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Arkansas Game and Fish Commission

Wildlife Management Division

June 19, 2008

Proposed 2008-2009 Deer Zones 2, 3 and 6 Bag Limit Approval

Presented by Doyle Shook

At the May meeting the Wildlife Division Chief, in consultation with Commissioner Pierce, recommended that a zone doe quota permit not be required to harvest a doe during the Christmas holiday hunt in deer zones 2 and 3. Following that recommendation, Chairman Varnell asked that deer zone 6 also be added to this change. This change is reflected in the current proposal and is noted in green text. The final proposal is being presented at this meeting for Commission approval.

Doyle Shook, Chief
Wildlife Management Division

APPROVED 2008-2009 DEER ZONES 2, 3 AND 6 BAG LIMIT PROPOSALS

Approved Changes - Red Ink

Approved Changes Since Last Meeting- Green Ink

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GAME ANIMAL BAG LIMIT AND POSSESSION

RESTRICTIONS. It shall be unlawful to take or attempt to take more than the bag limit of any game species set forth by the Commission as specified herein: (Ref: Section 01.00-C Bag Limit).

(A) Deer:

Statewide seasonal limit of four (4) deer per individual using any legal method provided at least one deer is taken in one of the following zones: Deer Zones 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, Beryl Anthony Lower Ouachita WMA, Big Timber WMA, Blevins WMA, Casey Jones WMA, Choctaw Island WMA, Crossett Experimental Forest WMA, Cut-Off Creek WMA, DeGray Lake WMA, Dr. Lester Sitzes III Bois D'Arc WMA, Falcon Bottoms Natural Area WMA, Felsenthal NWR, Gum Flats WMA, Hope Upland WMA, Howard County WMA, Lafayette County WMA, Lake Greeson WMA, Little Bayou WMA, Little River WMA, Nacatoch Ravines Natural Area WMA, Overflow NWR, Ozan WMA, Poison Springs WMA, Pond Creek NWR, Provo WMA, Sandhills Natural Area WMA, Seven Devils WMA, Spring Bank WMA, Sulphur River WMA, Terre Noire Natural Area WMA, Trusten Holder WMA, Two Bayou Creek WMA, Warren Prairie Natural Area WMA and White Cliffs Natural Area WMA.

- (1) **Deer zones 2, 6, 7 and 8:** Seasonal bag limit of three (3) deer, no more than two legal bucks. No more than two legal bucks or up to two doe may be taken with archery tackle. No more than two legal bucks and no more than one doe may be taken with firearms. A Zone doe quota permit is required to harvest a doe during the muzzleloader, modern gun, and Christmas Holiday firearms deer season.
- (2) **Deer zones 2 and 6:** Seasonal bag limit of three (3) deer, no more than two legal bucks. No more than two legal bucks or up to two doe may be taken with archery tackle. No more than two legal bucks and no more than one doe may be taken with firearms. A Zone doe quota permit is required to harvest a doe during the muzzleloader **and** modern gun, **and** ~~Christmas Holiday firearms~~ deer season.
- (3) **Deer zone 3:** Seasonal bag limit of three (3) deer, no more than two legal bucks. No more than two legal bucks or up to three doe may be taken with archery tackle. No more than two legal bucks and no more than one doe may be taken with firearms. A Zone doe quota permit is required to harvest a

doe during the muzzleloader **and** modern gun, **and**
Christmas-Holiday firearms deer season.

- (2 4) Deer zones 1 and 10:** Seasonal bag limit of three (3) deer, no more than two legal bucks. No more than two legal bucks or up to two doe may be taken with archery tackle. No more than two legal bucks and no more than one doe may be taken with firearms. A doe may only be taken with firearms October 18-22, 2008 or November 8-9, 2008.
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- (4-6) Deer zones 4, 4B, 5 and 5B:** Seasonal bag limit of three (3) deer, no more than two legal bucks. No more than two legal bucks or up to three doe may be taken with archery tackle. No more than two legal bucks and no more than one doe may be taken with firearms.
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EXCEPTIONS:

- (1) Commission registered deer camps that participate in the Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP) receiving deer management tags or those camps receiving Doe Deer Permits (DDP) and bonus deer on certain Wildlife Management Areas (Ref. Code 21.01) do not apply toward an individual seasonal bag limit.
- (2) Subject to applicable bag limit restrictions on WMAs (Ref. Code 21.01).
- (3) Quail:
Daily bag limit 6, possession limit 12.
- (4) Rabbit:
Daily bag limit 8, possession limit 16.
- (5) Furbearers:
Hunting: Limit two per day per species.
Trapping: No limit.

Exceptions:

Muskrat, Nutria, Beaver, Coyote and Striped Skunk: No limit.

Raccoon Hunting: July 1 – August 31, 2008 (night only):

Limit one. November 15, 2008-March 31, 2009: No limit.

(6) Squirrel:

Daily bag limit 8, possession limit 16.

(7) Wild Turkey:

Spring Firearm and Archery/Crossbow:

Individual limit of two (2) gobblers or bearded turkeys for spring season in Turkey Zones 1, 2, 3, 4B, 5, 5B, 6, 7, 7A, 8, 9, 10 and 17; one (1) gobbler or bearded turkey in Turkey Zones 1A, 4, 4A, 5A and 9A. No more than one legal turkey may be taken per day, no more than one jake (sub-adult male) may be taken per season, and no more than two legal turkeys may be taken during the spring season in any combination of zones.

Fall Archery/Crossbow:

Individual limit of one (1) either-sex wild turkey statewide.

Fall Firearm:

Individual limit of one (1) either-sex wild turkey in Turkey Zones 3, 5B, 6 and 17.

(8) Bear:

Individual annual limit of one (1) bear.

(9) Elk:

Individual limit of one (1) elk by permit only.

(10) Alligator:

Individual annual limit of one (1) alligator for residents only.

Permit required.

Exception:

In compliance with Commission Code Section 40.00 –

Alligator Farmer Requirements.

PENALTY: \$150.00 to \$1,000.00.

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

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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 19th day of June the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission hereby approves and adopts the attached hunting regulations for the 2008-2009 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>	
Submitted by:	_____	_____	_____
	Doyle Shook	Chairman	Commissioner
Division:	_____	_____	_____
	Wildlife	Vice Chairman	Commissioner
Approved:	_____	_____	_____
	Director	Commissioner	Commissioner
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Arkansas Game and Fish Commission

Wildlife Management Division

June 19, 2008

Proposed Feral Swine WMA Regulations Approval

Presented by Doyle Shook

Feral swine are posing significant problems on the agency's Wildlife Management Areas causing widespread habitat damage and destruction. A recent survey of WMA managers highlighted the significant amount of effort that is being expended to attempt to control these animals. At the May meeting the staff proposed revisions to the current WMA regulations to more clearly define restrictions for both the release and shooting of feral swine. Since those recommendations were presented, modifications have been made and are noted in green text. The final proposals are being presented at this meeting for Commission approval.

Doyle Shook, Chief
Wildlife Management Division

APPROVED 2008-2009 FERAL SWINE REGULATIONS



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 06-08 Game and Fish Commission Code of Regulations, the following terms shall
 be construed, respectively, to mean and include:
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 wild boar, which is roaming freely ~~upon public lands~~ and is living in a wild
 or feral state.

01.00J **POINT SYSTEM FOR HUNTING AND/OR FISHING VIOLATIONS.**
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 Commission deer, turkey and elk permit hunts for the following three-years.
 The accumulation of 18 points for hunting and/or fishing violations within a
 three-year period may result in the revocation of all hunting and/or fishing
 licenses and the privileges attached thereto for one year, and the
 accumulation of 30 points within a five year period may result in the loss of
 all licenses and privileges for three years. A revocation of hunting and/or
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 individual's lifetime may result in the lifetime revocation of all hunting
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03.14	Special Guide License Requirements	18
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11.08	Hunting, Fishing, Trapping, Releasing Hunting Dogs or Pursuing Wildlife With Dogs Without Landowner/Lessee Permission Prohibited	9
11.09	Hunting/Fishing Endangerment Prohibited (***assessment of additional points	12

dependent upon severity of violation see
below)

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41.33	Cutting or Mutilation of Paddlefish and Sturgeon Prohibited	30
41.39	Closed Paddlefish, Sturgeon and Bowfin Harvest Season	18
44.06	Commercial Fishing for Certain Fish Prohibited in Lower Ouachita River	18
*All Others		06

*Boating regulations are not included in points toward revocation.

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With Property Damage	18
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The following violations shall result in a double assessment of the respective point value for the violation committed upon final court disposition:

- 1) Any violation of harvest regulations committed by a Guide License holder.
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- 4) Adults 21 years or older when accompanying youth under 16.

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FERAL HOG ~~HUNTING AND TRAPPING~~ RESTRICTIONS ON WMAs ~~AND WDAs~~. It shall be unlawful to **fail to comply with the following restrictions relating to feral hogs hunt or trap feral hogs** on any Wildlife Management Area **or Wildlife Demonstration other than during an open hunting season or special permit hunt, and subject to the methods allowed for that hunting season or special permit hunt.:**

(A) It shall be unlawful to shoot or possess feral hogs on wildlife management areas except during any open daytime hunting season bear, coyote, deer, elk, or fox hunting season or special

~~permit hunt.~~ **Feral hogs may only be shot with the weapons allowed for that hunting season** ~~or special permit hunt.~~ **During any deer, turkey or elk special permit hunts only special permit hunt permit holders may shoot or possess feral hogs. No limit. Day shooting only. Those shooting feral hogs must possess a valid hunting license or be less than 16 years of age. Feral hogs shot in compliance with this regulation may be taken from the wildlife management area by the hunter or left where they were shot.**

(B) It shall be unlawful to take, attempt to take, or pursue feral hogs on wildlife management areas by the use of dogs.

~~(C) It shall be unlawful to place, deposit or scatter any grain or other substance so as to constitute a bait, lure, attraction or enticement of feral hogs; or to take or attempt to take feral hogs on such bait on any wildlife management area if the person knows or reasonably should know that the area is a baited area.~~

(C D) It shall be unlawful to release hogs on any wildlife management area.

~~(E) It shall be unlawful to possess live hogs on any wildlife management area except for hogs being transported through the area on county, state or federal roads and that are in compliance with all Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission regulations regarding hogs, including animal identification and disease testing.~~

~~(F) It shall be unlawful to trap feral hogs on or take live feral hogs from any wildlife management area.~~

EXCEPTIONS:

(1) Law enforcement officers and employees of the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, ~~the U.S. Forest Service, the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, the National Park Service, the Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission~~ and/or their designees in performance of their official job duties.

~~(2) Feral hog shooting and trapping allowed under the conditions, seasons and bag limits provided by the required annual refuge hunting permit or refuge trapping permit on all NWRs.~~

PENALTY: ~~\$100.00 to \$1,000.00~~ \$500.00 to \$2,000.00

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DOG RESTRICTIONS ON WMAs. It shall be unlawful to take, attempt to take, or pursue wildlife **or feral hogs** by the use of dogs on any Wildlife Management Area.

EXCEPTIONS:

- (1) Permitted AKC, UKC and ACHA field trials when approved by the Commission.
- (2) Quail and Rabbit Dog Training: September 1-April 1, except during firearms deer hunts where dogs are not allowed.

- (3) Training dogs on Camp Robinson SUA, Wylie Cox SUA and J. Perry Mikles Blue Mountain SUA requires a current Arkansas hunting license and Wylie Cox SUA and J. Perry Mikles Blue Mountain SUAs are closed to dog training during organized field trials. On Camp Robinson SUA only reserved/closed compartments are closed to dog training. Camp Robinson SUA is divided into 7 public use compartments and a map depicting these compartments is posted at the Headquarters Information Booth on Clinton Road and is posted at www.agfc.com.
- (4) Dogs required to hunt bobcat, opossum, and raccoon at night in accordance with Commission Code 24.07 (Furbearer Seasons and Bag Limits on WMAs).
- (5) J. Perry Mikles Blue Mountain SUA is open for training raccoon dogs at night only and rabbit dogs year-round except during field trials. Quail Dog Training from October 1-April 1 except during firearms deer hunts where dogs are not allowed.
- (6) Waterfowl retrievers during open migratory bird seasons.
- (7) Dogs allowed for fall squirrel and rabbit hunting where no modern gun or muzzleloader deer season is open or where dogs are allowed for modern gun deer hunting.
- (8) Dogs allowed for spring squirrel hunting, except on White River NWR.
- (9) Quail hunting with bird dog breeds only, during open season.
- (10) Modern gun deer hunting November 29-December 7, 2008 on Gum Flats and Lake Greeson WMAs November 20-30, 2008 on Mt. Magazine and Provo WMAs.
- (11) Dogs allowed for coyote, fox and bobcat hunting on Casey Jones WMA during the declared furbearer season when a firearms deer season is closed (Ref. Commission Codes 21.01 and 24.07).
- (12) Dogs allowed for modern gun deer season on Blue Mountain, DeGray Lake, Lloyd Millwood Nimrod, Dardanelle and Ozark Lake WMAs, except no dogs on islands except waterfowl retrievers during waterfowl season and hunting furbearers at night.
- (13) Dogs allowed for fall squirrel hunting on the Casey Jones, Big Timber, DeGray Lake, Ozark National Forest, Piney Creeks and White Rock WMAs.
- (14) Dogs allowed for training and/or hunting under the conditions and during the seasons provided by the required annual refuge hunting permit on all NWRs. Field trials prohibited unless authorized by refuge Special Use Permit.
- (15) Waterfowl retriever, rabbit dog (beagle) and bird dog training on Camp Robinson SUA from September 15-April 1, except during firearms deer hunts where dogs are not allowed. Bird dog training is also prohibited immediately following dates scheduled for supplemental bird releases on Camp Robinson SUA. Camp Robinson personnel will establish the exact dates of supplemental

bird releases after field trial schedules are set in July. Dog trainers will be required to check with area personnel to get the dates of scheduled supplemental releases and additional dog training closure periods. Waterfowl retriever training is open the entire year in compartment 5. Dog training must comply with Commission Code 20.22. The area is divided into 7 public use compartments and a map depicting these compartments is posted at the Headquarters Information Booth on Clinton Road and is posed at www.agfc.com.

- (16) Employees of the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, the National Park Service or their designees engaged in official duties.

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~~during an open hunting season or special permit hunt, and subject to the methods allowed for that hunting season or special permit hunt.:~~

- (A) It shall be unlawful to shoot or possess feral hogs on wildlife management areas except during any open daytime hunting season ~~bear, coyote, deer, elk, or fox hunting season or special permit hunt.~~ Feral hogs may only be shot with the weapons allowed for that hunting season ~~or special permit hunt.~~ During any deer, turkey or elk special permit hunts only special permit hunt permit holders may shoot or possess feral hogs. No limit. Day shooting only. Those shooting feral hogs must possess a valid hunting license or be less than 16 years of age. Feral hogs shot in compliance with this regulation may be taken from the wildlife management area by the hunter or left where they were shot.
- (B) It shall be unlawful to take, attempt to take, or pursue feral hogs on wildlife management areas by the use of dogs.
- (C) It shall be unlawful to place, deposit or scatter any grain or other substance so as to constitute a bait, lure, attraction or enticement of feral hogs; or to take or attempt to take feral hogs on such bait on any wildlife management area if the person knows or reasonably should know that the area is a baited area.
- (D) It shall be unlawful to release hogs on any wildlife management area.
- (E) It shall be unlawful to possess live hogs on any wildlife management area except for hogs being transported through the area on county, state or federal roads and that are in compliance with all Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission regulations regarding hogs, including animal identification and disease testing.
- (F) It shall be unlawful to trap feral hogs on or take live feral hogs from any wildlife management area.

EXCEPTIONS:

- (1) Law enforcement officers and employees of the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, the U.S. Forest Service, the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, the National Park Service, **the Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission** and/or their designees in performance of their official job duties.
- (2) **Feral hog shooting and trapping allowed under the conditions, seasons and bag limits provided by the required annual refuge hunting permit or refuge trapping permit on all NWRs.**

PENALTY: ~~\$100.00 to \$1,000.00~~ \$500.00 to \$2,000.00

Proposed Change

22.01 **DOG RESTRICTIONS ON WMAs.** It shall be unlawful to take, attempt to take, or pursue wildlife ~~or feral hogs~~ by the use of dogs on any Wildlife Management Area.
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EXCEPTIONS:

- (1) Permitted AKC, UKC and ACHA field trials when approved by the Commission.
- (2) Quail and Rabbit Dog Training: September 1-April 1, except during firearms deer hunts where dogs are not allowed.
- (3) Training dogs on Camp Robinson SUA, Wylie Cox SUA and J. Perry Mikles Blue Mountain SUA requires a current Arkansas hunting license and Wylie Cox SUA and J. Perry Mikles Blue Mountain SUAs are closed to dog training during organized field trials. On Camp Robinson SUA only reserved/closed compartments are closed to dog training. Camp Robinson SUA is divided into 7 public use compartments and a map depicting these compartments is posted at the Headquarters Information Booth on Clinton Road and is posted at www.agfc.com.
- (4) Dogs required to hunt bobcat, opossum, and raccoon at night in accordance with Commission Code 24.07 (Furbearer Seasons and Bag Limits on WMAs).
- (5) J. Perry Mikles Blue Mountain SUA is open for training raccoon dogs at night only and rabbit dogs year-round except during field trials. Quail Dog Training from October 1-April 1 except during firearms deer hunts where dogs are not allowed.
- (6) Waterfowl retrievers during open migratory bird seasons.
- (7) Dogs allowed for fall squirrel and rabbit hunting where no modern gun or muzzleloader deer season is open or where dogs are allowed for modern gun deer hunting.
- (8) Dogs allowed for spring squirrel hunting, except on White River NWR.
- (9) Quail hunting with bird dog breeds only, during open season.
- (10) Modern gun deer hunting November 29-December 7, 2008 on Gum Flats and Lake Greeson WMAs November 20-30, 2008 on Mt. Magazine and Provo WMAs.
- (11) Dogs allowed for coyote, fox and bobcat hunting on Casey Jones WMA during the declared furbearer season when a firearms deer season is closed (Ref. Commission Codes 21.01 and 24.07).
- (12) Dogs allowed for modern gun deer season on Blue Mountain, DeGray Lake, Lloyd Millwood Nimrod, Dardanelle and Ozark Lake WMAs, except no dogs on islands except waterfowl retrievers during waterfowl season and hunting furbearers at night.
- (13) Dogs allowed for fall squirrel hunting on the Casey Jones, Big Timber, DeGray Lake, Ozark National Forest, Piney Creeks and White Rock WMAs.
- (14) Dogs allowed for training and/or hunting under the conditions and during the seasons provided by the required annual refuge hunting permit on all NWRs. Field trials prohibited unless authorized by refuge Special Use Permit.

- (15) Waterfowl retriever, rabbit dog (beagle) and bird dog training on Camp Robinson SUA from September 15-April 1, except during firearms deer hunts where dogs are not allowed. Bird dog training is also prohibited immediately following dates scheduled for supplemental bird releases on Camp Robinson SUA. Camp Robinson personnel will establish the exact dates of supplemental bird releases after field trial schedules are set in July. Dog trainers will be required to check with area personnel to get the dates of scheduled supplemental releases and additional dog training closure periods. Waterfowl retriever training is open the entire year in compartment 5. Dog training must comply with Commission Code 20.22. The area is divided into 7 public use compartments and a map depicting these compartments is posted at the Headquarters Information Booth on Clinton Road and is posed at www.agfc.com.
- (16) Employees of the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, the National Park Service or their designees engaged in official duties.

PENALTY: \$100.00 to 1,000.00.

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

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WHEREAS, the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, meeting in regular session on June 19, 2008, 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 19th day of June the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission hereby approves and adopts the attached hunting regulations for the 2008-2009 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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