

ARKANSAS GAME AND FISH COMMISSION
Little Rock, Arkansas

MINUTE ORDER NO:	<u>16-060</u>	SUBJECT:	<u>Emergency Proclamation for</u>
DATE PASSED:	<u>July 21, 2016</u>		<u>Lake June Draining and Renovation</u>
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WHEREAS, the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission holds a perpetual surface easement for Lake June, located in the city limits of Stamps in Lafayette County, Arkansas, and has applied fisheries management resources and techniques to maintain a robust fish population throughout the 80-acre lake; **and**

WHEREAS, it is necessary to drain Lake June so that the weakening spillway structure and faulty drain pipe can be replaced and additional lake renovations can be performed; **and**

WHEREAS, during the upcoming drainage of the lake, a large number of desirable game fish will either be flushed out through the spillway or a cut in the levee, or become stranded in small pools of water; **and**

WHEREAS, this valuable fisheries resource could be harvested and utilized by local residents, thereby preventing the waste of edible portions and lessening the presence of decaying fish carcasses in the lake bed; **and**

WHEREAS, given the unusual present circumstances and in order to protect public welfare and prevent unnecessary waste of a valuable game fish resource, enforcement of the game fish daily limits for Lake June currently applicable under AGFC Code Addendum N1.01 should be temporarily suspended so that the public may harvest the fish prior to their loss due to water drainage and hot temperatures; **and**

WHEREAS, on July 7, 2016, Director Jeff Crow proclaimed that an emergency existed and, by authority delegated to him as director of the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, ordered that the provisions of AGFC Code Addendum N1.01 affecting game fish daily limits on Lake June were suspended from enforcement until further notice; **and**

WHEREAS, the Commission now wishes to ratify the emergency action taken by Director Crow and amend AGFC Code Addendum N1.01.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission hereby declares that an emergency exists, and confirms and ratifies the aforementioned action taken and emergency proclamation (copy of which is attached) signed by Director Jeff Crow on July 7, 2016, and amends AGFC Code Addendum N1.01, effective immediately, to temporarily suspend enforcement of the provisions affecting game fish daily limits on Lake June.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this emergency order shall remain in effect for a period of one-hundred twenty (120) days and then shall terminate.

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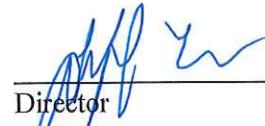
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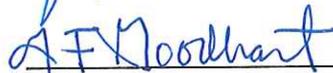
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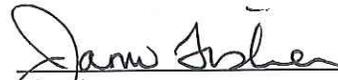
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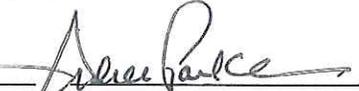
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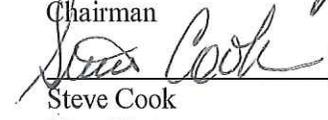
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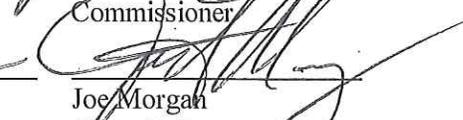
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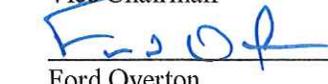
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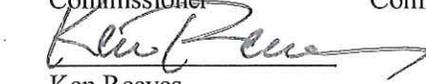
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ARKANSAS GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission (AGFC) holds a perpetual surface easement for Lake June, located in the city limits of Stamps in Lafayette County, Arkansas, and has applied fisheries management resources and techniques to maintain a robust fish population throughout the 80-acre lake; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to drain Lake June so that the weakening spillway structure and faulty drain pipe can be replaced and additional lake renovations can be performed; and

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WHEREAS, given the unusual present circumstances and in order to protect public welfare and prevent unnecessary waste of a valuable game fish resource, enforcement of the game fish daily limits for Lake June currently applicable under AGFC Code Addendum A1.01 should be temporarily suspended so that the public may harvest the fish prior to their loss due to water drainage and hot temperatures.

BE IT THEREFORE PROCLAIMED that, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and the provisions of AGFC Code Addendum N1.01 affecting the game fish daily limits at Lake June, Lafayette County, are hereby suspended from enforcement for a period of 120 days or until further notice, whichever occurs first.

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

ARKANSAS GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

By



Jeff Crow, Director

Date July 7, 2016

Code Book Language for Proposed Lake June Regulation Change

Changes are in red

CHAPTER N1.00 - GAME FISH RESTRICTIONS AND LIMITS

N1.01 Game Fish Daily Limits

N1.02 Length and Protected Length Limits on Certain Lakes and Rivers

N1.03 Specific Trout Water Regulations

N1.01 GAME FISH DAILY LIMITS

01-16 Alligator Gar 1

Black Basses (including not
more than four Smallmouth) 10

Bream (over 4 inches length) 50

Catfish (exc. Bullhead) 10

Crappie 30

Rock Bass 10

Muskellunge 6

Paddlefish 2

Pickeral 6

Sauger 6

Saugeye 6

Shovelnose Sturgeon No Limit

Striped Bass or Hybrid (Combination) 6

Trout (including not more than:

2 brown trout, 2 cutthroat

trout, 2 brook trout) 5

Walleye 6

White Bass 25

EXCEPTIONS:

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(10) LAKE JUNE, Lafayette County, EXEMPT FROM ALL GAME FISH DAILY LIMITS

Pursuant to Emergency Proclamation on July 7, 2016 and Emergency Minute Order adopted on July 21, 2016, there is no game fish daily limits for Lake June during the draining and renovation of the lake. This emergency action shall remain in effect for a period of one-hundred twenty (120) days and then shall terminate.

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.