

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

**Arkansas Game and Fish Commission**

Wildlife Management Division

January 27, 2005

**Approved 2005 Snow, Blue and Ross' Goose Conservation  
Order Season**

Presented by Ricky Chastain

The Commission approved the 2005 Goose Conservation Order season dates (February 7-April 30, 2005) at the August 26, 2004 meeting. These dates were never included in the codebook for enforcement purposes. Therefore, attached is a minute order for Commission approval to include these dates in the code by an emergency minute order.

**Doyle Shook, Acting Chief**  
Wildlife Management Division

# Approved 2005 Waterfowl Code

Approved Changes - Red Ink

03.03  
01-05

**HUNTING LICENSE REQUIREMENTS.** It shall be unlawful for any resident or non-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 deer, turkey, bear or elk the hunter must have physical possession of an official hunting license with a "Record of Game" on the back of the 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; **BIG GAME** (deer, bear, elk and turkey): 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).
- (C) 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.
- (D) Non-Residents hunting deer, bear, elk and/or wild turkey.  
Requirements: Non-Resident Annual All Game License; Non-Resident 3-Day All Game License; or a Non-Resident 5-Day All Game License and a Non-Resident Fur-Takers Permit if hunting or trapping furbearers.

**EXCEPTIONS:**

- (1) Residents and Non-Residents engaging in hunting activities on a licensed Game Bird Shooting Resort and Wildlife Hunting Resort in compliance with regulations pertaining to Game Bird Shooting Resorts and Wildlife Hunting Resorts.

(2) Non-Residents under 16 years of age prior to killing a deer, turkey, elk or bear providing said non-resident under 16years of age obtains a Non-Resident Annual All Game License, or a Non-Resident 3-Day All Game License, or a Non-Resident 5-Day All Game License after taking a deer, elk, turkey or bear.

**(3) In compliance with the Snow, Blue and Ross' Goose Conservation Order.**

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

Non-Residents - \$300.00 to \$1,000.00.

**03.03-A**  
01-05

**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.**

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

**12.18**  
01-05

**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 and December 13, 2004-February 6, 2005.

**EXCEPTION:**

- (1) **In compliance with the Snow, Blue and Ross' Goose Conservation Order starting from February 7, 2005 through April 30, 2005.**

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

**12.19**  
01-05

**SNOW, BLUE, ROSS' AND WHITE-FRONTED 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; or to take or attempt to take more than two (2) white-fronted geese or to possess more than twice the daily limit.

**EXCEPTION:**

- (1) **In compliance with the Snow, Blue and Ross' Goose Conservation Order starting from February 7, 2005 through April 30, 2005.**

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

**13.05**  
01-05

**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.**

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

**13.04**  
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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.**

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

**25.01**  
01-05

**MIGRATORY WATERFOWL HUNTING ACCESS TIME RESTRICTIONS WITHIN WMAs.** 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 Waterfowl Management Areas).  
(C) In accordance with those provisions as listed within Commission Code 12.25 (Special Youth Waterfowl Hunt Restrictions).  
(D) The Waterfowl Rest Area on Ed Gordon/Point Remove WMA is closed.  
(E) All day hunting allowed on Beaver Lake, Dardanelle, Ft. Chaffee, Mt. Magazine and Ozark Lake WMAs.  
(F) Navigational boating access unrestricted on natural rivers within WMAs.

**(G) In compliance with the Snow, Blue and Ross' Goose Conservation Order.**

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

***Justification (for all the above)***

The approved Snow, Blue and Ross' Goose Conservation Order dates never have been included in the codebook. In August of 2004 the approved dates for the Conservation Order are February 7-April 30, 2005. Therefore, these dates should be added to this code for clarification and enforcement purposes.

Arkansas Game and Fish Commission  
Little Rock, Arkansas

MINUTE ORDER NO:		SUBJECT:	2005 Waterfowl Hunting Seasons Proposals (Snow, Blue and Ross' Goose Conservation Order)
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**WHEREAS,** the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, meeting in regular session on January 27, 2005, has carefully reviewed and approved the attached waterfowl hunting regulations for statewide application; and

**WHEREAS,** the waterfowl hunting season dates proposal will come into effect February 7, 2005, thereby preventing the Commission from providing the usual full thirty-day opportunity for public comment before adoption of the regulations before the start of the goose conservation order hunting seasons; and

**WHEREAS,** the failure to timely adopt the attached hunting regulations could have an adverse effect upon the State's waterfowl populations Snow Goose, Blue Goose, Ross Goose, 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 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 27<sup>th</sup>** day of January the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission finds that an emergency exists and hereby approves and adopts the attached hunting regulations for the 2005 goose conservation order 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

**Submitted by:**

	<u>Doyle Shook</u>	<u>Chairman</u>	<u>Commissioner</u>
<b>Division:</b>	<u>Wildlife</u>	<u>Vice Chairman</u>	<u>Commissioner</u>
<b>Approved:</b>	<u>Director</u>	<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Commissioner</u>
<b>Approved:</b>	<u>Legal</u>	<u>Commissioner</u>	
<b>Approved:</b>	<u>Fiscal</u>		

**FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**PLEASE ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS COMPLETELY**

**DEPARTMENT** Arkansas Game & Fish Commission  
**DIVISION** Wildlife  
**PERSON COMPLETING THIS STATEMENT** Doyle Shook, Acting Chief  
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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**

Snow, Blue and Ross' Goose Conservation Order Season Dates

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.

**Current Fiscal Year**

**Next Fiscal Year**

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

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Cash Funds \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Revenue \_\_\_\_\_  
Other (Identify) \_\_\_\_\_  
  
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.

**Current Fiscal Year**

**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**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Next Fiscal Year**

**ARKANSAS GAME AND FISH COMMISSION**  
Little Rock, Arkansas

MINUTE ORDER NO: \_\_\_\_\_ SUBJECT: **Game Tags**  
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**WHEREAS, improvement is needed on data collection on harvested deer and turkey; and**

**WHEREAS, game tags attached to a license are a recognized and standard method to match a harvested deer or turkey to a hunter's license;**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED, BEGINNING WITH FALL 2005 SEASONS, HUNTING LICENSES SHALL INCLUDE TAGS FOR DEER AND TURKEY AND ANNUAL HUNTING LICENSES SHALL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30TH OF EACH YEAR.**

**BE IT FURTHER ORDERED THAT SPORTSMAN LICENSES SOLD FROM JANUARY 2005 TO THE JULY 2005 IMPLEMENTATION DATE SHALL BE REPRINTED ON THE NEW FORM WITH AN EXPIRATION DATE OF JUNE 30, 2006 FOR MAILING TO THOSE CUSTOMERS.**

**HOLDERS OF 65+ LIFETIME LICENSES, DISABLED LICENSES, AND HUNTERS UNDER THE AGE OF SIXTEEN SHALL ATTACH A TAG WITH THEIR NAME ON EACH HARVESTED DEER OR TURKEY. AN ANNUAL SUPPLY OF TAGS SHALL BE MAILED TO HOLDERS OF THE \$1,000 LIFETIME SPORTSMAN LICENSE FOR THEIR CONVENIENCE.**

	<u>STAFF APPROVAL</u>	<u>COMMISSION APPROVAL</u>
<b>Submitted by:</b>	_____	_____ Chairman
<b>Division:</b>	_____	_____ Commissioner
<b>Approved:</b>	_____ Director	_____ Commissioner
<b>Approved:</b>	_____ Legal	_____ Commissioner
<b>Approved:</b>	_____ Fiscal	

## Briefing Item # 4

### Arkansas Game and Fish Commission

Fiscal Services Division

January 25, 2005

#### Game Tagging for the 2005 – 2006 Hunting Seasons

The report presented at the December briefing has been updated and three more options have been added. Options 1, 2 and 4 have not changed. Option 3 has been fine-tuned and this is the option recommended by Fiscal Services and Information Technology staff.

Option 5 - makes annual hunting licenses valid for small game hunting for a year from date-of-purchase, but the deer and turkey tags expire on June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Option 6 - makes annual hunting licenses and tags valid for a year from date-of-purchase, and the license includes ten “generic” game tags to ensure mid-season license purchasers have tags for both years.

Option 7 - Annual licenses and tags are valid for a year from date-of-purchase. Annual licenses include only six game tags. If a mid-season license purchaser uses all tags in the first year, then a new license must be purchased in order to have tags when the season opens in the following year.

The Regulations Committee met today and ranked the top three options:

- 1<sup>st</sup> choice is Option 3**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> choice is Option 5**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> choice is Option 6**

Ray Sebren, Chief  
Fiscal Services Division