

LEGAL NOTICE

The regular monthly meeting of the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission will be held beginning at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, August 19, 2010 at the Little Rock Office Complex, #2 Natural Resources Drive, Little Rock, AR 72205. 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.

Items on the agenda for the August 19, 2010, 10:00 a.m. meeting will include adoption of proposed regulations previously considered at the July 22, 2010, Commission Meeting, plus 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. 2010-2011 Waterfowl Regulations and Season Dates – Adopt amendments or regulations for late-season migratory game birds (Duck, Coot, Merganser, White-Fronted Goose, Snow, Blue, Ross Goose) including, but not limited to, game seasons, bag and possession limits, geographic zones, wildlife management areas, weapon restrictions and other manner-of-taking-game requirements (based upon 2010-11 season information provided by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service).
2. 2011 Fishing Regulations – Adopt 2011 Fishing amendments or regulations including, but not limited to:
 - Set December 31st expiration date for annual Alligator Gar Permits;
 - Allow discarding edible portions of buffalo;
 - Implement smallmouth bass minimum length limit of 14 inches with a daily limit of two on Illinois River and War Eagle Creek;
 - Implement largemouth bass slot limit of 19-22 inches with a creel of eight on Lake Monticello;
 - Include catch-and-release areas and other waters to listed waters where filleted fish are prohibited;
 - Add Lake Dieffenbacher (Texarkana) and Lake Springdale to listed waters with Community Fishing Program Restrictions;
 - Remove Lake Atlanta from listed waters with Community Fishing Regulation Restrictions;
 - Change monthly reporting requirements for Alligator Snapping Turtle Breeder/Dealers to require reporting of sales and purchases only in those months when transactions occur;
 - Require commercial fishermen to retain 2-inch portion of only one ovary attached to paddlefish/sturgeon;
 - Establish requirements, seasons and penalties for Dr. Lester Sitzes III Bois d'Arc Lake Special Commercial Fishing Season;

- Re-name Springdale Community Fishing Pond in Murphy Park to Murphy Park Fishing Pond.

All persons wishing to be heard on these subjects must submit comments in writing to this office on or before August 11, 2010. 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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