest Lake - Craighead County; Lake Cambadelle - Crawford County; Lake Lou Emma - Crawford County; West Memphis City Parks Lake - Crittenden County; Village Creek State Park Lakes - Cross and St. Francis Counties; Lake Bennett - Faulkner County; Lake Clearfork - Garland County; Crowley Ridge State Park Lake and Reynolds Park Lake - Greene County; Newark City Lake - Independence; Hindsville Lake - Madison County; Blytheville City Park Lake - Mississippi County; Lake Sylvia - Perry County; Shady Lake - Polk County; Twin Lakes A & B, Camp Ferncliff, Paradise Lake, and all Little Rock and North Little Rock City Park lakes - Pulaski County; Old Davidsonville State Park Lake - Randolph County; Truman Baker Lake - Scott County; Cave City's Lakes - Sharp County; Gunner Pool and Hayden Bend Pond - Stone County; Devils Den State Park - Washington County; Spring Lake - Yell County; Kingfisher, Clubhouse Lakes in Petit Jean WMA, Yell County and posted U.S. Forest Service ponds and lakes.
- (C) In addition to daily limit, ten (10) channel catfish under 16 inches may be taken on the Arkansas River.
- (D) In addition to daily limit, ten channel catfish of any size may be taken in Lake Erling and Millwood Lake.
- (4) CRAPPIE
  - (A) Crappie daily limit - 15 in Beaver, Table Rock, Bull Shoals and Norfolk Reservoirs and Cane Creek Lake in Lincoln County.
  - (B) Crappie daily limit - 30 east of a line beginning at the Arkansas - Missouri State Line on U.S. Hwy 63 and described as follows: following U.S. Hwy. 63 south to Hardy, continuing on U.S. Hwy. 62 west to Ash Flat, continuing on U.S. Hwy 167 south to Little Rock, continuing on U.S. Hwy 67 south to Texarkana to Arkansas - Texas State Line, except daily limit of 20 crappie in Lake Chicot.
  - (C) Crappie daily limit - 50 between the main levees of the Mississippi River and on Horseshoe Lake in Crittenden County.

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**31.01B EXCEPTIONS: (continued)**

~~(5) TROUT~~

- ~~(A) Brown Trout daily limit - 2 with a 16-inch minimum size limit in White River (including Beaver Lake tailwaters and Bull Shoals Lake Tailwaters), North Fork White River, Spavinaw Creek (Benton County) west of Hwy. 59, Spring River; Brown Trout daily limit - 4, only one of which may be 21 inches and over, with a protected slot limit from 16 to 21 inches in length in Little Red River.~~
- ~~(B) Cutthroat Trout daily limit - 2 with a 16-inch minimum size limit in trout waters as listed in 31.15, Tackle Restrictions for Trout Streams.~~
- ~~(C) Trout daily limit - 3 in Blanchard Springs/Mirror Lake.~~

(6) WALLEYE

- (A) Walleye daily limit - 4 with an 18-inch minimum length limit in **Beaver**, Bull Shoals, Norfolk and Table Rock lakes to the Beaver Dam on the White River; Greers Ferry Lake including all its tributaries, daily limit - 4, only one of which may be 28 inches or over, with a protected slot limit from **20** to 28 inches.
- (7) In compliance with Commission Code 31.02 (Game Fish Limits and Protective Slot Limits on Certain Lakes and Rivers).
- (8) In compliance with Commission Code Section 35.00 (Spear Fishing).
- (9) In compliance with Commission Code Section 42.00 (Fish Farmer).
- (10) WHITE BASS, STRIPED BASS, HYBRID STRIPED BASS
- (A) White Bass daily limit of 50 and possession limit of 100 while fishing between the main levees of the Mississippi River.
- (B) Striped Bass or Hybrid Combination daily limit - 3 on Beaver Lake, Bull Shoals Lake, Lake Greeson, Lake Maumelle, Norfolk Lake and Lake Ouachita; 10 when taken from the Arkansas River and connecting lakes.
- (C) No limit on White Bass on Lake Ashbaugh and Beaver Lake and all tributaries including Lake Sequoyah.

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

**31.02**  
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**GAME FISH LENGTH LIMITS AND PROTECTIVE SLOT LIMITS  
ON CERTAIN LAKES AND RIVERS**

- (A) BASS: It shall be unlawful to possess black bass as follows:
- (1) Less than 12 inches in length on largemouth bass in Lake Frierson.
- (2) Less than 12 inches in length on spotted bass in Beaver Lake, Bull Shoals Lake, Norfolk Lake and Table Rock Lake.
- (3) Less than 15 inches in length on smallmouth bass in Beaver Lake, Bull Shoals Lake, Norfolk Lake and Table Rock Lake.
- (4) Less than 15 inches in length on largemouth bass only in Lake Atkins, Beaver Lake, Big Lake National Wildlife Refuge, Blue

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Mountain Lake, Bull Shoals Lake, Caddo Fishing Pond, Upper and Lower Lake Chicot (including that portion of Connerly Bayou downstream from Connerly Dam to the bayou's mouth and Ditch Bayou from the inlet on Lake Chicot to Ditch Bayou Dam) in Chicot County, Georgia Pacific Lake, Lake Greenlee, Kingfisher Lake, Greers Ferry Lake, Mercer Bayou (Sulphur River WMA), Moss Creek Pond, Norfolk Lake, Shady Lake, Table Rock Lake, Lake Wright (Sebastian County), and Arkansas River:

- (5) It shall be unlawful to possess largemouth bass from 13" to 16" in length on Lake Barnett (White County), Bear Creek Lake, Bob Kidd Lake, Lake Brewer, Lake DeGray, Dierks Reservoir (Howard and Sevier counties), Lake Hogue, Lee Creek Lake, Lake Maumelle (Pulaski County), Lake Ouachita, Sugar Loaf Lake, and Lake Wilhelmina (Polk County); or to possess largemouth bass from 13" to 18" in length on DeQueen Reservoir.
  - (6) Less than 16 inches in length on largemouth bass only in Lake Millwood. Limit 3.
  - (7) It shall be unlawful to possess largemouth bass from 16" to 21" in length or to possess more than one (1) largemouth bass 21" or longer in Lake Austell, Lake Cargile (Conway County), Lake Columbia, Lower White Oak Lake and Mallard Lake. Limit 4.
  - (8) It shall be unlawful to possess largemouth bass from 16" to 21" in length in Lake Pickthorne; limit 2, only one of which may be 21" or longer.
  - (9) It shall be unlawful to possess largemouth bass from 16 inches to 21 inches in length in Lake #1 in Grandview WMA. Limit 2 largemouth bass (1 over 21" and 1 under 16", or 2 under 16"). Limit on other game fish is one half the statewide daily limit.
  - (10) It shall be unlawful to possess largemouth bass from 16" to 21" in length or to possess more than one (1) largemouth bass 21" or longer in Lake Monticello. Limit 4.
- (B) CRAPPIE: It shall be unlawful to possess crappie as follows:
- (1) Less than 10 inches in length in Beaver, Table Rock, Bull Shoals and Norfolk Reservoirs, with a daily limit of 15 crappie.
  - (2) Less than 10 inches in length in Cane Creek Lake, Upper and Lower Lake Chicot (including that portion of Connerly Bayou downstream from Connerly Dam to the bayou's mouth and Ditch Bayou from the inlet on Lake Chicot to Ditch Bayou Dam), **Lake Charles** and Lake Monticello.
  - (3) Less than 9 inches in length in Blue Mountain Lake and Harris Brake Lake.

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~~(C) — TROUT: It shall be unlawful to possess brook trout as follows:  
(1) — Less than 14" minimum length limit for brook trout statewide. Limit: 2.~~

**EXCEPTION:**

- (1) Sportfish may be snagged (except in catch and release areas) in accordance with Code 31.05, Hogging, Noodling and Snagging Game Fish Prohibited, and within the restrictive size limits as specified in Code 31.02.

NOTE: Measure all fish from the front end of the lower jaw to the tip of the tail with fish laid flat on rule, mouth closed and tail lobes pressed together.

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

~~**31.03** — **TROUT PERMIT REQUIREMENT:** It shall be unlawful for persons 16 or more years of age to retain trout from state waters, or to fish on Beaver Lake tailwaters, from Beaver Dam to Hwy. 62 bridge; Little Red River, from Greers Ferry Dam to Hwy 305 bridge; North Fork River, entire stream; Spavinaw Creek (Benton County) east of Hwy. 59; and White River, from Bull Shoals Dam to Hwy 58 bridge at Guion without first obtaining and validating by signature, a current trout permit.~~

~~**EXCEPTIONS:**~~

- ~~(1) — In compliance with Commission Code Section 34.00 Put and Take — Pay Lake Requirements.  
(2) — Persons possessing a Lifetime Resident Hunting and Fishing Sportsman's Permit.  
(3) — Persons possessing a Resident 65 Plus Lifetime Trout Permit.~~

~~**PENALTY:** \$100.00 to \$1,000.00~~

**31.04**  
08-80 **GIGGING OF GAME FISH PROHIBITED.** It shall be unlawful to gig game fish at any time.

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

**31.05**  
08-03 **SNAGGING GAME FISH PROHIBITED.** It shall be unlawful to snag game fish except as specified herein:

- (1) If snagged from bank within 100 yards below a dam (prohibited below the Upper White Oak Lake Dam).  
(2) If snagged from a boat located or anchored from 100 yards below all locks and dams on the Arkansas River to the downstream entrance point of the lock structure and from 100 yards below Dam number 2 to the boat launching ramps immediately below the dam.  
(3) If snagged from the bank below Beaver Dam, from the Corps of Engineers "No Fishing beyond this Point" sign, downstream to the first Corps of Engineers boat ramp on the left descending bank from April 15 - June 15 only.  
(4) Limit: With the exception of catfish and paddlefish, no more than one-half the daily game fish limit may be taken by snagging, or the lesser whole number nearest one-half the limit, when the limit is an odd number.

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- (5) Snagging must be discontinued once the daily creel limit of any species of game fish has been harvested.
- (6) All game fish snagged from the bank or from a boat shall be retained for personal use only (not sold) and applied to the daily limit.

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

**31.06**  
08-80

**BAITING WITH GAME FISH PROHIBITED.** It shall be unlawful to use game fish, or parts thereof, for bait or lures.

**EXCEPTION:**

- (1) Bream (Ref: 01.00-C)

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

**31.07**  
07-87

**SALE OF GAME FISH PROHIBITED.** It shall be unlawful to buy, sell, or possess for sale any game fish.

**EXCEPTIONS:**

- (1) In compliance with Commission Code 41.12 (Undersized Commercial Fish Prohibited) when taken by commercial fishermen.
- (2) Game fish raised in licensed fish farming operations.
- (3) Bream four (4) inches or less in length.

**PENALTY:** \$500.00 to \$1,000.00.

**31.08**  
08-02

**SALE OF BAIT PROHIBITED.** It shall be unlawful to take from public waters of the state and sell, or offer for sale as fishing bait, any wildlife species or portions thereof other than insects, freshwater shrimp, worms, frogs and **baitfish**.

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

**31.09**  
10-92

**YO-YO FISHING RESTRICTIONS.** It shall be unlawful for a person to fish more than 30 yo-yos (or other mechanical fishing devices) or to leave such unattended (out of sight or hearing) at any times or to suspend more than one (1) yo-yo or mechanical device from any horizontal line, wire, limb or support. These regulations shall apply to all yo-yos left in place whether "set" or "tripped" (disabled).

**EXCEPTION:**

- (1) Yo-yos may be left unattended from sunset to sunrise only if clearly and legibly marked with name and address, vehicle operator license number, or current vehicle license number (registered to the user) of the user.

**PENALTY:** \$50.00 to \$1,000.00.

**31.10**  
06-88

**FREEFLOATING FISHING DEVICES RESTRICTIONS.** It shall be unlawful for a person to fish in excess of twenty (20) freefloating fishing devices (jugs) and to fail to attend said devices at all times. All freefloating fishing devices shall be plainly labeled, on durable material, with the name and address, or vehicle operator's license number, or current vehicle license number (registered to the FFD user) of the person using such equipment.

**EXCEPTION:**

- (1) Freefloating Fishing Devices are not required to be attended from sunset to sunrise.

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

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~~31.12 — HERDING TROUT PROHIBITED. It shall be unlawful on any trout  
06-81 — stream in Arkansas to drive, pursue, harass or rally trout with the use of  
boats, wading, throwing objects, disturbing with noises, or by any other  
means for the intended purpose of concentrating or congregating trout.  
PENALTY: \$100.00 to \$1,000.00.~~

~~31.13 — CHAIN DRAGGING ON NORTH FORK RIVER PROHIBITED. It  
06-81 — shall be unlawful to drag chains or other objects from boats, capable of  
destroying aquatic vegetation, on North Fork River in Baxter County.  
PENALTY: \$100.00 to \$1,000.00.~~

~~31.14 — TRANSFER OF TROUT BY GUIDES RESTRICTED. It shall be  
06-83 — unlawful for licensed Commercial Guides to transfer to any other person his  
trout catch so that the recipient's legal daily or possession limit is exceeded.  
PENALTY: \$100.00 to \$1,000.00.~~

~~31.15 — TACKLE RESTRICTIONS FOR TROUT STREAMS. It shall be  
08-02 — unlawful to use more than two rods or poles per individual or to fail to attend  
rods or poles at all times in the following designated areas:  
(1) — Blanchard Springs — From the Spring to Mirror Lake Dam;  
(2) — Little Missouri River — From Lake Greeson Dam to Hwy 27 Bridge at  
Murfreesboro;  
(3) — Spring River — From mouth of Mammoth Spring to Many Islands Camp;  
**It shall be unlawful to use more than one rod or pole per individual or to  
fail to attend rod or pole at all times in the following designated areas  
where a trout permit is required:**  
(1) — Beaver Lake Tailwater — From Beaver Dam to Hwy 62 bridge;  
(2) — Little Red River — From Greer's Ferry Dam to Hwy 305 bridge;  
(3) — Norfolk Tailwater — From Norfolk Dam to its' confluence with White  
River;  
(4) — White River — From Bull Shoals Dam to Hwy 58 bridge at Guion.  
(5) — Spavinaw Creek (Benton County) — East of Hwy 59.  
**EXCEPTIONS:**  
(1) — In compliance with Commission Code 32.07 (Fishing Below Dam  
Restrictions).  
PENALTY: \$100.00 to \$1,000.00.~~

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~~31.16 SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS ON TROUT WATERS.~~

~~08-02 Baits such as marshmallows, salmon eggs, and moldable substances (Power Bait® and Zeke's Gold® types) are not allowed. Only artificial lures with one single, barbless hooking point per pole may be used, except from 100 yards below Bull Shoals Dam to the upstream boundary of Bull Shoals State Park where a single barbless treble hook may be used. All trout caught must be immediately returned to the stream in the following waters:~~

- ~~(A) Dry Run Creek (Norfolk National Fish Hatchery Effluent) in Baxter County is open to fishing for those under 16 years of age and mobility impaired anglers from sunrise to sunset only. **Mobility impaired anglers shall fish from the mobility impaired access pier only.**~~
- ~~(B) Other waters:~~
- ~~(1) Beaver Tailwater – from 0.5 mile below Beaver Dam to 100 yards above Parker Bend.~~
- ~~(2) Bull Shoals Tailwater:~~
- ~~(A) Fishing is not allowed anytime 100 yards below Bull Shoals Dam upstream to the Dam.~~
- ~~(B) From 100 yards below Bull Shoals Dam to the wing Dike at the Bull Shoals State Park Trout Dock closed to fishing from November 1 to January 31.~~
- ~~(C) From 100 yards below Bull Shoals Dam to the upstream boundary of Bull Shoals State Park: CATCH AND RELEASE AREA from February 1 to October 31.~~
- ~~(D) Between the upstream and downstream boundary signs as posted by the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission near Mount Olive Access Area and near Jack's Resort.~~
- ~~(E) From Monkey Island to Moccasin Creek.~~
- ~~(F) Rim Shoals, from mouth of Jenkins Creek to first electric powerline downstream.~~
- ~~Greers Ferry Tailwater:~~
- ~~(3) Greers Ferry Tailwater:~~
- ~~(A) Cow Shoals from head of shoal as marked to mouth of Canoe Creek from October 1 – December 31. Closed to fishing one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise from October 1 – December 31.~~
- ~~(B) 100 yards downstream of Greers Ferry Dam to approximately 0.5 miles downstream to the last Fish Hatchery effluent outfall in Kennedy Park.~~
- ~~(C) From Dunham to Mossy Shoals.~~
- ~~(4) Narrows Tailwater:~~
- ~~(A) From Narrows Dam to upstream end of the Riverside Park pool year-round.~~
- ~~(B) From upstream end of the Riverside Park pool to the gas line crossing above the Riverridge pool for the period from May 1 through October 15.~~

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~~(5) — Norfolk Tailwater from Otter Creek to 100 yds. above River Ridge.~~

~~(6) — Spavinaw Creek (Benton County) east of Hwy. 59.~~

~~(7) — Collins Creek (JFK Recreation Area, Cleburne County) is open to fishing from sunrise to sunset.~~

~~(A) From its source to the wooden vehicle bridge within JFK Park~~

~~by individuals under age 16 only; and~~

~~(B) From the bridge to its confluence with the Greers Ferry Tailwater (Little Red River) by individuals under age 16 and persons 16 and older accompanied by actively fishing individuals under age 16.~~

~~**PENALTY:** \$100.00 TO \$1,000.00~~

~~**31.17** — **BROWN TROUT RESTRICTIONS ON WHITE RIVER.** It shall be  
08-02 — unlawful to retain brown trout in possession in the White River, from the wing dike at the Bull Shoals State Park Trout Dock to downstream boundary of Bull Shoals State Park; catch and release only for brown trout from November 1 to January 31. This area is closed to night (30 minutes after sunset to 30 minutes before sunrise) fishing from November 1 through January 31. It is also unlawful to use tackle other than artificial lures or flies with a single, barbless hook, or one barbless treble hook, when fishing for any species in the above described waters during the November 1 — January 31 period.~~

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

**31.18** **POSSESSION OF FILLETED FISH PROHIBITED ON LENGTH/  
08-91** **SLOT LIMIT WATERS.** It shall be unlawful to possess filleted fish or fish with head or tail removed while fishing from shore, boat, or transporting fish by boat on length/slot limit waters as described in Code 31.01, Game Fish Daily and Possession Limit Restrictions, Exception (11) and Code 31.02, Black Bass Length Limits and Protective Slot Limits.

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

~~31.21~~ ~~CHUMMING PROHIBITED.~~ It shall be unlawful to chum in all  
~~40-09~~ trout waters designated as "Catch and Release" areas.  
(Ref: Code 31.16).  
~~PENALTY: \$100.00 to \$1,000.00.~~

~~31.22~~ ~~RAINBOW TROUT RETENTION RESTRICTION.~~ It shall be  
~~08-02~~ unlawful to release a rainbow trout after it has been placed on a stringer  
within a fish basket, live well, ice chest or retained by any other  
device. By such activities, it shall be presumed that the angler  
intended to retain the trout and count it in the daily fish limit.

~~EXCEPTION:~~

~~(1) Rainbow trout exceeding 16 inches in length may be temporarily  
(not to exceed 30 minutes) retained in a live well only for  
purposes of measurement, weighing and photographing before  
release.~~

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

**32.07** **FISHING BELOW DAM RESTRICTIONS.** It shall be unlawful  
10-96 to fish within 100 yards below any dam and within the outlet channels of  
Arkansas Valley Electric Cooperative Hydroelectric Plant at Barling and the  
Murray Hydroelectric Plant at North Little Rock.

**EXCEPTION:**

- (1) When only one (1) pole or rod held in hand is used;
- (2) When taking scaled rough fish with bow and arrow;
- (3) When taking shad with hand held dip net for personal use only.
- ~~(4) No fishing allowed anytime 100 yards below Bull Shoals Dam  
upstream to the Dam.~~

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

**32.08** **WATERS RESTRICTED TO CERTAIN FISHING TACKLE.** It shall  
10-99 be unlawful to fish with any device other than rod or pole in:  
(A) Lake Atalanta and Lake Bentonville - Benton County; Big  
Timber Lake - Clark County; Hidden Lake - Carroll County;  
Gurdon Lake - Clark County; Lake Hubble - Clay County; Lake  
Bailey - Conway County; Lake Roosevelt in Petit Jean State  
Park - Conway County; Craighead Forest Lake - Craighead  
County; Lake Cambadelle - Crawford County; Lake Lou Emma -  
Crawford County; West Memphis City Parks Lake - Crittenden  
County; Lake Bennett - Faulkner County; Crowley Ridge State  
Park Lake and Reynolds Park Lake - Greene County; Lakes #1  
and #2 in the Grandview WMA - Hempstead County; Lake  
Greenlee in Monroe County; Pickthorne Lake - Lonoke County;  
Hindsville Lake - Madison County; Lake Sylvia - Perry County;  
Shady Lake - Polk County; Upper Lake Hogue - Poinsett  
County; Old Davidsonville State Park Lake - Randolph County;

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Truman Baker Lake - Scott County; Carol Cross Lake - Sebastian County; Gunner Pool and Hayden Bend Pond - Stone County; ~~Mirror Lake - Stone County~~; Lake Kingfisher - Yell County; All lakes in VILLAGE CREEK STATE PARK - Cross and St. Francis Counties; DEVILS DEN STATE PARK LAKE - Washington County; and posted U.S. Forest Service ponds and lakes. Wattensaw WMA ponds and lakes, except oxbow lakes in Prairie County, and North Fork Lake in Montgomery County, ~~LITTLE RED RIVER from Greers Ferry Dam downstream to Highway 305 bridge, LITTLE MISSOURI RIVER from Narrows Dam downstream to the mouth of Muddy Fork Creek; SPRING RIVER and tributaries from 100 yards below Dam No. 1 to the mouth of Myatt Creek; WHITE RIVER from Beaver Dam to Hwy 62 bridge; WHITE RIVER from 100 yards below Bull Shoals Dam to Hwy 58 bridge at Guion; NORTH FORK RIVER from 100 yards below Norfork Dam to the White River;~~ SPRING RIVER LAKE.

**Section 45.00  
Trout Fishing Regulations**

- 45.01 Trout Permit Requirements**
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**45.01 TROUT PERMIT REQUIREMENT:** It shall be unlawful for persons 16 or more years of age to retain trout from state waters, or to fish on Beaver Lake tailwaters, from Beaver Dam to Hwy. 62 bridge; Little Red River, from Greers Ferry Dam to Hwy 305 bridge; North Fork of the White River downstream of Norfork Dam; Spavinaw Creek (Benton County) east of Hwy. 59; and White River, from Bull Shoals Dam to Hwy 58 bridge at Guion, without first obtaining and validating by signature, a current trout permit.

**EXCEPTIONS:**

- (1) In compliance with Commission Code Section 34.00 Put-and-Take Pay Lake Requirements.
- (2) Persons possessing a Lifetime Resident Hunting and Fishing Sportsman's Permit.
- (3) Persons possessing a Resident 65 Plus Lifetime Trout Permit.

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

**45.02 TROUT LIMIT, SIZE AND POSSESSION RESTRICTIONS.** It shall be unlawful to possess more than two (2) daily limits of game fish or the aggregate thereof.

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Daily Limit – Trout - (including not more than 2 each of brown, cutthroat, and brook trout).....5

**EXCEPTIONS:**

- (1) Brown Trout daily limit - 2 with a 16-inch minimum size limit in White River (including Beaver Lake tailwaters and Bull Shoals Lake Tailwaters), North Fork White River, Spavinaw Creek (Benton County) west of Hwy. 59, Spring River; Brown Trout daily limit - 4, only one of which may be 21 inches and over, with a protected slot limit from 16 to 21 inches in length in Little Red River.
- (2) Brown Trout slot limit Little Red River – 4, only one of which may be 21 inches and over, with a protected slot limit from 16 to 21 inches in length.

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- (3) Cutthroat Trout daily limit - 2 with a 16-inch minimum size limit in White River (including Beaver Lake Tailwater and Bull Shoals Lake Tailwater), North Fork White River (Norfork Tailwater), Little Red River (Greers Ferry Tailwater), Spavinaw Creek (Benton County) west of Hwy. 59, Spring River.
- (4) Brook trout daily limit – 2 with a 14-inch minimum size limit in White River (including Beaver Lake Tailwater and Bull Shoals Lake Tailwater), North Fork White River (Norfork Tailwater), Little Red River (Greers Ferry Tailwater), Spavinaw Creek (Benton County) west of Hwy. 59, Spring River.
- (5) Trout daily limit - 5 in Blanchard Springs/Mirror Lake.
- (6) Trout daily limit – 5 when fishing waters identified as being in an Urban Fishing Program or Community Fishing Management Program.

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

**45.03** **HERDING TROUT PROHIBITED.** It shall be unlawful on any trout stream in Arkansas to drive, pursue, harass or rally trout with the use of boats, wading, throwing objects, disturbing with noises, or by any other means for the intended purpose of concentrating or congregating trout.  
06-81 **PENALTY:** \$100.00 to \$1,000.00.

**45.04** **TRANSFER OF TROUT BY GUIDES RESTRICTED.** It shall be unlawful for licensed Commercial Guides to transfer to any other person his trout catch so that the recipient's legal daily or possession limit is exceeded.  
06-82 **PENALTY:** \$100.00 to \$1,000.00.

**45.05** **POSSESSION OF FILLETED TROUT PROHIBITED ON LENGTH/SLOT LIMIT WATERS.** It shall be unlawful to possess filleted fish or fish with head or tail removed while fishing from shore, boat, or transporting fish by boat on length/slot limit waters as described in Code 45.02 Trout Possession Limits.  
08-91 **PENALTY:** \$100.00 to \$1,000.00.

**45.06** **RAINBOW TROUT RETENTION RESTRICTION.** It shall be unlawful to release a rainbow trout after it has been placed on a stringer, within a fish basket, live well, ice chest or retained by any other device. By such activities, it shall be presumed that the angler intended to retain the trout and count it in the daily fish limit.  
08-02 **EXCEPTION:**

- (1) Rainbow trout exceeding 16 inches in length may be temporarily (not to exceed 30 minutes) retained in a live well only for purposes of measurement, weighing and photographing before release, on Bull Shoals and Norfork Tailwaters only.

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

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**SPECIFIC TROUT WATER REGULATIONS.** It shall be unlawful to fail to comply with each of the listed restrictions pertaining to a specific body of water as described herein:

(A) Beaver Tailwater (White River from 100 yards below Beaver Dam to Highway 62 Bridge).

- (1) No fishing, boating, or wading within 100 yards of Beaver Dam.
- (2) An angler shall use no more than one fishing rod or pole, and must attend it at all times. No other devices shall be used to catch fish other than as specified for the paddlefish-snagging season.
- (3) From April 15 through June 15, snagging game fish is legal only from 100 yards below Beaver Dam from the Corps of Engineers "No Fishing beyond this Point" sign downstream to the first Corps of Engineers boat ramp on the left deciding bank to the first boat-launching ramp. Snagging must cease after half the daily limit of any game fish has been snagged. Snagged fish of any species shall not be released.
- (4) Special Regulation Area:  
Catch and Release Area from approximately 0.5 mile below Beaver Dam to approximately 100 yards upstream of Parker Bend Access as indicated by signs.
  - (A) All trout caught must be immediately released.
  - (B) Only artificial lures with a single, barbless hooking point shall be used. Natural or scented baits are not allowed.
  - (C) Chumming is not allowed.

(B) Bull Shoals Tailwater (White River from 100 yards below Bull Shoals Dam to Hwy 58 bridge at Guion).

- (1) No fishing, boating, or wading within 100 yards of Bull Shoals Dam.
- (2) An angler shall use no more than one fishing rod or pole, and must attend it at all times.
- (3) Special Regulation Areas:
  - (A) Bull Shoals Dam Catch and Release Area – Open to fishing from February 1 – October 31 from 100 yards below Bull Shoals Dam to the upstream boundary of Bull Shoals / White River State Park.
    - (1) All trout caught must be immediately released.
    - (2) Only artificial lures with a single, barbless hooking point or a single, barbless treble hook, shall be used. Natural or scented baits are not allowed.
    - (3) Chumming is not allowed.
  - (B) Bull Shoals Dam Closed Area – The area 100 yards below Bull Shoals Dam to the wing dike at the Bull Shoals / White River State Park Trout Dock. This area is closed to fishing or wading from November 1 - January 31.

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- (C) Bull Shoals Dam Seasonal Brown Trout Catch and Release Area – From November 1 – January 31. From the wing dike at Bull Shoals / White River State Park Trout Dock to the downstream boundary of the Bull Shoals / White River State Park.
  - (1) All brown trout must be immediately released.
  - (2) Only artificial lures with a single, barbless hooking point or a single, barbless treble hook shall be used. Natural or scented baits are not allowed.
  - (3) No fishing from 30 minutes after sunset until 30 minutes before sunrise.
  - (4) Chumming is not allowed.
- (D) Rim Shoals Catch and Release Area (near Cotter) - from mouth of Jenkins Creek to the first electric power line downstream.
  - (1) All trout caught must be immediately released.
  - (2) Only artificial lures with a single, barbless hooking point shall be used. Natural or scented baits are not allowed.
  - (3) Chumming is not allowed.
- (E) Monkey Island Catch and Release Area (between Reds Landing Access and Chesmond Ferry Access) – from the upstream end of Monkey Island to mouth of Moccasin Creek.
  - (1) All trout caught must be immediately released.
  - (2) Only artificial lures with a single, barbless hooking point shall be used. Natural or scented baits are not allowed.
  - (3) Chumming is not allowed.
- (F) Sylamore Catch and Release Area (immediately upstream of Jack’s Resort) – upstream boundary is downstream of the Mt. Olive Access and the downstream boundary is immediately upstream of Jack’s Resort, as indicated by signs.
  - (1) All trout caught must be immediately released.
  - (2) Only artificial lures with a single, barbless hooking point shall be used. Natural or scented baits are not allowed.
  - (3) Chumming is not allowed.
- (C) Norfolk Tailwater (North Fork of the White River from 100 yards below Norfolk Dam to the confluence of the White River).
  - (1) No fishing, boating, or wading within 100 yards of Norfolk Dam.
  - (2) Chain dragging is prohibited. It shall be unlawful to drag chains or other objects from boats, capable of destroying aquatic vegetation.

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- (3) An angler shall use no more than one fishing rod or pole, and must attend it at all times.
- (4) Special Regulation Areas:
  - (A) Norfolk Catch and Release Area – from the mouth of Otter Creek to 100 yards above Bill Ackerman / River Ridge Access, as indicated by signs.
    - (1) All trout caught must be immediately released.
    - (2) Only artificial lures with a single, barbless hooking point shall be used. Natural or scented baits are not allowed.
    - (3) Chumming is not allowed.
  - (D) Greers Ferry Tailwater (Little Red River from 100 yards below Greers Ferry Dam to the Hwy 305 Bridge).
    - (1) No fishing, boating, or wading within 100 yards of Greers Ferry Dam.
    - (2) An angler shall use no more than one fishing rod or pole, and must attend it at all times.
    - (3) Special Regulation Areas:
      - (A) JFK Catch and Release Area (at John F. Kennedy Park below Greers Ferry Dam) - from 100 yards downstream from Greers Ferry Dam to approximately 0.5 miles downstream to the last Greer's Ferry National Fish Hatchery effluent outfall in John F. Kennedy Park, as indicated by signs.
        - (1) All trout caught must be immediately released.
        - (2) Only artificial lures with a single, barbless hooking point shall be used. Natural or scented baits are not allowed.
        - (3) Chumming is not allowed.
      - (B) Cow Shoals Seasonal Catch and Release Area – From October 1 – December 31. From the head of Cow Shoals to the mouth of Canoe Creek.
        - (1) All trout caught must be immediately released. Closed to night fishing (one-half hour before sunset to one-half hour before sunrise).
        - (2) Only artificial lures with a single, barbless hooking point shall be used. Natural or scented baits are not allowed.
        - (3) Chumming is not allowed.
      - (C) Mossy Shoals Catch and Release Area - from the head of Dunham Shoals downstream to the end of Mossy Shoals.
        - (1) All trout caught must be released.
        - (2) Only artificial lures with a single, barbless hooking point shall be used. Natural or scented baits are not allowed.
        - (3) Chumming is not allowed.

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- (E) Collins Creek (from its source in John F. Kennedy Park below Greers Ferry Dam to the confluence of the Little Red River).
  - (1) Catch and Release Stream. All trout caught must be immediately released.
  - (2) Only artificial lures with a single, barbless hooking point shall be used. Natural or scented baits are not allowed.
  - (3) Fishing is allowed from sunrise to sunset.
  - (4) Chumming is not allowed.
  - (5) Fishing is limited to youths under age 16 upstream of the wooden vehicle bridge in John F. Kennedy Park.
  - (6) Downstream of the wooden vehicle road bridge in John F. Kennedy Park, anglers with a valid fishing license and a valid trout permit may fish when accompanied by an actively fishing youth under age 16.
  - (7) An angler shall use no more than one fishing rod or pole, and must attend it at all times. No other devices shall be used to catch fish.
- (F) Dry Run Creek (from its source on the east side of Norfolk National Fish Hatchery below Norfolk Dam to the confluence with the North Fork of the White River).
  - (1) Catch and Release Stream. All trout caught must be immediately released.
  - (2) Only artificial lures with a single, barbless hooking point shall be used. Natural or scented baits are not allowed.
  - (3) Fishing is allowed from sunrise to sunset.
  - (4) Chumming is not allowed.
  - (5) Fishing is limited to youths under age 16.
  - (6) Fishing from the pier on Dry Run Creek is limited to mobility impaired anglers only.
  - (7) An angler shall use no more than one fishing rod or pole, and must attend it at all times. No other devices shall be used to catch fish.
- (G) Blanchard Spring / Mirror Lake (in Ozark National Forest Blanchard Spring from its source to the confluence with North Sylamore Creek, including Mirror Lake)
  - (1) An angler shall use no more than two fishing rods or poles, and must attend them at all times, no other devices shall be used to catch fish.
  - (2) Trout daily creel limit is five.

**DRAFT TROUT REGULATIONS**

**45.07 (continued)**

- (H) Spring River (Fulton County) from 100 yards below Dam No. 1 at Mammoth Spring State Park to the mouth of Myatt Creek.
  - (1) An angler shall use no more than two fishing rods or poles, and must attend them at all times, no other devices shall be used to catch fish.
- (I) Spavinaw Creek (Benton County) from its source downstream to the Hwy 59 bridge.
  - (1) Catch and Release Stream. All trout caught must be immediately released.
  - (2) Only artificial lures with a single, barbless hooking point shall be used. Natural or scented baits are not allowed.
  - (3) Chumming is not allowed
  - (4) An angler shall use no more than one fishing rod or pole, and must attend it at all times. No other devices shall be used to catch fish.
- (J) Narrows Tailwater - Little Missouri River from 100 yards below Narrows Dam (Lake Greeson) downstream to the Hwy 27 Bridge.
  - (1) An angler shall use no more than two fishing rods or poles, and must attend them at all times, no other devices shall be used to catch fish.
  - (2) Special Regulation Areas:
    - (A) Narrows Catch and Release Area - From 100 yards below Narrows Dam downstream to the upstream boundary of Riverside Park Access.
      - (1) All trout caught must be immediately released.
      - (2) Only artificial lures with a single, barbless hooking point shall be used. Natural or scented baits are not allowed.
      - (3) Chumming is not allowed.
    - (B) Narrows Seasonal Catch and Release Area – From May 1 – October 15. Downstream from the upstream boundary of the Riverside Park Access to the gas line crossing above Riverridge pool.
      - (1) All trout caught must be immediately released.
      - (2) Only artificial lures with a single, barbless hooking point shall be used. Natural or scented baits are not allowed.
      - (3) Chumming is not allowed.

**PENALTY:** \$100.00 to \$1,000.00 per restriction infraction.