

## ***Fisheries Proposed Code Book Language for Implementation in 2010***

**01.00-C**  
03-09

**DEFINITION OF TERMS.** For the purposes of the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission Code of Regulations, the following terms shall be construed, respectively, to mean and include:

**BAITFISH** – Minnows (including bluntnose minnows, bullhead minnows, ~~bullhead catfish~~, chubs, ~~crayfish~~, dace, fatheads, common carp under 6 inches, small goldfish, shiners and stonerollers), logperch (also called sand pike or zebra minnows), ~~gizzard and threadfin~~ shad, gar (other than alligator gar), ~~bullhead catfish~~, ~~crayfish~~, drum, bowfin under 6 inches, skipjack herring, silversides (brook and inland), buffalo (bigmouth, smallmouth and black), river carpsucker, sculpin (banded and Ozark), bream 4 inches and under, and bream over 4 inches that are caught by hook and line.

**03.02**  
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**FISHING LICENSE REQUIREMENTS.** It shall be unlawful for any resident or non-resident to fish in any manner or to take or attempt to take ~~aquatic wildlife frogs, minnows or mussels~~ in Arkansas without having on the person the appropriate Arkansas fishing license as provided herein:

- (A) Arkansas Resident (16 years of age and older) - Resident Fisheries Conservation License; Resident 3-Day Trip Fishing License; Lifetime Resident Hunting and Fishing Sportsman's Permit; Resident 65 Plus Lifetime Fishing License (or Resident 65 Plus Lifetime Combination License); or Disabled Lifetime Fishing License (or Resident Disabled Lifetime Combination License) or Resident Disabled Fishing 3-Year License (or Resident Disabled Combination 3-Year License).
- (B) Non-Residents (16 years of age and older) - Non-Resident Annual Fishing License; Non-Resident 3-Day Trip Fishing License; or Non-Resident 14-Day Trip Fishing License.

**EXCEPTIONS:**

- (1) Persons fishing in Put and Take Pay Lakes licensed by the Commission.
- (2) Persons must possess a valid Commercial Fishing Permit & Sportfishing License to purchase tags for commercial tackle or to operate commercial tackle. Persons holding a CFS may purchase a Helper Permit, which will allow the permit holder to also operate the licensee's tackle. Tackle tags may not be purchased with the Helper Permit. The Helper Permit does not confer sportfishing privileges.
- (3) Individuals under age 16, or age 65 or over, are required to purchase a Junior/Senior Commercial Fishing Permit only if they sell commercial species of fish or aquatic turtles.
- (4) In lieu of an Arkansas non-resident fishing license, Missouri resident fishing license holders, age 16 or older, are required to purchase a White River Border Lakes License in compliance with Code 30.04,

White River lakes License Agreement Between Arkansas Game and Fish Commission and Missouri Department of Conservation.  
**PENALTY:** \$50.00 to \$1,000.00.

**03.17** **LICENSES, PERMITS, STAMPS, TAGS, COSTS AND**  
**03-09** **EXPIRATION DATES**

<b><u>SPORT FISHING:</u></b>	<b><u>CODE</u></b>	<b><u>COST</u></b>	<b><u>EXP. DATE</u></b>
Alligator Gar Fishing Permit.....	AGP	FREE	**
Resident Fisheries Conservation License.....	FSH	\$ 10.50	**
Resident 3-Day Trip License.....	RT3	\$ 6.50	*
Resident Disabled Fishing 3-Yr License.....	RDF	\$ 10.50	+
Resident Disabled Combination 3-Yr License..	RDC	\$ 35.50	+
Non-Resident Annual Fishing License.....	NRF	\$ 40.00	**
Non-Resident 14-Day Trip Fishing License..	N14	\$ 22.00	*
Non-Resident 7-Day Trip Fishing License....	NT7	\$ 17.00	*
Non-Resident 3-Day Trip Fishing License....	NT3	\$ 11.00	*
Arkansas Trout Permit.....	TPR	\$ 5.00	**
Non-Resident Trout Permit.....	TPN	\$ 12.00	**
White River Border Lakes License.....	WRL	\$ 10.00	**
Guide License/Fishing.....	GLF	\$ 25.00	**
Non-Resident Guide License/Fishing	GNF	\$150.00	**

**31.01B** **GAME FISH POSSESSION LIMIT RESTRICTIONS.** It shall be  
**01-09** unlawful to possess more than two (2) daily limits of game fish or the aggregate thereof.

Daily Limit - Black Basses(including not more than four Smallmouth).	10
Daily Limit - Rock Bass.....	10
Daily Limit - Catfish(exc. Bullhead).....	10
Daily Limit - Bream(over 4" in length).....	50
Daily Limit - Crappie.....	20
Daily Limit - Muskellunge.....	6
Daily Limit - Pickerel.....	6
<del>Daily Limit - Northern Pike.....</del>	<del>6</del>
Daily Limit - Sauger.....	6
Daily Limit - Saugeye.....	6
Daily Limit - Striped Bass or Hybrid Combination.....	6
Daily Limit - Walleye.....	6
Daily Limit - White Bass.....	25
(Yellow Bass - No Limit)	
Daily Limit - Paddlefish.....	2
Daily Limit - Alligator Gar.....	<del>2</del> 1
<b>Daily Limit - Shovelnose Sturgeon.....</b>	<b>No Limit</b>
Daily Aggregate Limit.....	75
Daily Limit for all sportfish on Bois d'Arc in Hempstead County & <u>Horseshoe Bend</u>	

**Pool, Strawberry River in Izard County**

½ daily limit

**EXCEPTIONS:**

(1) **LARGEMOUTH, SPOTTED, SMALLMOUTH (BLACK BASS):**

- (A) Ozark Zone (Baxter, Benton, Boone, Carroll, Cleburne, Fulton, Independence, Izard, Lawrence, Madison, Marion, Newton, Randolph, Searcy, Sharp, Stone, Van Buren, and Washington counties) - smallmouth bass minimum length limit of 12 inches with a daily limit of 4, except Bull Shoals Lake, Beaver Lake, Lake Norfolk, and Table Rock Lake (see exception 1(B) below).

Ozark Zone Blue Ribbon Streams (Crooked Creek and Buffalo River) - smallmouth bass minimum length limit of 14 inches with a daily limit of 2. Smallmouth bass minimum length limit on Crooked Creek 18 inches with a daily limit of 1: from 101 bridge downstream to the confluence with the White River; between the Hwy 62-412 and Hwy 62 Spur bridges at Pyatt.

**Smallmouth bass minimum length limit on Buffalo River 18 inches with a daily limit of 1 from confluence with Clabber Creek downstream to the confluence with the White River.**

Ozark Zone Catch and Release Area – Crooked Creek, along boundary of Arkansas Game and Fish Foundation property near Kelly's Slab Access.

Ozark Zone Quality Streams (Kings, Spring, South Fork/Spring and Eleven Point rivers) - smallmouth bass minimum length limit of 14 inches with a daily limit of 2, except on Kings River from Trigger Gap to Hwy 62 bridge: minimum length limit of 18 inches and daily limit of 1.

Ouachita/Boston Zone (all Arkansas counties not included in the Ozark Zone) - smallmouth bass minimum length limit of 10 inches with a daily limit of 4.

Ouachita/Boston Zone Quality Streams (Mulberry, Caddo above DeGray Lake, DeGray Lake, **Cossatot River**, Ouachita River upstream from Lake Ouachita, Ouachita River downstream from Remmel Dam, Saline River, including its four headwater forks in Saline, Perry and Garland counties, South Fork/Ouachita, Little Missouri above Lake Greeson and Lake Greeson) - smallmouth bass minimum length limit of 12 inches with a daily limit of 2.

Ouachita/Boston Zone Catch-and-Release Area - all smallmouth bass caught in Lake Ouachita including the Ouachita River upstream to the River Bluff access **and the South Fork of the Ouachita River upstream to Hovel Branch area** must be immediately returned to the stream.

- (B) Black Bass daily limit - six (6) on Beaver Lake, Bull Shoals, DeQueen Lake, Lake Jack Nolen, Norfolk Lake, Lake Ouachita, **Lake Ashbaugh in Greene County** and Table Rock Lake, five (5) on Lake Lou Emma - Crawford County, and four (4) on Lake Atkins; Largemouth bass daily limit – five (5) on

Grandview Lake #2, eight (8) in Lower White Oak Lake and Lake Columbia, and one (1) on Mallard Lake and the Little Missouri River.

- (C) Largemouth bass caught must be immediately returned to the water in Marion McCollum Lake in Monroe County, Lake Sylvia in Perry County, Dr. Lester Sitzes III, Bois d'Arc Lake ~~and Lake Ashbaugh in Greene County~~ and Lake Hindsville in Madison County.

(2) BREAM

- (A) No limit on bream four (4) inches or less in length.

(3) CATFISH

- (A) No limit on catfish on Grand Lake - Chicot County, 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) and between the main levees of the Mississippi River, from the confluence of the Mississippi/White Rivers upstream to the Benzal Railroad Bridge, and from the confluence of the Mississippi/Arkansas Rivers upstream to the Yancopin Railroad Bridge. ~~No limit on blue and channel catfish from Red River, Sulphur River and Little River below Millwood Dam.~~

- (B) Catfish daily limit five (5) on DeWitt City Park Lake – Arkansas County; Lake Bentonville - Benton County; Hidden Lake - Carroll County; Big Timber Lake and Gurdon Lake - Clark County; Hubble Lake - Clay County; Lake Bailey - Conway County; Lake Cambadelle and Lake Lou Emma - Crawford County; Marion City Park Lake - Crittenden County; Village Creek State Park Lakes - Cross and St. Francis Counties; Lake Bennett - Faulkner County; Lake Clearfork - Garland County; Crowley Ridge State Park Lake and Reynolds Park Lake - Greene County; Newark City Lake – Independence County; **Lake June – Lafayette County**; Ward City Park Lake – Lonoke County; Hindsville Lake - Madison County; Blytheville City Park Lake - Mississippi County; Donald Branch Fishing Pond – Monroe County; Lake Sylvia - Perry County; Shady Lake - Polk County; Twin Lakes A & B, Camp Ferncliff, Paradise Lake - Pulaski County; Old Davidsonville State Park Lake - Randolph County; Forrest City Park Lake – St. Francis County; Truman Baker Lake - Scott County; Cave City's Lakes - Sharp County; Gunner Pool and Hayden Bend Pond - Stone County; Devils Den State Park - Washington County; Spring Lake - Yell County; Kingfisher, Clubhouse Lakes in Petit Jean WMA, Yell County and posted U.S. Forest Service ponds and lakes.

- (C) In addition to daily limit, ten (10) channel catfish under 16 inches may be taken on the Arkansas River.

- (D) In addition to daily limit, ten channel catfish and ten blue catfish of any size may be taken in Lake Erling and Millwood Lake.

(4) CRAPPIE

- (A) Crappie daily limit - 15 in Beaver, Table Rock, Bull Shoals, Norfolk reservoirs, Cane Creek Lake in Lincoln County and Gurdon Lake in Clark County.
- (B) Crappie daily limit - 30 east of a line beginning at the Arkansas - Missouri State Line on U.S. Hwy 63 and described as follows: following U.S. Hwy 63 south to Hardy, continuing on U.S. Hwy 62 west to Ash Flat, continuing on U.S. Hwy 167 south to Little Rock, continuing on U.S. Hwy 67 south to Texarkana to Arkansas - Texas state line.
- (C) Crappie daily limit - 50 between the main levees of the Mississippi River, from the confluence of the Mississippi/ White Rivers upstream to the Benzal Railroad Bridge, from the confluence of the Mississippi/Arkansas Rivers upstream to the Yancopin Railroad Bridge and on Horseshoe Lake in Crittenden County.
- (D) Crappie daily limit – 20 in Lake Chicot and Lake Monticello.
- (5) WALLEYE
  - (A) Walleye daily limit - 4 with an 18 inch minimum length limit in Beaver Lake, including all its tributaries, Bull Shoals Lake, Norfolk Lake and Table Rock Lake, including all its tributaries to the Beaver Dam on the White River; Greers Ferry Lake including all its tributaries, daily limit – 6, only one of which may be 28 inches or over, with a protected slot limit from 20 to 28 inches.
- (6) In compliance with Commission Code 31.02 (Game Fish Limits and Protective Slot Limits on Certain Lakes and Rivers).
- (7) In compliance with Commission Code Section 35.00 (Spear Fishing).
- (8) In compliance with Commission Code Section 42.00 (Fish Farmer).
- (9) WHITE BASS, STRIPED BASS, HYBRID STRIPED BASS
  - (A) White Bass daily limit of 50 and possession limit of 100 while fishing between the main levees of the Mississippi River, from the confluence of the Mississippi/White Rivers upstream to the Benzal Railroad Bridge, and from the confluence of the Mississippi/Arkansas Rivers upstream to the Yancopin Railroad Bridge.
  - (B) Striped Bass or Hybrid Combination daily limit – 3 on Beaver Lake, Bull Shoals Lake, Lake Greeson, Lake Maumelle, Norfolk Lake and Lake Ouachita; 10 when taken from the Arkansas River and connecting lakes.
  - (C) No limit on White Bass on Lake Ashbaugh and Beaver Lake and all tributaries including Lake Sequoyah.
  - (D) **No limit on white bass and hybrid striped bass on Lake Monticello (Drew County).**
- (10) **ALLIGATOR GAR**
  - (A) No alligator gar greater than 36 inches may be harvested from 12:00 noon May 1 to 12:00 noon July 1, statewide. Alligator gar permit is required to harvest alligator gar (Refer to Code 32.19).

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

**FAMILY AND COMMUNITY FISHING PROGRAM RESTRICTIONS.****(A) FAMILY FISHING PROGRAM RESTRICTIONS.**

It shall be unlawful to fish in the following waters except as specified herein:

Armory Pond (Columbia County), Bob Courtway Pond (Faulkner County), Dr. James E. Moore Jr. Camp Robinson Firing Range (Faulkner County), Lake Village Community Fishing Pond (Chicot County), Mattocks Park Lake (Union County), Pine Bluff Regional Park Youth Fishing Pond (Jefferson County), Landers Lake (Pulaski County), Mike and Janet Huckabee Youth Fishing Pond (Hempstead County), Salem City Lake (Fulton County), War Memorial Park Pond (Pulaski County) and Craighead Forest Park Youth Fishing Pond (Craighead County):

- (1) Fishing open only to persons under 16 years of age and 65 years of age and older. Properly licensed persons between the ages of 16 and 64 may fish if accompanied by a person under age 16 who is actively fishing. Fishing open only to holders of a disabled fishing (either a three-year or combination disability license). One properly licensed person may assist and fish with the disabled fishing license holder who must be actively fishing.
- (2) Only hand held rod or pole allowed.
- (3) Largemouth bass: catch and release only.
- (4) Catfish daily limit: 3
- (5) Bream daily limit: 25
- (6) Trout daily limit: 5
- (7) Hybrid striped bass: 3
- (8) Lakes open to electric trolling motors only.
- (9) All other sportfishing daily limit: same as statewide.

**(B) COMMUNITY FISHING PROGRAM RESTRICTIONS**

It shall be unlawful to fish in the following waters except as specified herein:

Clear Lake (Clark County), Searcy City Lake (White County), Carol Ann Cross Pond (Sebastian County), Amon's Lake (Baxter County), ~~T.J. House Reservoir (City of Mulberry lake)~~, Dardanelle City Park Ponds (Yell County), Yell County Wildlife Federation Pond (Yell County), Wells Lake, Ft. Chaffee (Sebastian County), all lakes, ponds and streams managed by the City of Little Rock Parks and Recreation Department within the city limits of Little Rock, Mike Freeze England Community Pond (Lonoke County), Springdale Community Fishing Pond in Murphy Park, Cabot Community Pond, Willow Beach Park Pond (Pulaski County), Benton City Lake (Saline County), North Little Rock City Park waters (Pulaski County), Cherrywood Lake (Pulaski County), Sherwood Municipal City Pond (Pulaski County), Martin Luther King Jr. Park Pond in Pine Bluff (Jefferson County), Family Park Pond (Garland County),



**Little Rock Air Force Base Pond (Pulaski County, Pinnacle Mountain State Park Pond (Pulaski County), Lake Valencia (Pulaski County), Lake Atalanta (Benton County), Pleasant View Park Pond (Pope County), Tilden Rodgers Park Pond (Crittenden County), Entergy Park Pond (Garland County) and Glenwood Community Pond (Pike County).**

- (1) Only hand held rod or pole allowed.
- (2) Largemouth bass: catch and release only.
- (3) Catfish daily limit: 3
- (4) Bream daily limit: 25
- (5) Trout daily limit: 5
- (6) Hybrid striped bass: 3
- (7) **Lakes open to electric trolling motors only.**
- (8) **All other sportfish daily limit: same as statewide.**

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

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**TAKING FISH WITH BOW AND ARROW OR GIG RESTRICTED.**

It shall be unlawful to take any fish other than rough fish with bow and arrow or gig.

**EXCEPTIONS:**

- (1) ~~A daily limit of 2 alligator gar may be taken per day between 12:00 noon and the following 12:00 noon.~~ A daily limit of 1 alligator gar may be taken per 24 hour period (Refer to Codes 31.01B, Exception 10 (A) and (B), and Code 32.19).
- (2) Giggling is allowed only between 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 midnight and only from September 15 to February 15 statewide.
- (3) A limit of ~~2~~ of half the statewide daily limit for the waters being fished for catfish may be taken per day between 12:00 noon and the following 12:00 noon with bow and arrow from July 15 to May 1.

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

**32.19**

**ALLIGATOR GAR PERMIT REQUIREMENT.** It shall be unlawful for any resident 16 years of age or older to harvest any alligator gar without first obtaining and validating by signature, a current Alligator Gar Permit, in addition to fishing license in accordance with Code 3.02. Permits are valid one year from the date of purchase.

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

**40.02**

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**ALLIGATOR FARMER/DEALER GENERAL PROVISIONS.**

- (A) Shipping tickets, invoices or bills of lading shall be maintained for all alligators purchased or sold to verify that they have been obtained from a legal source and not from the wild stock of the state, and complete written records of all changes in alligator stock shall be maintained for a minimum of five (5) years from the date of each transaction to verify sources of supply and disposition of alligator stock.
- (B) Alligator Farm facilities and records shall be subject to random inspection by officers of the Commission;

- (C) Upon request or inspection by the Commission, an alligator farmer/dealer shall disclose ownership of all alligators and provide documentation of inventory of initial and subsequent numbers of all alligator eggs and alligators, including breeding females and offspring. Documentation shall be sufficient to demonstrate the inventory is commensurate with production and survival levels for captive populations in accordance with biological standards adopted by the Commission or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.
- (D) Each alligator farmer/dealer shall report annually to the Wildlife Management Division by ~~December~~ January 31 on a form supplied by the Commission all activities that have occurred during the ~~previous~~ calendar year for the reporting period ~~December~~ January 1 – ~~November 30~~ December 31, including, but not limited to: the number of live alligators (separated by sizes); the number of eggs collected and hatched; ~~information on~~ the purchase and sale of alligators, hides and parts; and the numbers of alligators ~~deaths lost~~. Failure to accurately complete this form may result in the non-renewal or revocation of the ~~alligator farmer/dealer's~~ Alligator Farmer/Dealer Permit.
- (E) The advertisement or representation of caimans or crocodiles as alligators is prohibited.
- (F) No alligator farmer/dealer or his or her employees shall receive or transfer any alligator, eggs or hides except in accordance with Commission regulations.
- (G) Permits to establish and operate alligator farms are not transferable.  
**PENALTY:** \$100.00 to \$1,000.00. In addition, non-compliance with terms of issued permit may result in non-renewal or revocation of permit privileges for one (1) to five (5) years.



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

**Arkansas Game and Fish Commission**

Wildlife Management Division

August 20, 2009

**Proposed 2009-2010 Waterfowl Regulations Approval**

Presented by Luke Naylor

Late-season migratory game bird season selections by the states must be reported to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service by September 1, 2009. The Commission must finalize these hunting season regulations at its August meeting. To facilitate those season selections, information is provided regarding (a) considerations in setting regular duck and goose seasons (b) preliminary 2009-2010 federal frameworks for all late-season migratory game birds, and (c) preliminary hunting season recommendations.

**David Goad, Chief**

Wildlife Management Division

# Proposed 2009-2010 Waterfowl Regulations

## Approval

Approved Changes - Red Ink
Approved Clarifications - Blue Ink
Approved Calendar Modifications - Orange Ink

### *Approved Change*

- 12.15** **DUCK, COOT AND MERGANSER SEASON RESTRICTIONS.** It shall be unlawful to take or attempt to take ducks or coots other than, ~~November 22-December 1, 2008-November 21-29, 2009, December 6-24, 2008-December 10-23 and December 26, 2009-January 25, 2009-January 31, 2010.~~
- 08-09**
- EXCEPTIONS:**
- (1) Ducks, coots and mergansers may be taken during the Special Youth Waterfowl Hunt statewide on ~~December 5-6, 2009.~~ (Ref. Code 12.25 Special Youth Waterfowl Hunt Restrictions).
- ~~(2) — Canvasbacks may not be taken.~~
- PENALTY:** \$200.00 to \$1,000.00.

### *Approved Change*

- 12.17** **DUCK DAILY BAG AND POSSESSION RESTRICTIONS.** It shall be unlawful to take or attempt to take more ducks in any one day than as specified below or to possess more than two (2) daily bag limits:
- 08-09**
- Bag Limits:
- Daily limit of six (6) ducks which may include no more than four (4) mallards (no more than two (2) of which may be females), one (1) pintail, ~~three (3)~~ **one (1)** mottled ducks, ~~one (1)~~ **two (2)** scaup, three (3) wood ducks, two (2) redheads, ~~and~~ one (1) black duck **and one (1) canvasback.**
- Daily limit of five (5) mergansers, which may include no more than two (2) hooded mergansers.
- EXCEPTION:**
- Bayou Meto WMA Bag Limits:
- Daily limit of four (4) ducks which may include no more than three (3) mallards (no more than ~~one (1)~~ **two (2)** of which may be females), one (1) Pintail, ~~three (3)~~ **one (1)** mottled ducks, ~~one (1)~~ **two (2)** scaup, ~~two (2)~~ **three (3)** wood ducks, two (2) redheads ~~and~~ one (1) black duck **and one (1) canvasback.**
- Daily limit of four (4) mergansers, which may include no more than two (2) hooded mergansers.
- PENALTY:** \$100.00 to \$1,000.00.

### *Approved Change*

- 12.18** **WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE SEASON RESTRICTIONS.** It shall be

08-09 unlawful to take or attempt to take White-fronted geese other than from November 15-December 1, 2008 November 14-December 5, 2009 and December 6-24, 2008-December 12-24, 2009 and December 26, 2009-January 31, 2010 statewide.  
**PENALTY:** \$200.00 to \$1,000.00.

*Approved Change*

**12.20** **SNOW, BLUE, ROSS' GOOSE SEASON RESTRICTIONS.** It shall be  
08-09 unlawful to take or attempt to take Snow, Blue and Ross' geese other than from November 7-December 24, 2009 and December 26, 2009-January 31, 2010, statewide.  
**EXCEPTION:**  
(1) In compliance with the Snow, Blue and Ross' Goose Conservation Order starting from February 2-April 25, 2009, statewide (Ref. Code 12.29 Snow, Blue, Ross' Goose Season Restrictions).  
**PENALTY:** \$200.00 to \$1,000.00.

*Approved Change*

**12.22** **CANADA GOOSE SEASON RESTRICTIONS.** It shall be unlawful to  
08-09 take or attempt to take Canada geese other than from the zones and dates listed below:  
**Early Canada Goose Statewide Season:**  
September 1–15, 2009.  
**Northwest Canada Goose Zone Season:**  
September 26–October 5, 2009.  
**Late Canada Goose Statewide Season:**  
December 26, 2009-January 31, 2010.  
Shooting hours are from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset statewide.  
**EXCEPTION:**  
(1) Holla Bend National Wildlife Refuge is closed.  
**PENALTY:** \$200.00 to \$1,000.00.

*Approved Change*

**12.25** **FALCONRY SEASON RESTRICTIONS.** It shall be unlawful to take  
08-09 or attempt to take migratory birds with raptors other than during the regular migratory bird seasons except as follows Ducks, Coots and Mergansers: December 2-5, 2008 December 7-9, 2009 and January 26-February 15, 2009-February 1-15, 2010, statewide.  
**PENALTY:** \$100.00 to \$1,000.00.

*Approved Change*

**12.27** **SPECIAL YOUTH WATERFOWL HUNT RESTRICTIONS.** It shall  
08-09 be unlawful for anyone other than youths, 15 years of age or younger, to hunt ducks, in season geese, mergansers and coots during the special youth waterfowl hunt on December 5-6, 2009, statewide. Youths who have completed a hunter education course must be accompanied by an adult

mentor who is 18 years of age or older. Youths who have not completed a hunter education course must be under the direct supervision of an adult mentor who is 21 years of age or older. Mentors may not hunt ducks, geese, mergansers or coots but may, if properly licensed, hunt other game in season. Shooting hours and bag limits are the same as the regular waterfowl season.

**EXCEPTION:**

~~(1) —Canvasbacks may not be taken.~~

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

*Approved Change*

**12.29 SNOW, BLUE AND ROSS' GOOSE CONSERVATION ORDER**  
**08-09 RESTRICTIONS.** It shall be unlawful to take or attempt to take Snow, Blue and Ross' geese February 1-April 25, 2010, statewide without the following:

- (A) A free Snow Goose Registration Permit number.
- (B) A valid hunting license from any state or province.

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

*Approved Change*

**18.18 WATERFOWL HUNTING RESTRICTIONS ON LAKES**  
**08-09 CATHERINE, HAMILTON AND HARRIS BRAKE.** It shall be unlawful to take or attempt to take any migratory waterfowl from any watercraft or other floating device on Lake Catherine in Garland/Hot Spring Counties, Lake Hamilton in Garland County, and Harris Brake Lake in Perry County or to take or attempt to take any migratory waterfowl within 1000 feet of any residence, dwelling or occupied structure on Lake Catherine or Lake Hamilton.

**EXCEPTION:**

- (1) Harris Brake Lake from September 1–15, 2009.

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

*Approved Change*

**25.02 HUNTING OR TRESPASSING PROHIBITED WITHIN CERTAIN**  
**08-09 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 103. Dogs, hunting or trapping devices are prohibited on Johnson County, Horsehead Creek and Bob Young WRAs.
- (9) DAVE DONALDSON BLACK RIVER – **Lake Ashbaugh and Hubble Lake are closed to hunting although Hubble Lake is open for early teal season. Fishing and non-hunting activities are allowed. ~~No hunting is allowed on Hubble Lake during duck season. Lake Ashbaugh is closed to all hunting. The Winchester 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) **EARL BUSS BAYOU DEVIEW – Lake Hogue is closed to hunting. Fishing and non-hunting activities are allowed.**
- (12) FROG BAYOU – Waterfowl hunters may not access inundated areas until 4:00 a.m. and must exit inundated areas by 1:00 p.m.
- (13) 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, 2009 only.
- (14) HENRY GRAY HURRICANE LAKE – Waterfowl hunters may not access inundated area until 4:00 a.m. and must exit inundated areas by 1:00 p.m.
- (15) LITTLE BAYOU – 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.
- (16) PETIT JEAN RIVER WMA - Waterfowl impoundments are closed to trespass from one hour after sunset until 4:00 a.m. during duck season.

- (17) REX HANCOCK BLACK SWAMP – Waterfowl hunters may not access inundated area until 4:00 a.m. and must exit inundated areas by 1:00 p.m.
- (18) RICK EVANS GRANDVIEW PRAIRIE – Waterfowl hunting closed on all lakes and ponds.
- (19) ~~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 1:00 p.m.
- (20) ST. FRANCIS FOREST – Waterfowl hunting ends at noon.
- (21) ST. FRANCIS SUNKEN LANDS – The Snowden Field **Waterfowl Rest Area (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 season.~~
- (22) LAKE CONWAY - Closed to waterfowl hunting except on the Pierce Creek and Dixs Creek Bays, waterfowl hunting ends at noon.
- (23) LAKE OVERCUP – Waterfowl hunting ends at noon.
- (24) CANE CREEK LAKE (Lincoln County) - Waterfowl hunting ends at noon.
- (25) U OF A PINE TREE EXPERIMENTAL STATION WDA - North of Hwy 306 closed to waterfowl hunting.
- (26) LAKE PICKTHORNE – Closed to waterfowl hunting.
- (27) COAL PILE LAKE – Closed to hunting. Fishing and non-hunting activities are allowed.

**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.

***Approved Change***

**25.03**

**BOAT AND BOAT MOTOR RESTRICTIONS ON CERTAIN WMAs.**

08-04/08-09

It shall be unlawful to fail to comply with the following list of boat and boat motor restrictions for certain WMAs.

- (1) Boats with motors of more than 25 horsepower **and airboats** may not be operated on Bayou Meto ~~WMA~~, Dr. Lester Sitzes, III Bois d'Arc ~~WMA~~ (excluding Dr. Lester Sitzes, III Bois d'Arc Lake), **and the Shirey Bay Rainey Brake green tree reservoir** and Steve N. Wilson Raft Creek Bottoms **WMAs**.
- (2) No boats allowed on Dr. Lester Sitzes, III Bois d'Arc ~~WMA~~ green tree waterfowl area 14 days before the opening day of duck season until the opening of **regular** duck season.
- (3) No boats allowed on Bell Slough ~~WMA~~, Camp Robinson ~~WMA~~, Ed Gordon Point Remove ~~WMA~~, Harris Brake ~~WMA~~, Dr. Lester Sitzes, III Bois d'Arc ~~WMA~~ and Shirey Bay Rainey Brake WMAs green tree reservoir from 12:00 p.m. until 4:00 a.m. during duck

season, except during the last three days of the last duck season and during the special youth waterfowl hunt when boats may be used from 4:00 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. daily.

- (4) Commission personnel in performance of their duties.
- (5) No boat motors allowed on Frog Bayou WMA.
- (6) Boat motors over 10hp are prohibited on St. Francis Forest WMA.
- (7) No boats allowed on Bayou Meto WMA from 12:00 p.m. until 4:00 a.m. during the duck season except as follows: (1) during the last three days of the last duck season and during the special youth waterfowl hunts when boats may be used from 4:00 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. daily, (2) boating access during the duck season only from 12:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. at the following streams; (1) Mulberry Access to include all of the Salt Bayou Ditch to the confluence of Little Bayou Meto; (2) Buckingham Flats Access to include Big Bayou Meto, and Cannon Brake Access to include Little Bayou Meto only within the Cannon Brake Impoundment.
- (8) No boats allowed on the Government Cypress Greentree Reservoir within Bayou Meto WMA.**

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

### *Approved Change*

**25.04**  
08-09

**MIGRATORY WATERFOWL HUNTING ACCESS RESTRICTIONS WITHIN WATERFOWL REST AREAS.** All Commission owned or controlled waterfowl rest areas are closed to access from November 1-February 15.

#### **EXCEPTIONS:**

- (1) Red Slough WRA within Dr. Lester Sitzes, III Bois D'Arc WMA **is open to archery deer hunting from October 1 – November 7-6** and Henry Moore WRA within Sulphur River WMA **are is** open to archery deer hunting from October 1 – November **7 13**.
- (2) Pigeon Creek WRA within Cut Off Creek WMA and Steve Frick WRA within Ed Gordon Point Remove WMA closes to access the day after the modern gun deer hunt and will reopen to access February 1.
- (3) Johnson County WRA within Dardanelle WMA closes to access the day after the modern gun mobility impaired permit hunt and will reopen to access February 1.
- (4) Dr. Lester Sitzes, III Bois D'Arc Lake WRA within Dr. Lester Sitzes, III Bois D'Arc WMA and the Nimrod Lloyd Millwood WRA within Nimrod WMA are open for fishing and non-hunting access.
- (5) Horsehead Creek and Bob Young WRAs within Dardanelle WMA reopen to access for archery deer hunting February 1.
- (6) Winchester WRA and the Brookings moist-soil units within Dave Donaldson Black River WMA are open to deer muzzleloader permit holders only.**



- (7) **The WRAs and the moist-soil units within Shirey Bay Rainey Brake WMA are open to fall firearms turkey hunters and deer muzzleloader permit holders only.**

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

*Approved Change*

**25.07**

08-98/08-09

**WATERFOWL SHOT SHELL RESTRICTIONS FOR CERTAIN**

**WMAs.** It shall be unlawful to possess more than 15 shot shells per hunter or to possess shot shells containing shot larger than #2 while waterfowl hunting on Bayou Meto, Bell Slough, Camp Robinson, Cut-Off Creek, Shirey Bay Rainey Brake and Seven Devils WMAs.

**EXCEPTIONS:**

- (1) In camping, parking or boat launching areas.
- (2) During the Special Youth Waterfowl Hunt, **December 5-6, 2009.**

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

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

**SHORT TITLE OF THIS RULE:** Proposed 2009-2010 Waterfowl Regulations  
Approval.

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|------------------|--------|
| 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: \$ N/A**

**Financial Benefit to Agency:** N/A

6. Do alternative means exist for accomplishing the objectives of the rules that might be less burdensome to small business? Yes: No: ☒

Why were such alternatives not proposed:

7. Compare this rule with federal and state counterparts:

ITEM NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**Arkansas Game and Fish Commission**

Little Rock, Arkansas

MINUTE ORDER NO:	_____	SUBJECT:	Proposed 2009-2010
DATE PASSED:	August 20, 2009		Waterfowl Regulations Approval
PAGE 1 of 1 PAGES		LOCATION:	Statewide

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**WHEREAS,** the various sections of the AGFC Code Book affected by the adoption of these regulations 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 20<sup>th</sup>** day of August the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission hereby approves and adopts the attached hunting regulations for the 2009-2010 hunting license year, and authorizes the Commission staff to proceed with making the appropriate AGFC Code Book revisions and legal certification.

	<u>STAFF APPROVAL</u>	<u>COMMISSION APPROVAL</u>	
<b>Submitted by:</b>	_____	_____	_____
	David Goad	Chairman	Commissioner
<b>Division:</b>	Wildlife	_____	_____
		Vice Chairman	Commissioner
<b>Approved:</b>	_____	_____	_____
	Director	Commissioner	Commissioner
<b>Approved:</b>	Legal	_____	
		Commissioner	
<b>Approved:</b>	_____		
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## **Agenda Item \_\_\_\_\_**

### **Arkansas Game and Fish Commission**

Wildlife Management Division

August 20, 2009

#### **Proposed 2009 Alligator Regulations Approval**

Presented by Ricky Chastain

In August 2008, the USFWS administratively approved the staff's request for multi-year export approval of Arkansas' program of exporting alligators harvested during the 2008 alligator sport hunting season and subsequent hunting seasons. Under this scenario Arkansas' alligator sport hunt is already approved, but subject to revision if a review of annually submitted information required under CITES by USFWS Department of Management Authority or Department of Scientific Authority reveals findings suggesting our program may be detrimental to the survival of the species. The proposed 2009 alligator season remains relatively conservative with no major changes from last year's season. The following changes in alligator hunting season dates are submitted for your approval.

**David Goad, Chief**  
Wildlife Management Division

# Proposed 2009 Alligator Regulations Approval

Approved Calendar Modifications - Orange Ink

## *Approved Change*

**02.23**

08-09

**ALLIGATOR HUNTING SEASON.** It shall be unlawful to take, attempt to take, or possess an alligator other than during the open alligator hunting season as specified herein:

Alligator Zones 1 and 3: September 18-21 and September 25-28, 2009.

Alligator Zones 2, 4 and 5: Closed.

**EXCEPTION:**

- (1) In compliance with Commission Code Section 40.00 – Alligator Farmer Requirements.

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

## *Approved Change*

**21.06**

08-09

**ALLIGATOR SEASONS AND BAG LIMIT RESTRICTIONS ON WMAs.** It shall be unlawful to take, attempt to take or possess alligator within WMAs other than as specified herein and in compliance with Code 26.02 (Restrictions on Methods of Taking Alligator):

- (A) September 18-21 and September 25-28, 2009 within Dr. Lester Sitzes III Bois d' Arc and designated portions of Trusten Holder WMAs. Individual annual limit of one (1) alligator by permit only.

- (B) All other WMAs are closed.

**PENALTY:** \$200.00 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:** David Goad

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

**EMAIL:** cdgoad@agfc.state.ar.us

**SHORT TITLE OF THIS RULE:** Proposed 2009 Alligator 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**

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4. What is the total estimated cost by fiscal year to any **party** subject to the proposed, amended, or repealed rule? (Estimated cost includes fees, administrative penalties, reporting, record keeping, equipment, construction, labor, professional services, revenue loss, or other costs associated with compliance.) Identify the **party** subject to the proposed rule, and explain how they are impacted.

**Current Fiscal Year:** \$ N/A

**Next Fiscal Year:** \$ N/A

**Party Subject to Rule:** N/A

**Effect on Party Subject to Rule:** N/A

5. What is the total estimated cost by fiscal year to the **agency** to implement this rule? Explain the financial benefit to the agency from implementing this rule.

**Current Fiscal Year:** \$ N/A

**Next Fiscal Year:** \$ N/A



**Financial Benefit to Agency:** N/A

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Little Rock, Arkansas

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