

**Agenda Item \_\_\_\_\_**

**Arkansas Game and Fish Commission**

Wildlife Management Division

August 19, 2010

**Proposed 2010-2011 Late Waterfowl Codes Approval**

Presented by David Goad

Late-season migratory game bird season regulations must be approved by states and reported to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service by September 1, 2010. Proposals were presented to the Commission at the July meeting and final proposals for adoption will be presented for approval at this meeting.

**David Goad, Chief**  
Wildlife Management Division

# Proposed 2010-2011 Late Waterfowl Codes Approval



**12.15**  
08-10 **DUCK, COOT AND MERGANSER SEASON RESTRICTIONS.** It shall be unlawful to take or attempt to take ducks or coots other than Nov. 20-28, Dec. 10-23, 2009 Dec. 7, 2010-Jan. 17, 2011 and December 26, 2009 Jan. 22-Jan. 30, 2011.

**EXCEPTION:**

- (1) Ducks, coots and mergansers may be taken during the Special Youth Waterfowl Hunt statewide on December 5-6, 2010 in compliance with Commission-(Ref. Code 12.25 12.27 Special Youth Waterfowl Hunt Restrictions).

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

**12.17**  
08-10 **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 two ~~(2)~~ of which may be females), ~~one~~ ~~(1)~~ **two** pintails, one ~~(1)~~ mottled ducks, two ~~(2)~~ scaup, three ~~(3)~~ wood ducks, two ~~(2)~~ redheads, one ~~(1)~~ black duck and one ~~(1)~~ 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 two ~~(2)~~ of which may be females), ~~one~~ ~~(1)~~ **two** pintails, one (1) mottled ducks, two ~~(2)~~ scaup, three ~~(3)~~ wood ducks, two ~~(2)~~ redheads one ~~(1)~~ black duck and one ~~(1)~~ canvasback.

Daily limit of four ~~(4)~~ mergansers, which may include no more than two ~~(2)~~ hooded mergansers.

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

**12.18**  
08-10 **WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE SEASON RESTRICTIONS.** It shall be unlawful to take or attempt to take White-fronted geese other than from Nov. 14- - Dec. 5, 2009 and Dec. 12-24, 2009 and Dec. 26, 2009 Nov. 20, 2010-Jan. 30, 2011 statewide.

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

- 12.20**  
08-10 **SNOW, BLUE, ROSS' GOOSE SEASON RESTRICTIONS.** It shall be unlawful to take or attempt to take Snow, Blue and Ross' geese other than from Nov. 6, 2010-Jan. 30, 2011 Dec. 24, and Dec. 26, 2009, statewide.  
**EXCEPTION:**  
(1) In compliance with ~~Commission the Snow, Blue and Ross' Goose Conservation Order (Ref. Code 12.29 Snow, Blue, Ross' Goose Season Restrictions)-~~  
**PENALTY:** \$200.00 to \$1,000.00.
- 12.22**  
08-10 **CANADA GOOSE SEASON RESTRICTIONS.** It shall be unlawful to take or attempt to take Canada geese other than from the zones and dates listed below:  
**Early Canada Goose Statewide Season:**  
September 1–15, 2010.  
**Northwest Canada Goose Zone Season:**  
September 25–October 4, 2010.  
**Late Canada Goose Statewide Season:**  
Dec. 26-Nov. 20-Jan. 30, 2010.  
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**  
08-10 **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 **for** Ducks, Coots and Mergansers: Dec. 7-9, 2009 and February 1-15, 2011, statewide.  
**PENALTY:** \$100.00 to \$1,000.00.
- 12.27**  
08-10 **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 Dec. 5-6, 2009 Feb. 5-6, 2011, 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.
- 12.29**  
08-10 **SNOW, BLUE AND ROSS' GOOSE CONSERVATION ORDER RESTRICTIONS.** It shall be unlawful to take or attempt to take Snow, Blue and Ross' geese Jan. 31-Feb. 4 and Feb. 7-April 25, 2011, statewide without the following:

- (A) A free Snow Goose Registration Permit number.
- (B) A valid hunting license from any state or province.

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

**25.01**  
08-10

**MIGRATORY WATERFOWL HUNTING ACCESS TIME**

**RESTRICTIONS ON WMAS.** It is unlawful for waterfowl hunters on WMAs to take or attempt to take waterfowl after noon or remain within or on water-inundated areas or natural/man-made water courses on WMAs after 1 p.m.

**EXCEPTIONS:**

- (A) Migratory waterfowl hunting permitted during the entire day (regular shooting hours) of the last 3 days of the last duck season **in compliance with Commission Code 12.15 and during the Special Youth Waterfowl Hunt in compliance with Commission Code 12.27.**
- (B) In compliance with Commission Codes ~~12.25~~, 12.29 and 25.02.
- (C) All day hunting allowed on Beaver Lake, Dardanelle (except at the McKinnen Bottoms and Hartman Waterfowl Units), DeGray Lake, Fort Chaffee and Ozark Lake WMAs.
- (D) Navigational boating access unrestricted on natural rivers on WMAs.
- (E) All migratory waterfowl hunting is closed on Maumelle River WMA.

**PENALTY:** \$100 to \$1,000

***Proposed Change***

**25.04**  
08-10

**MIGRATORY WATERFOWL HUNTING ACCESS RESTRICTIONS ON WATERFOWL REST AREAS.** All Commission owned or controlled waterfowl rest areas are closed to access from Nov. 1-Feb. 15.

**EXCEPTIONS:**

- (1) Red Slough WRA on Dr. Lester Sitzes III Bois d'Arc WMA and Henry Moore WRA on Sulphur River WMA is open to archery deer hunting from Oct. 1-Nov. 5.
- (2) Pigeon Creek WRA on Cut-Off Creek WMA and Steve Frick WRA on Ed Gordon Point Remove WMA closes to access the day after the modern gun deer hunt and will reopen to access Feb. 1.
- (3) Johnson County WRA on Dardanelle WMA closes to access the day after the modern gun mobility impaired permit hunt and will reopen to access Feb. 1.
- (4) Dr. Lester Sitzes III Bois d'Arc Lake WRA on Dr. Lester Sitzes III Bois d'Arc WMA ~~and the Nimrod Lloyd Millwood WRA on Nimrod WMA~~ is open for fishing and non-hunting access.
- (5) Winchester WRA and the Brookings moist-soil units on Dave Donaldson Black River WMA are open to deer muzzleloader permit holders only.

- (6) The WRAs and the moist-soil units on Shirey Bay Rainey Brake WMA are open to fall firearms turkey hunters and deer muzzleloader permit holders only.

**PENALTY:** \$100 to \$1,000

*Proposed Change*

**25.07**

08-98/08-10

**WATERFOWL SHOT SHELL RESTRICTIONS FOR CERTAIN WMAs.** It shall be unlawful to possess more than 15 shot shells per hunter or to possess shot shells containing shot larger than #2 while waterfowl hunting on Bayou Meto, Bell Slough, Camp Robinson, Cut-Off Creek, Shirey Bay Rainey Brake and Seven Devils WMAs.

**EXCEPTIONS:**

- (1) In camping, parking or boat launching areas.
- (2) During the Special Youth Waterfowl Hunt in compliance with

[Feb. 6-7, 2010 Commission Code 12.27.](#)

**PENALTY:** \$100.00 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,** at meetings on July 21-22, 2010, the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission reviewed and discussed proposals for hunting regulations for the 2010-2011 Late Waterfowl Hunting Seasons, including game seasons, bag limits and/or other manner-of-taking game requirements for early migratory birds; and

**WHEREAS,** the Wildlife Management Division has been involved in drafting the proposed regulations, which, in turn, have been reviewed and considered by the Commission’s Regulations Committee and Waterfowl Sub-committee; and

**WHEREAS,** after carefully considering the recommendations of Commission staff and recommendations of the Waterfowl Sub-committee, as well as comments received from the public, the Regulations Committee voted to approve the option recommended by the Waterfowl Sub-committee specified in the attached document “2010-2011 Late Waterfowl Codes” for statewide application; and

**WHEREAS,** the proposed regulations have been communicated through a variety of media avenues to sportsmen and the general public throughout the state for review and comment; 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 19<sup>th</sup> day of August 2010, that the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission hereby approves and adopts the attached hunting regulations, which shall become effective immediately for the 2010-2011 hunting license year.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDERED** that the Commission staff is authorized to proceed with making the appropriate AGFC Code Book revisions and legal certification.

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	<u>STAFF APPROVAL</u>		<u>COMMISSION APPROVAL</u>
<b>Submitted by:</b>	_____	_____	_____
	David Goad	Chairman	Commissioner
<b>Division:</b>	_____	_____	_____
	Wildlife Management	Vice Chairman	Commissioner
<b>Approved:</b>	_____	_____	_____
	Director	Commissioner	Commissioner
<b>Approved:</b>	_____	_____	
	Legal	Commissioner	
<b>Approved:</b>	_____		
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## 2011 Fishing Regulation Consideration List

**03.17**      **LICENSES, PERMITS, STAMPS, TAGS, COSTS AND**  
 03-09/08-09 **EXPIRATION DATES**

<u>SPORT FISHING:</u> _____	<u>CODE</u>	<u>COST</u>	<u>EXP. DATE</u>
Alligator Gar Fishing Permit.....	AGP	FREE	<del>**</del> Dec. 31

\*\*Good for 1 year of purchase date.

**19.01**      **WASTING EDIBLE PORTION OF WILDLIFE PROHIBITED.** It  
 07-80/12-05 shall be unlawful to allow the edible portion of any game, fish, bird or frog normally consumed as food to go to waste. In addition, it shall be unlawful to kill wildlife and discard any portion which has a legal marketable or commercial value.

**EXCEPTION:**

- (1) Crows, bobcats, coyotes and skunks.
- (2) Squirrel tails, deer antlers, deer hides and feathers from non-migratory game birds legally taken.
- (3) Nuisance wildlife taken in accordance with Commission Codes 18.09 and 18.09A.
- (4) All rough fish (~~gars, bowfin, common carp, grass carp, bighead carp, silver carp, suckers and drum~~) excluding buffalo.

**PENALTY:** \$250.00 to \$1,000.00.

**31.01B**      **GAME FISH POSSESSION LIMIT RESTRICTIONS.** It shall be  
 01-09/08-09 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 - Sauger.....	6
Daily Limit - Saugeye.....	6
Daily Limit - Striped Bass or Hybrid Combination.....	6
Daily Limit - Walleye.....	6
Daily Limit - White Bass.....	25
(Yellow Bass - No Limit)	
Daily Limit - Paddlefish.....	2
Daily Limit - Alligator Gar.....	1

<b><u>Daily Limit - Shovelnose Sturgeon.....</u></b>	<b><u>No Limit</u></b>
Daily Aggregate Limit.....	75
Daily Limit for all sportfish on Bois d'Arc in Hempstead County & <b><u>Horseshoe Bend</u></b>	
<b><u>Pool, Strawberry River in Izard County</u></b>	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 of 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.

**Smallmouth bass minimum length limit on Buffalo River 18 inches with a daily limit of 1 from confluence with Clabber Creek downstream to the confluence with the White River.**

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, Illinois, Spring, South Fork/Spring and Eleven Point rivers and War Eagle Creek) - 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 of 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, **Cossatot River**, Ouachita River upstream from Lake Ouachita, Ouachita River downstream from Rammel Dam, 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 and the South Fork of the Ouachita River upstream to Hovel Branch must be immediately returned to the stream.

- (B) Black Bass daily limit - six (6) on Beaver Lake, Bull Shoals, DeQueen Lake, Lake Jack Nolen, Norfolk Lake, Lake Ouachita, Lake Ashbaugh in Greene County and Table Rock Lake, five (5) on Lake Lou Emma - Crawford County, and four (4) on Lake Atkins; Largemouth bass daily limit – five (5) on Grandview Lake #2, eight (8) in Lower White Oak Lake and Lake Columbia, and one (1) on Mallard Lake and the Little Missouri River.
- (C) Largemouth bass caught must be immediately returned to the water in Marion McCollum Lake in Monroe County, Lake Sylvania in Perry County, Dr. Lester Sitzes III, Bois d'Arc Lake and Lake Hindsville in Madison 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, from the confluence of the Mississippi/White Rivers upstream to the Benzal Railroad Bridge, and from the confluence of the Mississippi/Arkansas Rivers upstream to the Yancopin Railroad Bridge. No limit on blue and channel catfish from Red River, Sulphur River and Little River below Millwood Dam.
- (B) Catfish daily limit five (5) on DeWitt City Park Lake – Arkansas County; Lake Bentonville - Benton County; Hidden Lake - Carroll County; Big Timber Lake and Gurdon Lake - Clark County; Hubble Lake - Clay County; Lake Bailey - Conway County; Lake Cambadelle and Lake Lou Emma - Crawford County; 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; **Lake June – Lafayette County**; Ward City Park Lake – Lonoke County; Hindsville Lake - Madison County; Blytheville City Park Lake - Mississippi County; Donald Branch Fishing Pond – Monroe County; Lake Sylvania - Perry County; Shady Lake - Polk County; Twin Lakes A & B, Camp Ferncliff, Paradise Lake - 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 and ten blue 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, Norfolk reservoirs, Cane Creek Lake in Lincoln County and Gurdon Lake in Clark 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.
  - (C) Crappie daily limit - 50 between the main levees of the Mississippi River, from the confluence of the Mississippi/ White Rivers upstream to the Benzal Railroad Bridge, from the confluence of the Mississippi/Arkansas Rivers upstream to the Yancopin Railroad Bridge and on Horseshoe Lake in Crittenden County.
  - (D) Crappie daily limit – 20 in Lake Chicot and Lake Monticello.
- (5) WALLEYE
- (A) Walleye daily limit - 4 with an 18 inch minimum length limit in Beaver Lake, including all its tributaries, Bull Shoals Lake, Norfolk Lake and Table Rock Lake, including all its tributaries to the Beaver Dam on the White River; Greens Ferry Lake including all its tributaries, daily limit – 6, only one of which may be 28 inches or over, with a protected slot limit from 20 to 28 inches.
- (6) In compliance with Commission Code 31.02 (Game Fish Limits and Protective Slot Limits on Certain Lakes and Rivers).
  - (7) In compliance with Commission Code Section 35.00 (Spear Fishing).
  - (8) In compliance with Commission Code Section 42.00 (Fish Farmer).
- (9) 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, from the confluence of the Mississippi/White Rivers upstream to the Benzal Railroad Bridge, and from the confluence of the Mississippi/Arkansas Rivers upstream to the Yancopin Railroad Bridge.
  - (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.
  - (D) **No limit on white bass and hybrid striped bass on Lake Monticello (Drew County).**
- (10) ALLIGATOR GAR

- (A) No alligator gar greater than 36 inches may be harvested from 12:00 noon May 1 to 12:00 noon July 1, statewide. Alligator gar permit is required to harvest alligator gar (Refer to Code 32.19).

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

**31.02**

01-09/08-09

**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 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, Greens Ferry Lake, Mercer Bayou (Sulphur River WMA), Moss Creek Pond, Norfolk Lake, Shady Lake, Table Rock Lake, 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), Lee Creek Lake, Sugar Loaf Lake and Lake Wilhelmina (Polk County).
  - (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 Atkins (Pope County) ~~and Lake Monticello~~.
  - (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) Less than 13 inches in length on largemouth bass and spotted bass in Lake Ouachita.
  - (11) It shall be unlawful to possess largemouth bass from 16" to 18" in length or to possess more than three largemouth bass longer than 18" in Lower White Oak Lake and Lake Columbia.

- (12) Less than 21 inches in length on largemouth bass in Mallard Lake. Daily limit one largemouth bass.
  - (13) Less than 18 inches in length on smallmouth bass in the lower Little Missouri River.
  - (14) It shall be unlawful to possess more than (1) largemouth bass 18 inches or longer in Lake SWEPCO.
  - (15) Black bass greater than 16 inches in Lake Winona.
  - (16) Less than 12 inches in length on black bass in Horseshoe Bend Pool on the Strawberry River.
  - (17) **Less than 13 inches in length on largemouth bass in the Ouachita River from Tate's Bluff Bridge (Ouachita County) to Felsenthal Lock and Dam (Union and Ashley Counties), including all waters accessible by boat from the main channel** at normal water levels (65.0 ft. MSL at Felsenthal Lock and Dam and 77.0 ft. MSL at Thatcher Lock and Dam). Persons fishing oxbow lakes that are exempt from this regulation should access those waters directly and not from the river channel during higher water levels.
  - (18) **Less than 13 inches in length on largemouth bass in the Saline River form Stillion Bridge (Ashley and Bradley Counties) to the mouth, including all waters accessible by boat from the main channel** at normal water levels (65.0ft. MSL at Felsenthal Lock and Dam). Persons fishing oxbow lakes that are exempt from this regulation should access those waters directly and not from the river channel during higher water levels.
  - (19) **Largemouth bass 19-22 inches on Lake Monticello. Daily limit eight.**
- (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, 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 9 inches in length in Blue Mountain Lake and Harris Brake Lake.
- EXCEPTION:**
- (1) 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) **CATFISH** (Channel, Blue and Flathead):
- (1) It shall be unlawful to possess more than one catfish (channel, blue or flathead) greater than 34 inches in length from the Mississippi River along the common border with

the state of Tennessee, including oxbow lakes between the main levees of the Mississippi River.

- (2) It shall be unlawful to possess flathead catfish less than 20 inches in length on the Ouachita River from Sandy Beach Access (Ouachita County) to Rammel Dam.
- (D) STRIPED BASS: It shall be unlawful to possess striped bass less than 20 inches in length on Lake Norfolk and Beaver Lake.
- (E) SHOVELNOSE STURGEON: It shall be unlawful to possess Shovelnose sturgeon less than 21 inches in length. Shovelnose sturgeon may not be taken from the Mississippi River.

**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, on its side, mouth closed and tail lobes pressed together.

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

**31.18**  
08-91

**POSSESSION OF FILLETED FISH 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 **catch-and-release areas and** length/slot limit waters as described in Code 31.01, Game Fish Daily and Possession Limit Restrictions and Code 31.02, Black Bass Length Limits and Protective Slot Limits.

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

**31.19**  
01-09-08/09

**FAMILY AND COMMUNITY FISHING PROGRAM RESTRICTIONS.**

**(A) FAMILY FISHING PROGRAM RESTRICTIONS.**

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

Armory Pond (Columbia County), Bob Courtway Pond (Faulkner County), Dr. James E. Moore Jr. Camp Robinson Firing Range (Faulkner County), Lake Village Community Fishing Pond (Chicot County), Mattocks Park Lake (Union County), Pine Bluff Regional Park Youth Fishing Pond (Jefferson County), Landers Lake (Pulaski County), Mike and Janet Huckabee Youth Fishing Pond (Hempstead County), Salem City Lake (Fulton County), War Memorial Park Pond (Pulaski County) and Craighead Forest Park Youth Fishing Pond (Craighead County):

- (1) Fishing open only to persons under 16 years of age and 65 years of age and older. Properly licensed persons between the ages of 16 and 64 may fish if accompanied by a person under age 16 who is actively fishing. **Fishing open only to holders of a disabled fishing (either a three-year or combination disability license). One**

**properly licensed person may assist and fish with the disabled fishing license holder who must be actively fishing.**

- (2) Only hand held rod or pole allowed.
- (3) Largemouth bass: catch and release only.
- (4) Catfish daily limit: 3
- (5) Bream daily limit: 25
- (6) Trout daily limit: 5
- (7) Hybrid striped bass: 3
- (8) Lakes open to electric trolling motors only.
- (9) All other sportfishing daily limit: same as statewide.

**(B) COMMUNITY FISHING PROGRAM RESTRICTIONS**

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

Clear Lake (Clark County), Searcy City Lake (White County), ~~Lake Dieffenbacher (Miller County)~~, Carol Ann Cross Pond (Sebastian County), Amon's Lake (Baxter County), Dardanelle City Park Ponds (Yell County), Yell County Wildlife Federation Pond (Yell County), Wells Lake, Ft. Chaffee (Sebastian County), all lakes, ponds and **streams** managed by the City of Little Rock Parks and Recreation Department within the city limits of Little Rock, **Mike Freeze England Community Pond (Lonoke County)**, ~~Springdale Community Fishing Pond in~~ Murphy Park Pond (Washington County), Cabot Community Pond, Willow Beach Park Pond (**Pulaski County**), Benton City Lake (Saline County), North Little Rock City Park waters (Pulaski County), Cherrywood Lake (**Pulaski County**), Sherwood Municipal City Pond (**Pulaski County**), Martin Luther King Jr. Park Pond in Pine Bluff (**Jefferson County**), **Family Park Pond (Garland County)**, **Little Rock Air Force Base Pond (Pulaski County)**, **Pinnacle Mountain State Park Pond (Pulaski County)**, **Lake Valencia (Pulaski County)**, ~~Lake Springdale Atalanta~~ (Benton County), **Pleasant View Park Pond (Pope County)**, **Tilden Rodgers Park Pond (Crittenden County)**, **Entergy Park Pond (Garland County)** and **Glenwood Community Pond (Pike 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) Trout daily limit: 5
- (6) Hybrid striped bass: 3
- (7) **Lakes open to electric trolling motors only.**
- (8) **All other sportfish daily limit: same as statewide.**

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

**39.10**

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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 transaction record** of all alligator snapping turtles purchased, sold, bartered, traded, or transferred during the prior month in which transactions were made ~~or in possession during the prior month~~. This **inventory transaction record** 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~~ **Transaction records** shall be recorded on a form provided by the Commission.

**PENALTY:** \$100.00 to \$1,000.00. Second offense shall result in permanent revocation of Alligator Snapping Turtle Breeder/Dealer Permit.

~~**45.05 POSSESSION OF FILLETED TROUT PROHIBITED ON LENGTH/**~~

~~**08-04 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.~~

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

**41.33**

10-02/09-07

**CUTTING OR MUTILATION OF PADDLEFISH AND STURGEON**

**PROHIBITED.** It shall be unlawful to possess a cut or mutilated paddlefish or sturgeon while on the water unless the eggs have been removed (mutilation includes tearing or disfiguring of paddlefish in any way near the vent area). A 12-gauge needle may be used to determine the presence of eggs. Eggs may not be removed from harvested fish while on the water unless a minimum 2-inch portion of ~~each one~~ ovary remains attached in each fish. Eggs must be kept in separate containers, one fish only per container.

**EXCEPTION:**

- (1) Fish may be blocked out but the carcass must be at least the legal minimum length limit for the water body where the fish was taken.

**PENALTY:** \$1,000.00 to \$2,500.00 and fishing privileges may be suspended in accordance with Code 11.05, Revocation of Privileges.

**41.40****DR. LESTER SITZES III BOIS d'ARC LAKE (HEMPSTEAD COUNTY).**

Open noon, Feb. 1 until noon the last day of February with 3 ½ inch gill and trammel nets. Commercial fishermen must obtain, and have in their possession while fishing, a commercial permit from the district biologist at the Hope Regional Office and report their catch to the Hope Regional Office by March 15.

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



**INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THIS FORM:**

1. ECONOMIC IMPACT - In compliance with Governor's Proclamation EO 05-04, this form must be completed for **commercial licenses and permits** and submitted at the time a regulation is proposed to the Commission. The form will be forwarded to the Chief of Fiscal Services Division for review. After review, the form will be submitted to:

Director  
Arkansas Department of Economic Development  
One Capitol Mall  
Little Rock, AR 72201

2. FINANCIAL IMPACT - After passage of any regulation changes which have a financial impact (including all sport, lifetime, and commercial licenses) this form must be completed and submitted to the Chief of the Legal Division. The form is required for filing regulation changes with the Secretary of State.