

## LEGAL NOTICE

The regular monthly meeting of the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission will be held beginning at 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, October 22, 2008 at the Mike Huckabee Delta Rivers Nature Center, 1400 Black Dog Road, Pine Bluff, AR 71611. At that time, regulations and business pertaining to the operation of the Game and Fish Commission and other fiscal and administrative matters will be considered and acted upon, and all interested persons are invited to attend. A briefing with Commissioners and agency staff members will be held the afternoon before – Tuesday, October 21, 2008 – at 1:00 p.m. at the Mike Huckabee Delta Rivers Nature Center, 1400 Black Dog Road, Pine Bluff, AR 71611, and all interested persons are invited to attend.

Items on the agenda for the October 22, 2008 meeting will include adoption of proposed regulations previously considered at the September 18, 2008 meeting, plus amendments to various Hunting and Fishing regulations and regulations pertaining to the Enforcement Division of the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, including, but not limited to:

1. Wildlife Enforcement on National Forests -- Adopt a new code for “United States Forest Service Regulation Compliance” making it unlawful to violate any federal regulation pertaining to the protection of wildlife or natural resources within the boundaries of the Ouachita, Ozark or St. Francis National forest lands in Arkansas.
2. 2009 Spring Turkey Season -- Adopt amendments for the 2009 Spring Turkey season, including, but not limited to, season dates, bag limits and possession restrictions, geographic zones, permit requirements and restrictions on wildlife management areas, pre-season youth hunts, and other turkey hunting regulations.
3. Sport Fishing -- Amend existing code for Game Fish Possession Limit Restrictions to prohibit the taking of largemouth bass in Lake Hindsville in Madison County.
4. 2009 Commercial Fishing Regulations -- Adopt the following regulation amendments:
  - Amend existing code for Taking Baitfish Below Dams Prohibited to include language prohibiting the taking of baitfish within 100 feet below dams, except for taking shad with hand-held dip nets.
  - Amend existing code for Aquatic Turtle Harvest Permit Requirements to include exception making it clear that Aquatic Turtle Harvest Helper Permit holders can only take aquatic turtles and operate properly tagged tackle for the purchaser of the Helper Permit.
  - Amend existing code for Aquatic Turtle Tackle Restrictions to clarify restrictions for hoop nets, including where exactly the lines attach to the hoop and where to begin measuring the 1-inch throat size.

- Amend existing code for Undersized Commercial Fish Prohibited to reduce the 36-inch minimum length limit for paddlefish in the Mississippi River to 35 inches.
- Amend existing code for Paddlefish and Sturgeon Possession Restrictions on the White River, Arkansas River and Border Waters to change the current boundary on the White River from the Hwy. 367 Bridge at Newport to the Newport Access.
- Amend existing code for Possession and Use of Fiddler Size Hoop Nets Restrictions to allow fiddler size hoop nets to be used in the Sulphur River.

All persons wishing to be heard on these subjects must submit comments in writing to this office on or before October 14, 2008. Copies of any proposed rules or regulations may be obtained at the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission main office or through a written request mailed to the address below.

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