

Arkansas Game and Fish Commission
Little Rock, Arkansas

MINUTE ORDER No: 10-102 SUBJECT: 2011 Fishing Consideration Clarification to Largemouth bass regulations on Lake Monticello

DATE PASSED: December 14, 2010

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WHEREAS, at a meeting held on November 18, 2010, the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission reviewed and discussed a proposal to clarify a Largemouth bass regulation for Lake Monticello that inadvertently withheld from the official code book language; **and**

WHEREAS, the Fisheries drafted a proposed regulation to that effect, which, in turn, has been reviewed and considered by the Commission's Regulations Committee; **and**

WHEREAS, the proposed regulation is consistent with both Amendment 35 and sound management of the fish and wildlife resources of Arkansas; **and**

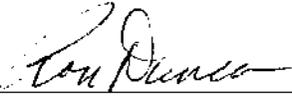
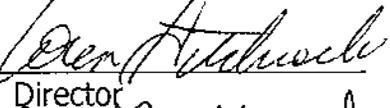
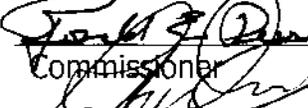
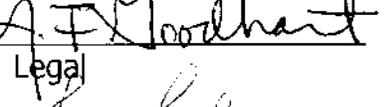
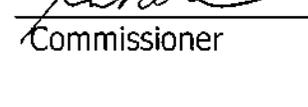
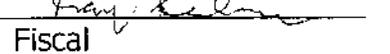
WHEREAS, the proposed regulation has been communicated through a variety of media avenues to sportsmen and the general public throughout the state for review and comment; **and**

WHEREAS, after carefully considering the recommendations of Commission staff and recommendations of the Regulations Committee, as well as any comments received from the public, the Commission has voted to adopt for Lake Monticello the amended Largemouth bass regulation 31.02 (A) 19 as specified in the attached document; **and**

WHEREAS, the various sections of the AGFC Code Book affected by the adoption of this regulation 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 14th day of December 2010, that the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission hereby approves and adopts the attached amended Largemouth bass regulation in Code Section 31.02 (A), 19 which shall become effective January 1, 2011.

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

<u>STAFF APPROVAL</u>		<u>COMMISSION APPROVAL</u>	
Submitted by:	 Mark Oliver	 Chairman	 Commissioner
Division:	Fisheries	 Vice Chairman	 Commissioner
Approved:	 Director	 Commissioner	 Commissioner
Approved:	 Legal	 Commissioner	
Approved:	 Fiscal		

Clarification of Code Book Language on Largemouth bass regulations on Lake Monticello

31.02

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

- (A) BASS: It shall be unlawful to possess black bass as follows:
- (1) Less than 12 inches in length on largemouth bass in Lake Frierson.
 - (2) Less than 12 inches in length on spotted bass in Beaver Lake, Bull Shoals Lake, Norfolk Lake and Table Rock Lake.
 - (3) Less than 15 inches in length on smallmouth bass in Beaver Lake, Bull Shoals Lake, Norfolk Lake and Table Rock Lake.
 - (4) Less than 15 inches in length on largemouth bass only in 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~~. Limit 4.
 - (8) It shall be unlawful to possess largemouth bass from 16" to 21" in length in Lake Pickthorne; limit 2, only one of which may be 21" or longer.
 - (9) It shall be unlawful to possess largemouth bass from 16 inches to 21 inches in length in Lake #1 in Grandview WMA. Limit 2 largemouth bass (1 over 21" and 1 under 16", or 2 under 16"). Limit on other game fish is one half the statewide daily limit.
 - (10) 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, only one of which may be 22 inches or longer.

Arkansas Game and Fish Commission

Fisheries Management Division

October 20, 2010

Subject: Clarifying 2011 Fishing Consideration Change: Largemouth bass on Lake Monticello

**Submitted by: Mark Oliver
Chief**

The Fisheries Division recommends the following fishing regulation change. These changes were approved at the August Commission meeting. The following pages include the recommended Code Book language to be adopted, allowing only one largemouth bass 22 inches or longer to be retained. If approved, all changes would go into effect 1 January 2011.

Mark Oliver, Chief
Fisheries Division