

APPROVED 2007-2008 LATE MIGRATORY BIRD SEASONS AND CODES PROPOSALS

Proposed Changes - Red Ink

Proposed Calendar Modifications - Orange Ink

Proposed Clarifications - Blue Ink

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RESIDENT HUNTING LICENSE REQUIREMENTS. It shall be unlawful for any resident to take or attempt to take any wild animal or bird by any means in Arkansas without having on the person the appropriate Arkansas Hunting License as provided herein:

- (A) To hunt alligator, deer, turkey, bear or elk the hunter must have physical possession of an official hunting license. A temporary internet license is not valid for hunting these species. A confirmation/authorization number from a telephone license order is not valid for hunting these species.
- (B) Arkansas Resident (16 years of age and older) - SMALL GAME: Resident Wildlife Conservation License; Resident Sportsman's License; BIG GAME (alligator, deer, bear, elk and turkey): Resident Wildlife Conservation License (permits residents to harvest one legal deer during the modern gun deer season); Resident Sportsman's License; Resident Combination Sportsman's License; FURBEARERS (Hunting and Trapping): Any valid hunting license. Holders of the following licenses are entitled to hunt all game, except if taking waterfowl, an Arkansas Resident Waterfowl Stamp, Federal Waterfowl Stamp and HIP are required. Resident Lifetime Hunting and Fishing Sportsman's Permit; Resident 65 Plus Lifetime Sportsman's Hunting License (or 65 Plus Lifetime Combination License); Resident Disabled Lifetime Sportsman's Hunting License (or Resident Disabled Lifetime Combination License) Resident Disabled Hunting 3-Year License (or Resident Disabled combination 3-Year License).

EXCEPTIONS:

- (1) Residents engaging in hunting activities on a licensed Game Bird Shooting Resort in compliance with regulations pertaining to Game Bird Shooting Resorts.
- (2) In compliance with the Snow, Blue and Ross' Goose Conservation Order (**Ref. Code 12.20 Snow, Blue, Ross' Goose Season Restrictions**).

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

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NON-RESIDENT HUNTING LICENSE REQUIREMENTS. It shall be unlawful for any non-resident 16 years of age and older to take or attempt to take any wild animal or bird by any means in Arkansas without having on the person the appropriate Arkansas Hunting License as provided herein:

- (A) To hunt deer, turkey, bear or elk the hunter must have physical possession of an official hunting license. A temporary internet

license is not valid for hunting these species. A confirmation/authorization number from a telephone license order is not valid for hunting these species.

- (B) Non-Residents hunting small game only (excluding deer, elk, turkey and bear).
Requirements: Non-Resident Annual Small Game License or Non-Resident 5-Day Small Game License for a period of said license and Non-Resident Fur-Takers Permit if hunting furbearers. Small game may also be taken on the Non-Resident All Game Licenses. If hunting waterfowl, an Arkansas Non-Resident Waterfowl Stamp, Federal Waterfowl Stamp and HIP are required.
- (C) Non-Residents hunting deer, bear, elk and/or wild turkey.
Requirements: Non-Resident Annual All Game License (provides holder all applicable tags for deer, bear and turkey); Non-Resident 3-Day All Game License (provides holder one deer tag and one turkey tag); or a Non-Resident 5-Day All Game License (provides holder two deer tags and two turkey tags) and a Non-Resident Fur-Takers Permit if hunting or trapping furbearers.

EXCEPTIONS:

- (1) Non-Residents engaging in hunting activities on a licensed Game Bird Shooting Resort in compliance with regulations pertaining to Game Bird Shooting Resorts.
- (2) In compliance with the Snow, Blue and Ross' Goose Conservation Order ([Ref. Code 12.20 Snow, Blue, Ross' Goose Season Restrictions](#)).
- (3) Non-residents are ineligible to take or attempt to take alligators.

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

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STATE MIGRATORY WATERFOWL HUNTING STAMP

REQUIREMENTS. It shall be unlawful to take or attempt to take migratory waterfowl without first obtaining and having on the person the appropriate Arkansas Resident or Non-Resident Migratory Waterfowl Hunting Stamp (Duck Stamp) and to fail to validate said stamp by signing (signature) in ink across the face thereof:

EXCEPTIONS:

- (1) Persons under sixteen (16) years of age.
- (2) Persons holding a Lifetime Hunting and Fishing Sportsman's License.
- (3) Persons possessing a Resident 65 Plus Lifetime Waterfowl Permit.
- (4) Persons (Resident or Non-Resident) holding a universal license form issued by the Commission or it's representative coded DSR or DSN within 30 days of purchase.
- (5) In compliance with the Snow, Blue and Ross' Goose Conservation Order ([Ref. Code 12.20 Snow, Blue, Ross' Goose Season Restrictions](#)).

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

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08-07 **NORTHWEST CANADA GOOSE ZONE DESCRIPTIONS:**
NORTHWEST CANADA GOOSE ZONE: Benton, Carroll, Boone, Marion, Baxter, Washington, Madison, Newton, Searcy, Crawford, Franklin, Johnson, Pope, Van Buren, Sebastian, Logan, Conway, Faulkner, Scott, Yell, Perry and Pulaski counties.
SOUTHWEST CANADA GOOSE ZONE: Polk, Montgomery, Garland, Saline, Hot Spring, Clark, Pike, Howard, Sevier, Little River, Hempstead, Miller and Lafayette counties.
- 12.15**
08-07 **DUCK, COOT AND MERGANSER SEASON RESTRICTIONS.** It shall be unlawful to take or attempt to take ducks or coots other than, November 18-December 18, 2006 November 17-December 18, 2007 December 26, 2007-January 6, 2008 and January 12-27, 2008.
EXCEPTIONS:
(1) Ducks, coots and mergansers may be taken during the Special Youth Waterfowl Hunt statewide on December 22-23, 2007. (Ref. Code 12.25 Special Youth Waterfowl Hunt Restrictions).
PENALTY: \$200.00 to \$1,000.00.
- 12.18**
08-07 **WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE SEASON RESTRICTIONS.** It shall be unlawful to take or attempt to take White-fronted geese other than from November 18-December 18, 2006 November 17-December 18, 2007 and December 26, 2007-February 3, 2008, statewide.
PENALTY: \$200.00 to \$1,000.00.
- 12.17**
08-07 **DUCK DAILY BAG AND POSSESSION RESTRICTIONS.** It shall be unlawful to take or attempt to take more ducks in any one day than as specified below or to possess more than two (2) daily bag limits:
Bag Limits:
Daily limit of six (6) ducks which may include no more than four (4) mallards (no more than one (1) of which may be females), one (1) pintail, three (3) mottled ducks, two (2) scaup, two (2) wood ducks, two (2) redheads, one (1) black duck and ~~one (1)~~ **two (2)** canvasback.
Daily limit of five (5) mergansers, which may include no more than two (2) hooded mergansers.
EXCEPTION:
Bayou Meto WMA Bag Limits:
Daily limit of four (4) ducks which may include no more than three (3) mallards (no more than one (1) of which may be females), one (1) Pintail, three (3) mottled ducks, two (2) scaup, two (2) wood ducks, two (2) redheads and one (1) black duck.
Daily limit of four (4) mergansers, which may include no more than two (2) hooded merganser.
PENALTY: \$100.00 to \$1,000.00.

- 12.20**
08-07 **SNOW, BLUE, ROSS' GOOSE SEASON RESTRICTIONS.** It shall be unlawful to take or attempt to take Snow, Blue and Ross' geese other than from November 9-December 21, 2006-November 8-December 21, 2007 and December 26, 2007-February 3, 2008, statewide.
EXCEPTION:
(1) In compliance with the Snow, Blue and Ross' Goose Conservation Order starting from February 4-April 27, 2008.
PENALTY: \$200.00 to \$1,000.00.
- 12.21**
08-07 **SNOW, BLUE AND ROSS' GOOSE DAILY BAG AND POSSESSION RESTRICTIONS.** It shall be unlawful to take or attempt to take more than twenty (20) Snow, Blue or Ross' geese with no possession limit.
EXCEPTION:
(1) In compliance with the Snow, Blue and Ross' Goose Conservation Order (**Ref. Code 12.20 Snow, Blue, Ross' Goose Season Restrictions**) starting from February 4-April 27, 2008.
PENALTY: \$100.00 to \$1,000.00.
- 12.22**
08-07 **CANADA GOOSE SEASON RESTRICTIONS.** It shall be unlawful to take or attempt to take Canada geese other than from September 1-15, 2007 in the Southwest Canada Goose Zone, September 1-15, 2007 and September 29-October 8, 2007 in the Northwest Canada Goose Zone and from January 13-February 4, 2007 December 26, 2007-February 3, 2008 statewide. Shooting hours are from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset statewide.
EXCEPTION:
(1) Holla Bend National Wildlife Refuge is closed.
PENALTY: \$200.00 to \$1,000.00.
- 12.25**
08-07 **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 19-21, 2007, January 7-11, 2008 and January 28-February 17, 2008, statewide.
PENALTY: \$100.00 to \$1,000.00.
- 12.27**
08-07 **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 22-23, 2007, statewide. 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.

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

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CERTAIN WATERFOWL DECOYS PROHIBITED. It shall be unlawful to take or attempt to take waterfowl with the use of decoys simulating wing movements after July 1, 2006. (Ref. Code 01.00C Definition of Terms).

EXCEPTION:

- (1) **During In compliance with** the Snow, Blue and Ross' Goose Conservation Order (**Ref. Code 12.20 Snow, Blue, Ross' Goose Season Restrictions**).
- (2) Kite devices.

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

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FEDERAL MIGRATORY BIRD (DUCK) HUNTING STAMP REQUIREMENTS. It shall be unlawful to take or attempt to take migratory waterfowl without first obtaining and having on the person a current Federal Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp, (commonly referred to as a 'duck stamp') validated by signing in ink across the face thereof.

EXCEPTIONS:

- (1) Persons under 16 years of age.
- (2) In compliance with the Snow, Blue and Ross' Goose Conservation Order (**Ref. Code 12.20 Snow, Blue, Ross' Goose Season Restrictions**).

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

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GUN PLUG REQUIREMENTS. It shall be unlawful to take or attempt to take any migratory game bird with any firearm other than shotguns incapable of holding more than three shells in the magazine and chamber combined. Shotguns requiring plugs must be plugged with a one piece filler which will require disassembly of gun for removal.

EXCEPTION:

- (1) In compliance with the Snow, Blue and Ross' Goose Conservation Order (**Ref. Code 12.20 Snow, Blue, Ross' Goose Season Restrictions**) **starting from ~~February 4~~ April 27, 2008.**

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

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WATERFOWL HUNTING RESTRICTIONS ON LAKES CATHERINE, HAMILTON AND HARRIS BRAKE. It shall be unlawful to take or attempt to take any migratory waterfowl from any watercraft or other floating device on Lake Catherine in Garland/Hot Spring Counties, Lake Hamilton in Garland County, and Harris Brake Lake in Perry County or to take or attempt to take any migratory waterfowl within 1000 feet of any residence, dwelling or occupied structure on Lake Catherine or Lake Hamilton.

EXCEPTION:

- (1) **Harris Brake Lake from September 1–15, 2007 (Ref. Code 25.02 Hunting or Trespassing Prohibited within Certain WMAs and Lakes).**

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

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MIGRATORY WATERFOWL HUNTING ACCESS TIME

RESTRICTIONS WITHIN WMAs, SUAs and WDAs. It shall be unlawful for waterfowl hunters on Wildlife Management Areas to take or attempt to take waterfowl or remain within or on water-inundated areas or natural/man-made water courses on WMAs after 12:00 noon.

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 WMAs and Lakes).
- (C) In accordance with those provisions as listed within Commission Code 12.25 (Special Youth Waterfowl Hunt Restrictions).
- (D) All day hunting allowed on Beaver Lake, Dardanelle (except at the McKinnen Bottoms and Hartman Waterfowl Unites), Ft. Chaffee and Ozark Lake WMAs.
- (E) Navigational boating access unrestricted on natural rivers within WMAs.
- (F) In compliance with the Snow, Blue and Ross' Goose Conservation Order (**Ref. Code 12.20 Snow, Blue, Ross' Goose Season Restrictions**).

PENALTY: \$100.00 to \$1,000.00

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HUNTING OR TRESPASSING PROHIBITED WITHIN CERTAIN

WMAs AND LAKES. It shall be unlawful to duck hunt and/or trespass on the following areas and lakes as specified herein:

- (1) **BIG LAKE** – Mallard Lake is closed to hunting. Fishing and non-hunting activities are allowed.
- (2) **DR. LESTER SITZES, III BOIS D'ARC** –Boats are not allowed on the Green Tree Waterfowl area 14 days before waterfowl season opens but are allowed during the regular duck season.
- (3) **BREWER LAKE** – Closed to waterfowl hunting.
- (4) **CAMP ROBINSON SUA** – Closed to waterfowl hunting.
- (5) **CEDAR CREEK** – Closed to waterfowl hunting.
- (6) **CUT-OFF CREEK** – Closed to all trespassing (except in designated campsites, parking areas and boat launch ramps) from 2:00 a.m. to 4:00 a.m. during duck season. Travel by boat is prohibited on Latin Drain, Firehunt Slough and Third Slough except during high water periods when boating access is possible to the Deep Slough Dam. In this case, boats may be used area-wide,

however, boat motors may only be used on Cut-Off Creek and Deep Slough.

- (7) **DARDANELLE** - Waterfowl hunting is not allowed on that part of Big Spadra and Little Spadra Creeks lying north of the Missouri Pacific Railroad, east of Crawford Street, south of I-40, and west of State Hwy 10. Dogs, hunting or trapping devices are prohibited on Johnson County, Horsehead Creek and Bob Young WRAs.
- (8) **DAVE DONALDSON BLACK RIVER** – No hunting is allowed on Hubble Lake during duck season. Lake Ashbaugh is closed to all hunting. The waterfowl rest area, Brookings Moist Soil Unit and Hubble Lake are open for early teal season. On Lake Ashbaugh and Hubble Lake, only fishing and non-hunting activities are allowed.
- (9) **FROG BAYOU** – Waterfowl hunters may not access inundated areas until 4:00 a.m. and must exit inundated areas by 12:00 p.m.
- (10) **HARRIS BRAKE** – Open to waterfowl hunting only Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. All day hunting is allowed the last two days of the last duck season. During duck season, other hunters must abide by same hours and days as duck hunters, except for those trapping and hunting furbearers at night. Only shotguns and archery equipment are allowed for hunting. Harris Brake Lake is **open to Canada goose hunting September 1-15, 2007 only closed to hunting.**
- (11) **HENRY GRAY HURRICANE LAKE** – Waterfowl hunters may not access inundated area until 4:00 a.m. and must exit inundated areas by 12:00 p.m.
- (12) **LITTLE BAYOU** – Closed to all trespassing (except in designated campsites, parking areas and boat launch ramps) from 2:00 a.m. to 4:00 a.m. during duck season.
- (13) **PETIT JEAN RIVER WMA** - Waterfowl impoundments are closed to trespass from one hour after sunset until 4:00 a.m. during duck season.
- (14) **REX HANCOCK BLACK SWAMP** – Waterfowl hunters may not access inundated area until 4:00 a.m. and must exit inundated areas by 12:00 p.m.
- (15) **RICK EVANS GRANDVIEW PRAIRIE** – Waterfowl hunting closed on all lakes and ponds.
- (16) **SHIREY BAY RAINEY BRAKE** – The waterfowl rest areas and MSUs (Moist Soil Units) are open to the early teal season
- (17) **STEVE N. WILSON RAFT CREEK BOTTOMS** – Waterfowl hunters may not access inundated area until 4:00 a.m. and must exit inundated areas by 12:00 p.m.
- (18) **ST. FRANCIS FOREST** – Waterfowl hunting ends at noon.
- (19) **ST. FRANCIS SUNKEN LANDS** – The Snowden Field (MSU) levee is open to foot traffic around the north end of the unit to allow access to public lands, the MSUs are open for the early teal

- (20) **LAKE CONWAY** - Closed to waterfowl hunting except on the Pierce Creek and Dixs Creek Bays, waterfowl hunting ends at noon.
- (21) **LAKE OVERCUP** – Waterfowl hunting ends at noon.
- (22) **CANE CREEK LAKE** (Lincoln County) - Waterfowl hunting ends at noon.
- (23) **U OF A PINE TREE EXPERIMENTAL STATION WDA** - North of Hwy 306 closed to waterfowl hunting.
- (24) **LAKE PICKTHORNE** – Closed to waterfowl hunting.

EXCEPTION:

- (1) Employees or agents of the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission in the performance of their duties.

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

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LEAVING WATERFOWL DECOYS OVERNIGHT PROHIBITED

ON WMAs, WDAs AND WRAs. It shall be unlawful to leave waterfowl decoys overnight on any wildlife management area, wildlife demonstration area or waterfowl rest area.

EXCEPTION:

- (1) Waterfowl decoys may be left overnight beginning the **Saturday prior to the** opening day of the first duck season and must be removed no later than the **Sunday following the** last day of the last duck season on St. Francis Sunken Lands, Big Lake and Dave Donaldson Black River WMAs.

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

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PERMANENT DUCK BLINDS PROHIBITED ON WMA's. It shall be unlawful to build, erect, or hunt from permanent duck blinds (any structure being fabricated from metal, lumber, wire, nylon and other identifiable building materials) which are not removed or torn down each day at the end of the hunt or at the end of shooting hours on any wildlife management area.

EXCEPTIONS:

- (1) Only blinds on Big Lake WMA and St. Francis Sunken Lands WMA, which have been assigned an ID number on or before June 30, 2006 by the Commission and have been well-constructed in the judgment of the Regional Wildlife Supervisor, may be maintained in compliance with Commission guidelines. **Construction of any blind after June 30, 2006 is prohibited.** Blinds that have deteriorated beyond a safe, usable condition in the judgment of the Regional Wildlife Supervisor cannot be rebuilt and may be destroyed by Commission personnel. Existing blinds **including floating structures** may not be moved.
- (2) **Only retrieving dog platforms that are attached to a tree by strap, cable, chain or other means that do not penetrate the tree bark and that do not exceed 900 square inches in floor dimension, and have the owners name and home address, or vehicle license plate number legibly and permanently affixed,**

may be placed on Dave Donaldson Black River, Big Lake and St. Francis Sunken Lands WMAs beginning the Saturday prior to the opening day of duck season and must be removed no later than the Sunday following the last day of the last duck season.

PENALTY: \$100.00 to \$1,000.00. Illegal structures may be removed by Commission personnel and destroyed or otherwise disposed of in accordance with Commission policy.

Financial Benefit to Agency: N/A

6. Do alternative means exist for accomplishing the objectives of the rules that might be less burdensome to small business? Yes: No:

Why were such alternatives not proposed:

7. Compare this rule with federal and state counterparts:

Arkansas Game and Fish Commission
Little Rock, Arkansas

MINUTE ORDER NO:	_____	SUBJECT:	2007-2008 Late Migratory Season
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WHEREAS, the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, meeting in regular session on August 16, 2007, 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 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 16th day of August, 2007 the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission hereby approves and adopts the attached hunting regulations for the 2007-2008 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>	
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