

Agenda Item _____

Arkansas Game and Fish Commission

Wildlife Management Division

April 16, 2009

**Proposed 2009-2010 Choctaw Island WMA West Unit General
Hunting Regulation Approval**

Presented by Doyle Shook

The Commission is in the process of purchasing 1,825 acres located in Desha County approximately 2 miles west of Choctaw Island WMA. This area was proposed to become a part of the Choctaw Island WMA and to be referred to as the Choctaw Island WMA West Unit. Revised hunting regulations recommendations for the WMA were presented at March meeting for discussion and will be presented at this meeting along with a minute order for commission approval.

Doyle Shook, Chief
Wildlife Management Division

PROPOSED CHOCTAW ISLAND WMA WEST UNIT 2009-2010 GENERAL HUNTING REGULATIONS APPROVAL

Approved Changes - Red Ink

Approved Code Clarifications - Blue Ink

06.03 **LEGAL BUCK DEER REQUIREMENTS.** It shall be unlawful to
04-09 take, attempt to take, or possess any buck deer other than a legal buck (Ref: 01.00C Definition of Terms).

EXCEPTIONS:

- (1) Deer carcasses and parts legally harvested outside the state and accompanied by verification. (Ref. Code 19.06 Importation of Cervid Carcasses, Parts and Products)
- (2) In compliance with Section 15.00 (Captive Wildlife/Hunting Resorts).
- (3) Youths under the age of 16 may take any buck as their first and second buck harvested that year, except on Choctaw Island WMA **East Unit** where youths must comply with antler restrictions.
- (4) On certain Wildlife Management Areas (Ref. Code 21.03).
- (5) Bucks taken with the Deer Management Assistance Program Management Buck tags.

PENALTY: \$150.00 to \$1,000.00.

19.09 **MOTORIZED VEHICLE RESTRICTIONS ON WMAs AND**
04-09 **COMMISSION LAKES.** It shall be unlawful to operate any motorized vehicle on any road, trail, levee or dam owned by the Commission; where no maintained road exists; or in a direction of travel contrary to directional signs on a wildlife management area or Commission-owned lake.

EXCEPTIONS:

- (1) In designated camping areas.
- (2) Persons having a valid Mobility Impaired Access Permit may operate an ATV or similar specialized device for transportation in compliance with code 20.20 (Mobility Impaired Access Permit Restrictions on Commission-Owned WMAs).
- (3) Persons participating in the Choctaw Island WMA **East Unit** Special Mobility Impaired **permit** deer hunt.

PENALTY: \$100.00 to \$1,000.00

- 20.24**
04-09 **HUNTING FROM MOTORIZED LAND VEHICLES PROHIBITED ON WMAs.** It shall be unlawful to take or attempt to take any species of wildlife from a motorized land vehicle on WMAs.
- EXCEPTIONS:**
- (1) Persons having a valid Mobility Impaired Access Permit may hunt from an ATV or similar specialized device for transportation in compliance with Code 20.20 (Mobility Impaired Access permit restrictions on Commission-owned WMAs).
 - (2) Persons participating in the Choctaw Island WMA **East Unit** Special Mobility Impaired deer **permit** hunt.
- PENALTY:** \$100.00 to \$1,000.00.

- 20.28**
04-09 **MOTORIZED VEHICLE RESTRICTIONS ON COMMISSION OWNED, LEASED, LICENSED AND COOPERATIVE WMAs.** It shall be unlawful to operate any motorized vehicle off any open access road and parking area, behind gated, cabled, or earthen barriers, where no road exists, on trails, levees, dams, on any food plot/wildlife opening, firelane, or road which has been disked, seeded, developed for wildlife, or in a direction of travel contrary to posted signs. The use of two-wheeled, three-wheeled or four-wheeled ATV's (all terrain vehicles), dune buggies and amphibious vehicles is prohibited.
- EXCEPTIONS:**
- (1) For Commission authorized uses only.
 - (2) Motorized vehicles or ATVs may be used on Commission owned lands only by persons having a valid Mobility Impaired Access Permit on graveled, all-weather roads; on designated, signed Mobility Impaired Access Trails; and for other expressed access uses of the Commission's Mobility Impaired Access permit program (ref. Code 20.20 Mobility Impaired Access Permit Restrictions on Commission-owned WMAs).
 - (3) Persons participating in the Choctaw Island WMA **East Unit** Special Mobility Impaired deer **permit** hunt.
 - (4) Motorized vehicles, except for ATVs on main access roads, may not be used on Big Timber Upland WDA.
 - (5) ATV's allowed on existing open access roads and trailways on Gum Flats, Provo, Lake Greeson, Howard County, Lafayette County, Casey Jones and Big Timber lease land areas.
 - (6) Motorized vehicles and ATVs allowed on Muddy Creek, Caney Creek and Winona, except on a road, temporary trailway or other areas posted as closed by an earthen mound, gate, sign or other object. Note: Same as U.S. Forest Service forest-wide regulations – Ouachita National Forest.
 - (7) ATV's allowed on open, maintained roads within Cherokee and Jim Kress WMA's by hunters in possession of a valid leased lands permit for the purposes of ingress and egress to hunting locations and/or camping sites only.

- (8) On Ozark National Forest, White Rock, Piney Creeks, Mt. Magazine, Sylamore and St. Francis National Forest WMAs all vehicles and OHV's are subject to the U.S. Forest Service OHV policy on roads and trails as published in code CFR 36.261.1.3. Refer to annual travel management map for designated uses on roads and trails.
- (9) Motorized vehicles and ATVs prohibited within the Hope Upland WMA, except for valid Mobility Impaired Access Permit holders in compliance with Code 20.20 (Mobility Impaired Access Permit Restrictions on Commission –owned WMAs).
- (10) Persons participating in approved reserved/permitted organized events on the Camp Robinson Special Use Area and persons training waterfowl retrievers in Public Use Compartment 5 in accordance with posted signs.

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

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DEER SEASONS AND BAG LIMIT RESTRICTIONS ON WMAs.

It shall be unlawful to take, attempt to take or possess deer by any method within WMAs other than as specified herein:

CHOCTAW ISLAND WMA

East Unit

Archery: October 1-December 31, 2009.

Muzzleloader (permit hunt): October 24-26, 2009.

Modern Gun (mobility impaired permit hunt): October 30-November 2, 2009.

Modern Gun (youth permit hunt): November 27-29, 2009.

Modern Gun (permit hunt): December 5-7, 2009.

Seasonal bag limit of four (4) deer; no more than two legal bucks (which may consist of one type A buck and one type B buck or two type B bucks). The combined doe bag limit per person for the archery, muzzleloader and modern gun seasons is two. A doe must be harvested and checked before a legal type A buck may be harvested during any season, except during the modern gun youth permit hunt. Bag limit during the modern gun youth permit hunt is four deer. Youths are allowed to harvest a type A buck without first harvesting and checking a doe, up to two type B bucks if no type A buck is harvested, and up to two doe. All harvested doe and type B bucks are "Bonus Deer" and do not count towards the **statewide seasonal** bag limit. (Ref. Codes 20.11, 21.02 and 21.03)

West Unit

Archery: **Closed.**

Muzzleloader: **Closed.**

Modern Gun (youth permit hunt): **November 7-8, November 21-23, November 27-29 and December 12-14, 2009.**

Seasonal bag limit of three (3) deer; no more than one buck (no antler restrictions) and two doe. These deer are not bonus deer

and will count towards the seasonal bag limit. (Ref. Codes 21.02 and 21.03)

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DEER PERMIT REQUIREMENTS ON CERTAIN WMAs. It shall be unlawful to take or attempt to take deer during deer permit hunts on certain WMAs without first obtaining the required permit (Reference Code 20.25, Non-Compliance with Terms of Permit Hunts on WMAs, SUAs, WDAs and NWRs (National Wildlife Refuges) Prohibited and Code 20.26, Season Restrictions During Permit Hunts on WMAs) as specified herein:

(A) Buck and/or Doe: Bayou Meto (firearms), Bald Knob NWR (modern gun), Cache River NWR (modern gun), Camp Robinson SUA (modern gun), Camp Robinson WMA (firearms), Choctaw Island **East Unit** (firearms), Cut-Off Creek (firearms), Cypress Bayou (firearms), Dave Donaldson Black River (muzzleloader), Dr. Lester Sitzes III, Bois D'arc (firearms), Ed Gordon Point Remove (modern gun), Felsenthal NWR (firearms), Ft. Chaffee (firearms), Gulf Mountain (firearms), Harold E. Alexander Spring River (firearms), Henry Gray Hurricane Lake (firearms), Hobbs SP-CA (firearms), Holla Bend NWR (archery), Holland Bottoms (muzzleloader), Howard County (firearms), J. Perry Mikles Blue Mountain SUA (modern gun), Lake Greeson (firearms), Little Bayou (muzzleloader), McIlroy Madison County (firearms), Moro Big Pine Natural Area, Overflow NWR (muzzleloader), Pond Creek NWR (modern gun), Rex Hancock Black Swamp (firearms), Rick Evans Grandview Prairie (archery), St. Francis National Forest (firearms), Sheffield Nelson Dagmar (firearms), Shirey Bay Rainey Brake (muzzleloader), Trusten Holder (muzzleloader), U of A Pine Tree Experimental Station WDA (firearms), Wapanocca NWR (modern gun), Mike Freeze Wattensaw (firearms), Wedington (firearms) and White River NWR (firearms), WMAs.

(B) Doe: Blue Mountain (firearms), Caney Creek (firearms), Gene Rush (firearms), Muddy Creek (firearms), Sylamore (firearms) and Winona (firearms) WMAs.

(C) Mobility Impaired: Choctaw Island **East Unit** (modern gun), DeGray Lake (muzzleloader), Johnson County WRA within Dardanelle (modern gun), Greers Ferry Lake (muzzleloader), Hobbs (modern gun), Lake Greeson (muzzleloader), Jardis Point within Trusten Holder (muzzleloader or shotguns allowed) and White River NWR (modern gun).

(D) Youth: Camp Robinson WMA (modern gun), Choctaw Island **East and West Units** (modern gun), Hobbs SP-CA (modern gun), Hope Upland (modern gun), Holla Bend NWR (modern gun), Howard County WMA (modern gun), J. Perry Mikles Blue Mountain SUA (modern gun), Lake Greeson WMA (modern gun), Moro Big Pine Natural Area (modern gun), Pond Creek NWR (modern gun), Prairie Bayou (modern gun), St. Francis National

Forest (modern gun), Steve N. Wilson Raft Creek Bottoms (modern gun), U of A Pine Tree Experimental Station WDA (modern gun) Mike Freeze Wattensaw (modern gun)Wedington WMA (modern gun) and White River NWR (modern gun).

EXCEPTION:

- (1) Youths during the Special Youth Modern Gun Deer Hunt are exempted from WMA Doe Quota Permit requirements (Ref. Code 06.11).

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

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BUCK DEER RESTRICTIONS ON CERTAIN WILDLIFE

MANAGEMENT AREAS. It shall be unlawful to take or attempt to take a deer other than a legal buck three-point rule deer (ref. Code 01.00C) except as specified herein:

- (1) On Lafayette County, Rick Evans Grandview Prairie and St. Francis National Forest WMAs, a buck deer must have both antlers under two inches (button buck included) or at least one antler with at least 4 points including the main beam a minimum of one inch long.
- (2) On Choctaw Island WMA:
(East Unit), a buck must have:
 - (A) Type A Buck—at least five (5) or more points (one inch or longer) on one side or have an inside spread equal to or greater than 15 inches (measured at widest point at a right angle to the center line of the skull) or “button bucks” with no hardened antler, or
 - (B) Type B Buck—5 total points or less including the main beams.
(West Unit), any buck deer may be legally harvested during all deer hunts.
- (3) On Cut-off Creek, Bayou Meto, Henry Gray Hurricane Lake, Little Bayou, Moro Big Pine Natural Area, Rex Hancock Black Swamp, Sheffield Nelson Dagmar, Trusten Holder, Seven Devils, U of A Pine Tree and Mike Freeze Wattensaw WMAs, a buck must have:
 - (A) at least one antler with at least 4 points including the main beam a minimum of one inch long; or
 - (B) have 4 total points or less including the main beam (button buck included).
 - (C) any buck may be harvested during the mobility impaired permit hunt on Cooks Lake Area within White River NWR.
- (4) On Ed Gordon Point Remove, Johnson County WRA within Dardanelle WMA and Wedington WMAs any buck deer may be legally harvested during a firearms permit hunt.
- (5) On Greers Ferry Lake WMA any buck deer may be legally harvested during the deer muzzleloader mobility impaired hunt.
- (6) On Hobbs SP-CA any buck deer may be legally harvested during the deer modern gun mobility impaired hunt.

- (7) On Camp Robinson WMA, DeGray Lake, Galla Creek, Hobbs SP-CA, Holla Bend NWR, Hope Upland WMA, Howard County WMA, Howard Hensley Searcy County WMA, Lake Greeson WMA, Mike Freeze Wattensaw WMA, Moro Big Pine Natural Area WMA, Prairie Bayou, Provo WMA, St. Francis National Forest WMA, Steve N. Wilson Raft Creek Bottoms WMA, U of A Pine Tree WDA and Cooks Lake Area (White River NWR) youth hunters may harvest any buck during the scheduled permit youth hunts on each area (Ref. Code 21.02).
- (8) On Bald Knob, Big Lake, Cache River, Felsenthal, Holla Bend, Overflow, Pond Creek, Wapanocca and White River NWRs any buck deer may be legally harvested during all deer hunts.
- (9) In compliance with Code 06.11 (Special Modern Gun Youth Deer Hunt Restrictions).

PENALTY: \$100.00 to \$1,000.00

21.05 BEAR SEASONS AND BAG LIMIT RESTRICTIONS ON WMAs.

04-09 It shall be unlawful to take, attempt to take or possess bear by any method within WMAs other than as specified herein:

CHOCTAW ISLAND WMA

Archery/Firearms: Both units closed.

23.01 TURKEY SEASONS AND BAG LIMIT RESTRICTIONS ON WMAs.

04-09 It shall be unlawful to take or attempt to take wild turkey by any method within WMAs other than as specified herein:

CHOCTAW ISLAND WMA

Fall: Both units closed.

East Unit

Spring (Archery/Crossbow): April 20-26, 2009. One gobbler or bearded turkey.

Spring (Firearms): April 4-5, April 11-12 and April 18-19, 2009 (youth hunt). One gobbler or bearded turkey. (Ref. Code 23.02)

April 30-May 1, 2009. One gobbler or bearded turkey. (Ref. Code 23.02).

West Unit

Spring: Closed.

24.02 QUAIL SEASON RESTRICTED ON CERTAIN WMAs. It shall be

04-09 unlawful to take, attempt to take, or possess quail within the following WMAs other than as specified herein:

- (A) November 1, 2009 - February 7, 2010 with Holland Bottoms WMA – (Tuesdays and Saturdays only).
- (B) November 1, 2009 - February 7, 2010 within Harold E. Alexander Spring River WMA – Quail hunting ends at Noon.
- (C) November 1, 2009 - February 7, 2010 within Norfolk Lake WMA (Chapin Point and Indian Head Units) – quail hunting ends at Noon.

- (D) November 1, 2009 - February 7, 2010 in Compartment A. No permit required. December 2, 5, 9, 12 and 16, 2010 in Compartments 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 within Gulf Mountain Quail Demonstration Area. Permit required. Limit 5 per person.
- (E) November 1, 2009 - February 7, 2010 within Hope Upland WMA (Tuesdays only). Limit 4.
- (F) November 1, 2009 - February 7, 2010 within Ed Gordon Point Remove and Galla Creek WMAs (weekends only). Limit 4.
- (G) November 1, 2009 - February 7, 2010 within Big Timber Upland SUA. Quail permit required, hunters must complete a Hunter Report Form after each hunt.
- (H) December 1, 2009 – February 7, 2010 within Ft. Chaffee WMA.
- (I) November 1, 2009 – January 31, 2010 within Felsenthal and Overflow NWRs.
- (J) November 1, 2009 - February 7, 2010 within Prairie Bayou. Limit 4.
- (K) November 1, 2009 - February 7, 2010 within Bald Knob NWR, Bayou Des Arc, Bayou Meto, Beaver Lake, Bell Slough, Benson Creek Natural Area, Beryl Anthony Lower Ouachita, Big Creek, Big Lake, Blevins, Blue Mountain, Bois D’Arc, Brewer Lake Cypress Creek, Brushy Creek, Buffalo National River, Cache River NWR, Camp Robinson WMA, Caney Creek, Casey Jones, Cattail Marsh, Cedar Creek, Cherokee, Cherokee Prairie Natural Area, Cove Creek Natural Area, Choctaw Island (**both units**), Crossett Experimental Forest, Cut-Off Creek, Cypress Bayou, Dardanelle, Dave Donaldson Black River, DeGray Lake, Departee Creek, Devil’s Knob Natural Area, Earl Buss Bayou DeView, Ethel, Frog Bayou, Garrett Hollow Natural Area, Gene Rush, Falcon Bottoms Natural Area, Greers Ferry Lake, Gum Flats, H.E. Flanagan Prairie Natural Area, Harris Brake, Henry Gray Hurricane Lake, Hobbs SP-CA, Howard County, Howard Hensley Searcy County, Iron Mountain Natural Area, Jamestown Independence County, Jim Kress, Jones Point, Lafayette County, Lake Greeson, Lee County, Little Bayou, Little River, Loafer’s Glory, McIlroy Madison County, Mike Freeze Wattensaw, Moro Big Pine Natural Area, Mount Magazine, Muddy Creek, Nacatoch Ravines Natural Area, Nimrod Lloyd Millwood, Norfork Lake (Seward Point, Bennett’s Bayou and Fulton County Units), Ozan, Ozark Lake, Ozark National Forest, Palmetto Flats Natural Area, Petit Jean River, Pine City Natural Area, Piney Creeks, Poison Springs, Provo, Railroad Prairie Natural Area, Rainey, Rex Hancock Black Swamp, Ring Slough, River Bend, Roth Prairie Natural Area, St. Francis National Forest WMA, St. Francis Sunken Lands, Sandhills Natural Area, Seven Devils, Sheffield Nelson Dagmar, Shirey Bay Rainey Brake, Slippery Hollow Natural Area WMA, Smoke Hole Natural Area, Spring Bank, Stateline Sandponds Natural Area, Steve N. Wilson/Raft Creek Bottoms, Sulphur River, Sweden Creek Natural Area, Sylamore, Terre Noire Natural Area,

Trusten Holder, Two Bayou Creek, U of A Pine Tree Experimental Station WDA, Warren Prairie Natural Area, W.E. Brewer Scatter Creek, Whitecliffs Natural Area, Whitehall, White Rock, Winona and Wittsburg Natural Area WMAs.

- (L) Closed within Big Lake NWR, Camp Robinson SUA, Electric Island, Holla Bend NWR, J. Perry Mikles Blue Mountain SUA, Johnson County WRA, Horsehead Creek and Bob Young WRA within Dardanelle, Pond Creek NWR, Rick Evans Grandview Prairie, Robert L. Hankins Mud Creek, Mike Freeze Wattensaw (closed only on the Quail Habitat Restoration Area), Wapanocca NWR, White River NWR, and Wedington WMA.

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

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RABBIT SEASON RESTRICTED ON CERTAIN WMAs. It shall be unlawful to take, attempt to take, or possess rabbit within the following WMAs other than as specified herein:

- (A) September 1, 2009 – February 28, 2010 within Hope Upland and Rick Evans Grandview Prairie WMAs (Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays only).
- (B) September 5, 2009 – January 31, 2010 within Felsenthal, Pond Creek and Overflow NWRs.
- (C) October 1 - December 8, 2009 within Holla Bend NWR.
- (D) September 5 – November 30, 2009 within White River NWR (South Unit) and September 5, 2009 – January 31, 2010 within White River NWR (North Unit).
- (E) September 5 - October 31, 2009 within Big Lake and Wapanocca NWRs.
- (F) September 1, 2009 – February 28, 2010 within Prairie Bayou. Limit 4.
- (G) September 5, 2009 - February 28, 2010 within Bald Knob and Cache River NWRs.
- (H) September 1, 2009 – February 28, 2010 within Bayou Des Arc, Bayou Meto, Beaver Lake, Bell Slough, Benson Creek Natural Area, Beryl Anthony Lower Ouachita, Big Creek, Big Lake, Big Timber, Blevins, Blue Mountain, Brewer Lake Cypress Creek, Brushy Creek, Buffalo National River, Camp Robinson WMA, Caney Creek, Casey Jones, Cattail Marsh, Cedar Creek, Cherokee, Cherokee Prairie Natural Area, Choctaw Island (**both units**), Cove Creek Natural Area, Crossett Experimental Forest, Cut-Off Creek, Cypress Bayou, Dardanelle, Dave Donaldson Black River, DeGray Lake, DePartee Creek, Devil's Knob Natural Area, Dr. Lester Sitzes, III Bois D'Arc, Earl Buss Bayou DeView, Ed Gordon Point Remove, Ethel, Falcon Bottoms Natural Area, Ft. Chaffee, Frog Bayou, Galla Creek, Garrett Hollow Natural Area, Gene Rush, Greers Ferry Lake, Gulf Mountain, Gum Flats, H.E. Flanagan Prairie Natural Area, Harold E. Alexander Spring River, Harris Brake, Henry Gray Hurricane Lake,

Hobbs SP-CA, Holland Bottoms, Howard County, Howard Hensley Searcy County, Iron Mountain Natural Area, Jamestown Independence County, Jim Kress, Jones Point, Lafayette County, Lake Greeson, Lee County, Little Bayou, Little River, Loafer's Glory, McIlroy Madison County, Moro Big Pine Natural Area, Mount Magazine, Muddy Creek, Nacatoch Ravines Natural Area, Nimrod Lloyd Millwood, Norfolk Lake, Ozan, Ozark Lake, Ozark National Forest, Palmetto Flats Natural Area, Pine City Natural Area, Petit Jean River, Piney Creeks, Poison Springs, Provo, Railroad Prairie Natural Area, Rainey, Rex Hancock Black Swamp, Ring Slough, River Bend, Robert L. Hankins Mud Creek WMA, Roth Prairie Natural Area, St. Francis National Forest, St. Francis Sunken Lands, Sandhills Natural Area, Seven Devils, Sheffield Nelson Dagmar, Shirey Bay Rainey Brake, Slippery Hollow Natural Area, Smoke Hole Natural Area, Spring Bank, Stateline Sandponds Natural Area, Steve N. Wilson Raft Creek Bottoms, Sulphur River, Sweden Creek Natural Area, Sylamore, Terre Noire Natural Area, Trusten Holder, Two Bayou Creek, U of A Pine Tree Experimental Station WDA, W.E. Brewer Scatter Creek, Warren Prairie Natural Area, Mike Freeze Wattensaw, Wedington, White Cliffs Natural Area, Whitehall, White Rock, Winona WMAs and Wittsburg Natural Area.

- (G) Closed within Camp Robinson SUA, Electric Island WMA, J. Perry Mikles Blue Mountain SUA, Wylie Cox SUA on Ed Gordon Point Remove WMA and Johnson County, Horsehead Creek and Bob Young WRAs within Dardanelle WMA.

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

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SQUIRREL SEASONS RESTRICTED ON CERTAIN WMAs. It shall be unlawful to take, attempt to take, or possess squirrel within the following WMAs, other than as specified herein:

- (A) September 5 - October 31, 2009 within Big Lake NWR, J. Perry Mikles Blue Mountain SUA and Wapanocca NWR.
- (B) September 5-30, 2009 within Camp Robinson SUA.
- (C) September 5, 2009 – February 28, 2010 within Hope Upland and Rick Evans Grandview Prairie WMAs (Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays only).
- (D) September 5, 2009 – January 31, 2010 within Felsenthal, Pond Creek and Overflow NWRs.
- (E) October 1 - December 8, 2009 within Holla Bend NWR.
- (F) September 5 - November 30, 2009 within White River NWR (South Unit) and September 5, 2009 – January 31, 2010 within White River NWR (North Unit).
- (G) September 5, 2009 – February 28, 2010 within Bald Knob NWR, Bayou Des Arc, Bayou Meto, Beaver Lake, Bell Slough, Benson Creek Natural Area, Beryl Anthony Lower Ouachita, Big Creek, Big

Lake, Big Timber, Blevins, Blue Mountain, Brewer Lake Cypress Creek, Brushy Creek, Buffalo National River, Cache River NWR, Camp Robinson WMA, Caney Creek, Casey Jones, Cattail Marsh, Cedar Creek, Cherokee, Cherokee Prairie Natural Area, Choctaw Island (**both units**), Cove Creek Natural Area, Crossett Experimental Forest, Cypress Bayou, Cut-Off Creek, Dardanelle, Dave Donaldson Black River, DeGray Lake, Departee Creek, Devils' Knob Natural Area, Dr. Lester Sitzes, III Bois D'Arc, Earl Buss Bayou DeView, Ed Gordon Point Remove, Ethel, Falcon Bottoms Natural Area, Ft. Chaffee, Frog Bayou, Galla Creek, Garrett Hollow Natural Area, Gene Rush, Greers Ferry Lake, Gulf Mountain, Gum Flats, H.E. Flanagan Prairie Natural Area, Harold E. Alexander Spring River, Harris Brake, Henry Gray Hurricane Lake, Hobbs SP-CA, Holland Bottoms, Howard County, Howard Hensley Searcy County, Iron Mountain Natural Area, Jamestown Independence County, Jim Kress, Jones Point, Lafayette County, Lake Greeson, Lee County, Little Bayou, Little River, Loafer's Glory, McIlroy Madison County, Moro Big Pine Natural Area, Mount Magazine, Muddy Creek, Nacatoch Ravines Natural Area, Nimrod Lloyd Millwood WMA, Norfork Lake, Ozan, Ozark Lake, Ozark National Forest, Pine City Natural Area, Palmetto Flats Natural Area, Petit Jean River, Piney Creeks, Poison Springs, Prairie Bayou, Provo, Railroad Prairie Natural Area, Rainey, Rex Hancock Black Swamp, Ring Slough, River Bend, Robert L. Hankins Mud Creek, Roth Prairie Natural Area, St. Francis National Forest, St. Francis Sunken Lands, Sheffield Nelson Dagmar, Shirey Bay Rainey Brake, Sandhills Natural Area, Seven Devils, Slippery Hollow Natural Area, Smoke Hole Natural Area, Spring Bank, Stateline Sandponds Natural Area, Steve N. Wilson Raft Creek Bottoms, Sulphur River, Sweden Creek Natural Area, Sylamore, Terre Noire Natural Area, Trusten Holder, Two Bayou Creek, U of A Pine Tree Experimental Station WDA, W.E. Brewer Scatter Creek, Warren Prairie Natural Area, Mike Freeze Wattensaw, Wedington, Whitehall, White Cliffs Natural Area, White Rock, Winona and Wittsburg Natural Area WMAs.

- (H) May 15-June 13, 2010 within Bayou Des Arc, Bayou Meto, Beaver Lake, Bell Slough, Benson Creek Natural Area, Beryl Anthony Lower Ouachita, Big Creek, Big Creek Natural Area, Big Lake, Big Timber, Blevins, Blue Mountain, Brewer Lake Cypress Creek, Brushy Creek, Buffalo National River, Camp Robinson SUA, Caney Creek, Casey Jones, Cattail Marsh, Cedar Creek, Cherokee, Cherokee Prairie Natural Area, Choctaw Island (**both units**), Cove Creek Natural Area, Crossett Experimental Forest WMA, Cut-Off Creek, Cypress Bayou, Dardanelle, Dave Donaldson Black River, DeGray Lake, Departee Creek, Devils' Knob Natural Area, Dr. Lester Sitzes, III Bois D'Arc, Earl Buss Bayou DeView, Ed Gordon

Point Remove, Ethel, Falcon Bottoms Natural Area, Ft. Chaffee, Frog Bayou, Galla Creek, Garrett Hollow Natural Area, Gene Rush, Greers Ferry Lake, Gulf Mountain, Gum Flats, H.E. Flanagan Prairie Natural Area, Harris Brake, Henry Gray Hurricane Lake, Hobbs SP-CA, Holland Bottoms, Howard County, Howard Hensley Searcy County, Iron Mountain Natural Area, J. Perry Mikles Blue Mountain SUA, Jamestown Independence County, Jim Kress, Jones Point, Lake Greeson, Lee County, Little Bayou, Little River, Loafer's Glory, McIlroy Madison County, Moro Big Pine Natural Area, Mount Magazine, Muddy Creek, Nacatoch Ravines Natural Area, Nimrod Lloyd Millwood, Norfork Lake, Ozan, Ozark Lake, Ozark National Forest, Palmetto Flats Natural Area, Petit Jean River, Pine City Natural Area, Piney Creeks, Poison Springs, Prairie Bayou, Provo, Railroad Prairie Natural Area, Rainey, Rex Hancock Black Swamp, Ring Slough, River Bend, Robert L. Hankins Mud Creek, Roth Prairie Natural Area, St. Francis National Forest, St. Francis Sunken Lands, Sandhills Natural Area, Seven Devils WMA, Sheffield Nelson Dagmar, Shirey Bay Rainey Brake WMA, Smoke Hole Natural Area, Spring Bank WMA, Stateline Sandponds Natural Area, Slippery Hollow Natural Area, Steve N. Wilson Raft Creek Bottoms, Sulphur River, Sweden Creek Natural Area, Sylamore, Terre Noire Natural Area, Trusten Holder, Two Bayou Creek, U Of A Pine Tree Experimental Station WDA, W.E. Brewer Scatter Creek, Warren Prairie Natural Area, Mike Freeze Wattensaw, Wedington, Whitecliffs Natural Area, Whitehall, White River NWR (North Unit), White Rock, Winona and Wittsburg Natural Area WMAs.

- (I) Fall Squirrel closed within Electric Island WMA.
- (J) Spring Squirrel closed within Bald Knob NWR, Big Lake NWR, Cache River NWR, Camp Robinson WMA, Electric Island, Felsenthal NWR, Harold E. Alexander Spring River, Holla Bend NWR, Hope Upland, Lafayette County, Overflow NWR, Pond Creek NWR, Rick Evans Grandview Prairie, White River NWR (South Unit) and Johnson County, Horsehead Creek and Bob Young WRAs on Dardanelle, Wapanocca NWR and Wylie Cox Special Use Area On Ed Gordon Point Remove WMAs.

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

FINANCIAL / ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

PLEASE ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS COMPLETELY

(Attach additional pages if needed)

DEPARTMENT: Arkansas Game & Fish Commission

DIVISION: Wildlife Management

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SHORT TITLE OF THIS RULE: Proposed 2009-2010 Choctaw Island WMA West Unit General Hunting Regulations Approval.

1. Does this proposed, amended, or repealed rule or regulation have a financial impact?
Yes: No: **X**
2. Do you believe that the development of a financial impact statement is so speculative as to be cost prohibitive? Yes: No: **X** If "Yes", 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

General Revenue	\$ N/A
Federal Funds	\$ N/A
Cash Funds	\$ N/A
Special Revenue	\$ N/A
Other (Identify)	\$ N/A
Total	\$ N/A

Next Fiscal Year

General Revenue	\$ N/A
Federal Funds	\$ N/A
Cash Funds	\$ N/A
Special Revenue	\$ N/A
Other (Identify)	\$ N/A
Total	\$ N/A

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Effect on Party Subject to Rule: N/A

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Why were such alternatives not proposed:

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Arkansas Game and Fish Commission

Little Rock, Arkansas

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			Hunting Regulations Approval			
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	<u>STAFF APPROVAL</u>	<u>COMMISSION APPROVAL</u>	
Submitted by:	_____	_____	_____
	Doyle Shook	Chairman	Commissioner
Division:	Wildlife	_____	_____
		Vice Chairman	Commissioner
Approved:	_____	_____	_____
	Director	Commissioner	Commissioner
Approved:	Legal	_____	
		Commissioner	
Approved:	_____		
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Agenda Item_____

Arkansas Game and Fish Commission

Wildlife Management Division

April 16, 2009

Proposed Coal Pile Lake Closure Code Approval

Presented by Doyle Shook

The Arkansas Game and Fish Commission acquired Coal Pile Lake in Desha County by quit claim deed effective October 9, 2008. At the November meeting the Wildlife Management Division recommended the closure, by emergency proclamation, of all hunting seasons on Coal Pile Lake to comply with the terms of the acquisition agreement. These code recommendations were presented at the March for discussion and will be presented at this meeting along with a minute order for commission approval.

Doyle Shook, Chief
Wildlife Management Division

Proposed Coal Pile Lake Closure Code Approval

Approved Changes are in Red Ink

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- HUNTING OR TRESPASSING PROHIBITED WITHIN CERTAIN WMAs AND LAKES.** It shall be unlawful to duck hunt and/or trespass on the following areas and lakes as specified herein:
- (1) Bayou Meto - Closed to all trespassing (except in designated campsites, parking areas, and boat launch ramps) from 2:00 a.m. to 4:00 a.m. during duck season.
 - (2) BIG LAKE – Mallard Lake is closed to hunting. Fishing and non-hunting activities are allowed.
 - (3) DR. LESTER SITZES, III BOIS D'ARC – Boats are not allowed on the Green Tree Waterfowl area 14 days before waterfowl season opens but are allowed during the regular duck season.
 - (4) BREWER LAKE – Closed to waterfowl hunting.
 - (5) CAMP ROBINSON SUA – Closed to waterfowl hunting.
 - (6) CEDAR CREEK – Closed to waterfowl hunting.
 - (7) CUT-OFF CREEK – Closed to all trespassing (except in designated campsites, parking areas and boat launch ramps) from 2:00 a.m. to 4:00 a.m. during duck season. Travel by boat is prohibited on Latin Drain, Firehunt Slough and Third Slough except during high water periods when boating access is possible to the Deep Slough Dam. In this case, boats may be used area-wide, however, boat motors may only be used on Cut-Off Creek and Deep Slough.
 - (8) DARDANELLE - Waterfowl hunting is not allowed on that part of Big Spadra and Little Spadra Creeks lying north of the Missouri Pacific Railroad, east of Crawford Street, south of I-40, and west of State Hwy 10. Dogs, hunting or trapping devices are prohibited on Johnson County, Horsehead Creek and Bob Young WRAs.
 - (9) DAVE DONALDSON BLACK RIVER – No hunting is allowed on Hubble Lake during duck season. Lake Ashbaugh is closed to all hunting. The waterfowl rest area, Brookings Moist Soil Unit and Hubble Lake are open for early teal season. On Lake Ashbaugh and Hubble Lake, only fishing and non-hunting activities are allowed.
 - (10) DEGRAY LAKE – Loaded firearms are prohibited within Lower DeGray Lake Waterfowl Rest Area except by permitted participants of special hunts.
 - (11) FROG BAYOU – Waterfowl hunters may not access inundated areas until 4:00 a.m. and must exit inundated areas by 12:00 p.m.
 - (12) HARRIS BRAKE – Open to waterfowl hunting only Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. All day hunting is allowed the last two days of the last duck season. During duck season, other hunters must abide by same hours and days as duck hunters, except for those trapping and hunting furbearers at night. Only shotguns and archery

equipment are allowed for hunting. Harris Brake Lake is open to Canada goose hunting September 1-15, 2008 only.

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- (15) PETIT JEAN RIVER WMA - Waterfowl impoundments are closed to trespass from one hour after sunset until 4:00 a.m. during duck season.
- (16) REX HANCOCK BLACK SWAMP – Waterfowl hunters may not access inundated area until 4:00 a.m. and must exit inundated areas by 12:00 p.m.
- (17) RICK EVANS GRANDVIEW PRAIRIE – Waterfowl hunting closed on all lakes and ponds.
- (18) SHIREY BAY RAINEY BRAKE – The waterfowl rest areas and MSUs (Moist Soil Units) are open to the early teal season
- (19) STEVE N. WILSON RAFT CREEK BOTTOMS – Waterfowl hunters may not access inundated area until 4:00 a.m. and must exit inundated areas by 12:00 p.m.
- (20) ST. FRANCIS FOREST – Waterfowl hunting ends at noon.
- (21) ST. FRANCIS SUNKEN LANDS – The Snowden Field (MSU) levee is open to foot traffic around the north end of the unit to allow access to public lands, the MSUs are open for the early teal
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EXCEPTION:

- (1) Employees or agents of the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission in the performance of their duties.

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

FINANCIAL / ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

PLEASE ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS COMPLETELY
(Attach additional pages if needed)

DEPARTMENT: Arkansas Game & Fish Commission

DIVISION: Wildlife Management

PERSON COMPLETING THIS STATEMENT: Doyle Shook

TELEPHONE #: 501-223-6362 **FAX #:** 501-223-6452

EMAIL: dlshook@agfc.state.ar.us

SHORT TITLE OF THIS RULE: Proposed Coal Pile Lake Closure Code Approval.

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Yes: _____ No: ☒ X
2. Do you believe that the development of a financial impact statement is so speculative as to be cost prohibitive? Yes: _____ No: ☒ X If “Yes”, 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.

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Approved:	_____	Vice Chairman	Commissioner
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