

Proposed 2013-2014 Late Migratory Bird Regulations Approval

Committee: Regulations

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Explanation:

Staff presented the 2013-2014 late migratory bird regulations proposals at the July meeting and will be presented this month for Commission approval.

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Proposed Changes - Red Ink
Proposed Calendar Adjustments – Orange Ink
Code Clarifications - Blue Ink

24.09 NON-RESIDENT WATERFOWL HUNTING PERMIT REQUIREMENTS ON CERTAIN WMAs

08-13 It is unlawful for non-resident hunters to take or attempt to take waterfowl without first obtaining a non-resident WMA Waterfowl Hunting Permit on the following WMAs: Bayou Meto, Bell Slough Camp Robinson WMA, Beryl Anthony Lower Ouachita, Big Lake, Dr. Lester Sitzes III Bois d’Arc, Cut-Off Creek, Sheffield Nelson Dagmar, Dave Donaldson Black River, Earl Buss Bayou DeView, Ed Gordon Point Remove, Frog Bayou, Galla Creek, Harris Brake, Henry Gray Hurricane Lake, Holland Bottoms, ~~Nimrod Lloyd Millwood~~, Petit Jean River, Rex Hancock Black Swamp, Seven Devils, Shirey Bay Rainey Brake, St. Francis Sunken Lands, Steve N. Wilson Raft Creek Bottoms, Sulphur River, Trusten Holder, Caney Creek, Dix Creek Bays, Palarm Creek, and Pierce Creek and on Craig D. Campbell Lake Conway Reservoir (Camp Robinson WDA). This permit is in addition to hunting and/or guide license requirements as stated in Chapter 03.00. This permit must be in the person’s possession while taking or attempting to take waterfowl on these WMAs.

B1.08 DUCK, COOT AND MERGANSER SEASON AND LIMITS

08-13 Nov. 23-Dec. 1, Dec. 5-23 and Dec. 26, 2013-Jan. 26, 2014.

EXCEPTION:

Ducks, coots and mergansers may be taken during the Special Youth Waterfowl Hunt ([Code 11.04](#)).

LIMIT

COOT: Daily limit 15, possession limit ~~30~~ 45.

DUCKS: Daily limit six. No more than four mallards (no more than two of which may be females), two pintails, one mottled duck, ~~four~~ three scaup, three wood ducks, two redheads, one black duck and ~~one~~ two canvasback.

Possession limit no more than ~~two~~ three daily limits.

MERGANSERS: Daily limit of five (no more than two of which may be hooded mergansers).

Possession limit no more than ~~two~~ three daily limits.

EXCEPTION:

Bayou Meto WMA daily duck limit: Daily limit of four ducks which may include no more than three mallards (no more than two of which may be females), two pintails, one mottled duck, ~~four~~ three scaup, three wood ducks, two redheads, one black duck and ~~one~~ two canvasback.

Bayou Meto WMA Mergansers limits: Daily limit of four (no more than two of which may be hooded mergansers).

B1.09 WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE SEASON AND LIMITS

08-13 Nov. 14, 2013-Jan. 26, 2014 statewide.

LIMIT: Daily limit two, possession limit ~~four~~ six.

B1.10 SNOW, BLUE AND ROSS' GOOSE SEASON AND LIMITS

08-13 Nov. 14, 2013-Jan. 26, 2014 statewide.

EXCEPTION:

In compliance with the [Addendum B1.14](#).

LIMIT: Daily limit ~~20~~ 50, no possession limit.

B1.11 CANADA GOOSE SEASON AND LIMITS

08-13 Early Canada Goose Statewide Season: Sept. 1-15, 2013.

Northwest Canada Goose Zone Season: Sept. 21-30, 2013.

Late Canada Goose Statewide Season: Nov. 14, 2013-Jan. 26, 2014.

Shooting hours are from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset statewide.

EXCEPTION:

Holla Bend NWR is closed.

LIMIT: Daily limit two. Possession limit six.

EXCEPTION:

The daily limit is five Canada geese from Sept. 1-15, 2013, possession limit 15.

B1.12 FALCONRY SEASON AND LIMITS

08-13 Feb. 1-15, 2014 statewide.

LIMIT: No more than three migratory birds in any one day, possession limit six.

B1.13 SPECIAL YOUTH WATERFOWL HUNTING SEASON AND LIMITS

08-13 Feb. 1-2, 2014 statewide.

LIMIT: Same as statewide.

B1.14 SNOW, BLUE AND ROSS' GOOSE CONSERVATION ORDER SEASON AND LIMITS

08-13 Oct. 12-Nov. 13, 2013, Jan. 27-31 and Feb. 3-April 25, 2014 statewide.

LIMIT: No limit.

Fisheries 2014 Proposed Regulations

26.08

08-07

WATERS RESTRICTED TO CERTAIN FISHING TACKLE

It is unlawful to fish with any device other than rod or pole in:

- (A) Arkansas County – DeWitt City Park Lake
Benton County – Lake Atalanta and Lake Bentonville
Clark County – Big Timber Lake
Carroll County – Hidden Lake
Clark County – Gurdon Lake
Clay County – Lake Hubble
Conway County – Lake Bailey, Lake Roosevelt in Petit Jean State Park
Craighead County – Craighead Forest Lake
Crawford County – Lake Cambadelle and Lake Lou Emma
Crittenden County – West Memphis City Parks Lake and Marion City Park Lake
Cross County – All lakes in Village Creek State Park
Faulkner County – Lake Bennett
Greene County – Crowley Ridge State Park Lake and Reynolds Park Lake
Fulton County - Spring River and tributaries from 100 yards below Dam No. 1 to the mouth of Myatt Creek; Spring River Lake
Hempstead County – Lakes 1 and 2 on the Rick Evans Grandview WMA
Izard County (2 pole maximum limit) – Horseshoe Bend Pool on Strawberry River
Lafayette County – Lake June
Monroe County – Lake Greenlee
Lonoke County – Tommy L. Sproles Lake Pickthorne and Ward City Park Lake
Madison County – Hindsville Lake
Monroe County – Lake Greenlee and Donald Branch Fishing Pond
Montgomery County - North Fork Lake
Perry County – Lake Sylvia
Polk County – Shady Lake
Poinsett County – Upper Lake Hogue
Randolph County – Old Davidsonville State Park Lake
St. Francis County – Forrest City Park Lake
Scott County – Truman Baker Lake
Sebastian County – Carol Cross Lake
St. Francis Counties – All lakes in Village Creek State Park
Stone County – Gunner Pool and Hayden Bend Pond
Yell County – Lake Kingfisher
~~Cross and St. Francis Counties – All lakes in Village Creek State Park~~
Washington County – Devil's Den State Park Lake and posted U.S. Forest Service ponds and lakes.
Prairie County – Mike Freeze Wattensaw WMA ponds and lakes, except oxbow lakes ~~on and North Fork Lake in Montgomery County; Spring~~

~~River and tributaries from 100 yards below Dam No. 1 to the mouth of Myatt Creek; Spring River Lake.~~

- (B) Arkansas River from 100 yards below Dardanelle Dam to Arkansas Highway 7 bridge and 100 yards below Dam No. 2 to the mouth of Morgan Cut-Off; Fourche La Pave River from 100 yards below Nimrod Dam to Arkansas Highway 7 bridge.
- (C) Waters listed in [Code 26.25](#).

EXCEPTIONS:

- 1) Gigging or bowfishing for rough fish is permitted in compliance with [Code 26.06](#), in waters listed in Section B and in other unrestricted state waters.
- 2) ~~Catching bait is allowed in compliance with Code Chapter 32.00.~~

PENALTY: Class 1

26.25

08-10, 09-11

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY FISHING PROGRAM RESTRICTIONS

(A) FAMILY FISHING PROGRAM RESTRICTIONS

The restrictions in this subsection shall apply to the following waters:
Chicot County -- Lake Village Community Fishing Pond

~~Clay County -- Mom's Lake~~

Columbia County -- Armory Pond

Craighead County -- Craighead Forest Park Youth Fishing Pond

~~Drew County -- Monticello High School Pond~~

Faulkner County -- Dr. James E. Moore Jr. Camp Robinson Firing Range

Fulton County -- Salem City Lake

Hempstead County -- Mike and Janet Huckabee Youth Fishing Pond

Jefferson County -- Pine Bluff Regional Park Youth Fishing Pond

~~Lawrence County -- Walnut Ridge City Lake~~

Pulaski County -- Landers Lake, War Memorial Park Pond

Union County -- ~~Mattocks~~ Park Lake

RESTRICTIONS:

- (1) Fishing is open only to youths or persons 65 years of age or older. All other properly licensed persons may fish if accompanied by a youth who is actively fishing. Fishing is also open to holders of a disabled fishing license (either a three-year or combination disability license). One licensed person may assist and fish with an actively fishing disabled fishing license holder.
- (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

The restrictions in this subsection shall apply to the following waters:

Baxter County -- Amon's Lake

Benton County -- Lake Springdale, [Lake Bentonville](#)

Clark County -- Clear Lake

Crittenden County -- Tilden Rodgers Park Pond

Garland County -- Family Park Pond, Entergy Park Pond
 Jefferson County -- Martin Luther King Jr. Park Pond in Pine Bluff
 Lonoke County -- Cabot Community Pond, Mike Freeze England Community Pond
 Miller County -- Lake Dieffenbacher
 Pike County -- John Benjamin Glenwood Community Pond
 Pope County -- Pleasant View Park Pond
 Pulaski County -- all lakes, ponds and streams managed by the City of Little Rock Parks and Recreation Department within the city limits of Little Rock, Community Center Pond, Cherrywood Lake, Lake Valencia, Little Rock Air Force Base Pond, North Little Rock City Park waters, Paradise Lake, Pinnacle Mountain State Park Pond, Sherwood Municipal City Pond, Willow Beach Park Pond
 White County -- Searcy City Lake
 Saline County -- Sunset Lake
 Sebastian County -- Carol Ann Cross Pond
 Sebastian County -- Wells Lake, Fort Chaffee
 Yell County -- Dardanelle City Park Ponds, Yell County Wildlife Federation Pond
 Washington County -- Murphy Park Pond

RESTRICTIONS:

- (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: Class 1

26.29 LOWER WHITE OAK LAKE CLOSED SEASON

12-11 It is unlawful to fish in any manner on Lower White Oak Lake from May 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012.
PENALTY: Class 1

27.06 SPECIFIC TROUT WATER REGULATIONS

01-09 It is unlawful to fail to comply with the restrictions in Addendum N1.03.
EXCEPTION: Catching bait in compliance with Code Chapter 32.00. Bait tackle may not be used in catch-and-release areas and special regulation areas.
PENALTY: Class 1

30.01 COMMERCIAL FISHERMAN'S PERMIT AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

09-07, 01-13 It is unlawful to purchase commercial tackle tags or to operate commercial tackle, or sell or attempt to sell wild-caught commercial aquatic wildlife without a current commercial fisherman's permit and sportfishing license. A bill of sale or receipt of transfer with a commercial fisherman's permit number must accompany all sales to fish markets, processors or retailers of fish or fish parts in each transaction. Bills of sale must be retained by the purchaser for a period of 12 months and made available for inspection by

the Commission.

EXCEPTIONS:

- (1) Applies only to the sale of commercial fish or fish parts from a commercial fisherman to a fish market, processor or retailer.
- (2) Youths or individuals 65 years of age or older are required to purchase a Junior/Senior commercial fishing permit ~~if they plan to sell commercial species of fish.~~
- (3) A person with a commercial fisherman helper's permit in his immediate possession may operate the properly tagged tackle of a licensed commercial fisherman. The holder of a commercial fishermen's permit and sportfishing license shall be fully responsible for supervising the actions of the person using the commercial fisherman helper's permit.

PENALTY: Class 2

30.13

POSSESSION AND USE OF FIDDLER SIZE HOOP NETS AND SLAT TYPE FISH TRAPS RESTRICTED TO CERTAIN PUBLIC WATERS

01-09, 01-13

It is unlawful to use or possess fiddler size hoop nets or slat type fish traps in any waters of the state other than those specified below:

- (A) Arkansas River, including all impoundments, from the mouth of the Mississippi River to Arkansas/Oklahoma state line.
- (B) L'Anguille River from the mouth of the St. Francis River to the point of origin.
- (C) Little River from its mouth to the Corps of Engineers boat ramp on the west side of Little River below Millwood Dam.
- (D) All waters of the Mississippi River bounding Arkansas.
- (E) Red River from the Louisiana state line to the Oklahoma state line.
- (F) St. Francis River from the mouth at the Mississippi River to the Missouri state line in Clay County.
- (G) Old Town Lake, Phillips County.
- (H) Only slat traps may be used in the White River from the Interstate 40 bridge to its mouth. Fiddler size hoop nets are prohibited in the White River ~~from Interstate 40 bridge to its mouth; and all lakes, bays or other bodies of water connected to White River as specified, whether or not accessible by boat from the main channel.~~
- (I) All lakes, bays or other bodies of water, other than tributary streams, connected to waters specified, when accessible by boat from the main channel.
- (J) Bay Ditch, (Cross, Poinsett and Craighead counties) from its mouth upstream to U.S. Highway 63 in Craighead County.
- (K) St. Francis Floodway Diversion Ditch from its mouth upstream to U.S. Highway 63 in Poinsett County.
- (L) Cypress Bayou (Whiskey Chute) in Phillips County (slat traps only).
- (M) Sulphur River from the mouth of the Red River to the Texas state line.

EXCEPTIONS:

- (1) Fiddler size hoop nets prohibited in the Arkansas River from the Arkansas Highway 7 bridge in Yell County to the Arkansas/Oklahoma state line; and in Old Town Lake, Phillips County.

- (2) Slat traps may be fished from noon Sept. 30-noon June 1 in Millwood Lake and year-round in Little River above Millwood Lake to the Oklahoma state line.

PENALTY: Class 2

32.02

FISH DEALER LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

08-02

It is unlawful to offer for sale or sell live fish (including baitfish) without an Arkansas fish dealers license (resident or non-Resident) or an Arkansas fish farmers permit. A license is required for each separate business location. Game fish may not be taken from the wild and sold, in compliance with [Code 26.20](#). ~~Residents of states charging a higher non-resident fee shall be charged an equivalent amount.~~

EXCEPTIONS:

- (1) Licensed fishing guides are not required to purchase a fish dealer's license when providing baitfish during the act of guiding.
- (2) Minnows may be sold at the permitted facility where grown in compliance with [Code 35.01](#).
- (3) Marine and tropical aquatic wildlife commonly distributed in the aquarium trade may be sold without special permit, as long as they are held only in closed aquarium systems and not otherwise prohibited.

PENALTY: Class 1

32.04

BAITFISH TACKLE RESTRICTIONS

09-07

It is unlawful to use tackle for taking or attempting to take baitfish from waters of the state other than as specified below. Only baitfish may be retained for bait, and all other species of fish must be immediately returned to the waters where taken. The tackle allowed for taking baitfish is as follows:

- (A) Seines not in excess of 50 feet long and 4 feet in depth with square mesh of 1/4 inch.
- (B) Square traps or lifts not exceeding 6 feet by 6 feet by 3 feet in depth, and round traps not exceeding 3 feet in diameter and 6 feet long with up to 1/2 inch wire or mesh and throat size of 2 inches square mesh.
- (C) Throw nets and casting nets with square mesh not larger than 1 inch, or shad trawl nets with square mesh not larger than 1 inch.
- (D) Plastic, glass or wire mesh minnow traps not in excess of 1 gallon capacity with throat size of not more than 1.5 inches.
- (E) Hand-operated dip nets or lifts with up to 1 inch square bar mesh used to take legal baitfish for personal use while in the act of sport fishing day or night, and all other species of fish are immediately returned to the waters where taken. ~~The use of any seine, lift, throw net or shad trawl net at night other than as specified is prohibited.~~

PENALTY: Class 1

N1.01

GAME FISH DAILY LIMITS

01-13

Alligator Gar	1
Black Basses (including not more than four Smallmouth)	10
Bream (over 4 inches length)	50
Catfish (exc. Bullhead)	10
Crappie	20
Rock Bass	10

Muskellunge	6
Paddlefish	2
Pickerel	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
Yellow Bass	No Limit
Daily Aggregate Limit	75

Daily Limit for all sportfish on Dr. Lester Sitzes III Bois d'Arc Lake, Horseshoe Bend Pool of the Strawberry River in Izard County and Lake 1 on Rick Evans Grandview Prairie WMA ½ daily limit. All black bass and crappie sportfish on Lower White Oak Lake must be released immediately.

EXCEPTIONS:

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

(A) Smallmouth bass:

Ozark Zone (Baxter, Benton, Boone, Carroll, Clay, 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 four, except Bull Shoals, Beaver, Greers Ferry, Table Rock Lakes and Lake Norfolk (see Ex. 1(B) below).

Ozark Zone Blue Ribbon Streams – Crooked Creek from Arkansas Highway 101 bridge downstream to the confluence with the White River; between the U.S. Highway 62-412 and U.S. Highway 62 Spur bridges at Pyatt – smallmouth bass minimum length limit 18 inches, daily limit of one. Buffalo River from confluence with Clabber Creek downstream to the confluence with the White River – smallmouth bass minimum length limit 18 inches, daily limit of one. All other water of Crooked Creek and Buffalo River – smallmouth bass minimum length limit of 14 inches, daily limit of two.

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

Ozark Zone Quality Streams – Kings River from Trigger Gap to U.S. Highway 62 bridge smallmouth bass minimum length limit of 18 inches, daily limit of one.

All other water of the Kings, Illinois, Spring, South Fork of the Spring and Eleven Point rivers and War Eagle Creek – smallmouth bass minimum length limit of 14 inches, daily limit of two.

Ouachita/Boston Zone (all Arkansas counties not included in the Ozark Zone) – smallmouth bass minimum length limit of 10

inches, daily limit of four. Greers Ferry Lake – smallmouth bass daily limit six.

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 ~~and below~~ Lake Greeson – smallmouth bass minimum length limit of 12 inches, daily limit of two.

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 must be immediately returned to the stream.

~~Greers Ferry Lake – daily limit six.~~

(B) **Largemouth bass:**

Grandview Lake 2 and Lake Sylvia – daily limit five.

Lake Millwood – daily limit six.

~~Lower White Oak Lake and Lake Columbia – daily limit eight.~~

Mallard Lake ~~and Little Missouri River~~ – daily limit one.

Marion McCollum Lake, ~~and Lake Sylvia and Lake Hindsville~~ -- Largemouth bass caught must be immediately returned to the water.

(C) **Black Bass (all species combined):**

Beaver, Bull Shoals, DeQueen, Norfork, Table Rock lakes, Lakes Jack Nolen, Ouachita, Ashbaugh – daily limit six. Lake Lou

Emma – daily limit five.

Lake Atkins – daily limit four.

(2) **BREAM:**

No limit on bream 4 inches or shorter.

(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 Little River (below Millwood Dam) Red and Sulphur Rivers.

(B) Catfish daily limit five on:

DeWitt City Park Lake (Arkansas County); ~~Lake Bentonville and Lake Atalanta~~ (Benton County); Hidden Lake (Carron 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); Lower White Oak Lake (Ouachita County); Lake Sylvia (Perry County); Shady Lake (Polk County); Twin Lakes A and 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, Kingfisher, Clubhouse Lakes in Petit Jean WMA (Yell County) and posted USDA Forest Service ponds and lakes.

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

(D) In addition to daily limit, 10 channel catfish and 10 blue catfish 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 (Lincoln County) and Gurdon Lake (Clark County).

(B) Crappie daily limit – 30 east of a line beginning at the Arkansas–Missouri State Line on U.S. Highway 63 and described as follows: following U.S. Highway 63 south to Hardy, continuing on U.S. Highway 62 west to Ash Flat, continuing on U.S. Highway 167 south to Little Rock, continuing on U.S. Highway 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 (Crittenden County).

(D) Crappie daily limit – 20 in Lake Chicot and Lake Monticello.

(5) **WALLEYE:**

(A) Beaver Lake and its tributaries; Table Rock Lake and its tributaries to Beaver Dam; Bull Shoals Lake, and Norfolk Lake – minimum length limit of 18 inches, daily limit four.

(B) Greers Ferry Lake and its tributaries – protected slot limit of 20-28 inches, daily limit of six (only one of which may be longer than 28 inches).

(C) In compliance with Addendum N1.02 and Code Chapter 28.00.

(6) **WHITE BASS, STRIPED BASS, HYBRID STRIPED BASS:**

(A) White bass:

Between the main levees of the Mississippi river, from the confluence of the Mississippi and White rivers upstream to the Benzal Railroad Bridge, and from the confluence of the Mississippi and Arkansas rivers upstream to the Yancopin Railroad Bridge – daily limit of 50, possession limit of 100. Beaver Lake and its tributaries; lakes Ashbaugh, Sequoyah and Monticello – no limit.

- (B) Striped bass and hybrid striped bass (combined): Beaver, Bull Shoals and Norfork lakes; lakes Greeson, Maumelle, and Ouachita – daily limit three. Arkansas River and connecting lakes – daily limit 10. Lake Monticello – no limit.
- (7) **ALLIGATOR GAR:**
Alligator gar longer than 36 inches may not be harvested from noon, May 1-noon, July 1, statewide. Alligator Gar Permit is required to harvest alligator gar ([Code 26.28](#)).
- (8) **TROUT (BROOK, BROWN, CUTTHROAT, RAINBOW):**
- (A) **Brown trout:**
White River (Bull Shoals Tailwater) and North Fork White River (Norfork Tailwater) – minimum length 24 inches, daily limit one. Spavinaw Creek (Benton County) west of Arkansas Highway 59 and Spring River – minimum length 16 inches, daily limit two. Little Red River (Greers Ferry Tailwater) from Greers Ferry Dam to Arkansas Highway 305 Bridge – protected slot limit of 16-24 inches, daily limit of five (only one of which may be longer than 24 inches).
White River (Beaver Tailwater) from Beaver Dam to boundary signs at Houseman Access – protected slot limit of 13-16 inches, daily limit of five (only one of which may be longer than 16 inches). Little Missouri River, from Narrows Dam to Arkansas Highway 27 Bridge – all brown trout must be released immediately.
- (B) **Cutthroat trout:**
White River (Bull Shoals Lake Tailwater), North Fork White River (Norfork Tailwater), Spavinaw Creek (Benton County) west of Arkansas Highway 59, Spring River – minimum length 16 inches, daily limit of two.
- (C) **Brook trout:**
White River (Bull Shoals Lake Tailwater), North Fork White River (Norfork Tailwater), Spavinaw Creek (Benton County) west of Arkansas Highway 59, Spring River – minimum length 14 inches, daily limit two.
- (D) **Rainbow trout:**
Lake Atalanta (Benton County) – daily limit five.

N1.02 LENGTH AND PROTECTED LENGTH LIMITS ON CERTAIN LAKES AND RIVERS

- 01-13** (A) **BLACK BASS** – It is unlawful to possess black bass as follows:
- (1) Largemouth bass less than 12 inches on Lake Frierson.
 - (2) Spotted bass less than 12 inches on ~~Beaver~~, Bull Shoals, Norfork and Table Rock lakes.
 - (3) All black bass less than 12 inches in Horseshoe Bend Pool on the Strawberry River.
 - (4) Largemouth and spotted bass less than 13 inches on Lake Ouachita.
 - (5) Largemouth bass 13-16 inches on lakes Austell (Cross County), Barnett (White County), Brewer, DeGray, Wilhelmina (Polk County), Bear Creek, Bob Kidd; Lee Creek; Sugar Loaf Lake, and Dierks Reservoir (Howard and Sevier counties).

- (6) Largemouth bass less than 13 inches **within the boundaries of Felsenthal NWR.**

EXCEPTION: No restriction in Woodland Trail Pond - located at the Felsenthal NWR Headquarters on Hwy 82 (Ashley County); Locust Ridge Pond - located at Locust Ridge on Hwy 82 (Union County); Eagle Lake Pond- located north of Eagle Lake on Bradley Road 53 (Bradley County); and Shallow Lake Field Pond located west of Shallow Lake (Union County). Person(s) keeping largemouth bass less than 13 inches from these waters must exit the NWR boundaries immediately upon leaving these ponds and may not enter NWR campgrounds or fish other NWR waters with largemouth bass less than 13 inches from these four ponds in their possession.

- (7) Largemouth bass **less than 14 inches on the Arkansas River and its tributaries.**

- (8) Smallmouth bass less than 15 inches on Beaver, Bull Shoals, Norfolk and Table Rock lakes.

- (9) Largemouth bass less than 15 inches on Beaver Lake, Big Lake NWR, Blue Mountain, Bull Shoals, Georgia Pacific, Greers Ferry, Kingfisher, Norfolk, Shady and Table Rock lakes; Caddo Fishing Pond; Upper and Lower Lake Chicot (including Connerly Bayou downstream from Connerly Dam to the bayou's mouth and Ditch Bayou from the inlet on Lake Chicot to Ditch Bayou Dam); Lake Greenlee, Mercer Bayou (Sulphur River WMA); and Moss Creek Pond.

- (10) Black bass greater than 16 inches in Lake Winona.

- (11) Largemouth bass 16-21 inches on Lake Atkins. Daily limit four (only one of which may be longer than 21 inches).

- (12) Largemouth bass 16-21 inches on Tommy L. Sproles Lake Pickthorne. Daily limit two (only one of which may be longer than 21 inches).

- (13) Largemouth bass 16-21 inches in Lake 1 in Rick Evans Grandview Prairie WMA. Daily limit two largemouth bass (only one of which may be longer than 21 inches).

- (14) ~~Largemouth bass 16-18 inches on Lake Columbia. Daily limit eight (three of which may be longer than 18 inches).~~ Largemouth bass daily limit 10 (only one of which may be longer than 20 inches) on Lake Columbia.

- (15) Largemouth bass daily limit 10 (only one of which may be longer than 18 inches) on Lake SWEPCO.

- (16) Smallmouth bass less than 18 inches on the lower Little Missouri River **from Narrows Dam to its mouth. Daily limit one.**

- (17) Largemouth bass less than 21 inches on Mallard Lake. Daily limit one.

- (18) Largemouth bass 19-22 inches on Lake Monticello. Daily limit eight, only one of which may be longer than 22 inches.

(B) **CRAPPIE:** It is unlawful to possess crappie as follows:

- (1) Less than 10 inches in Beaver, Table Rock, Bull Shoals and Norfolk Reservoirs; Cane Creek Lake in Lincoln County; Lake

Chicot (including Connerly Bayou downstream from Connerly Dam to the bayou's mouth and Ditch Bayou from the inlet on Lake Chicot to Ditch Bayou Dam); Lake Charles, and Lake Monticello.

- (2) Less than 9 inches on Blue Mountain and Harris Brake lakes.

EXCEPTION:

- (1) From December-February, the minimum length limit is waived on Lake Monticello and the harvest is regulated by a 20-fish daily limit. The first 20 crappie caught, regardless of size, must be kept. Culling is not permitted. From March-November, harvest is controlled by a 10-inch minimum length, daily limit of 20.

- (C) **CATFISH** (channel, blue and flathead):

- (1) It is unlawful to possess flathead catfish less than 20 inches on the Ouachita River from Sandy Beach Access (Ouachita County) to Remmel Dam.

- (D) **STRIPED BASS:** It is unlawful to possess striped bass less than 20 inches on Lake Norfolk and Beaver Lake.

- (E) **SHOVELNOSE STURGEON:** It is unlawful to possess shovelnose sturgeon less than 21 inches. Shovelnose sturgeon may not be taken from the Mississippi River.

EXCEPTION:

- (1) Sportfish may be snagged (except in catch-and-release areas) in compliance with Codes 26.05; 26.17 and within the restrictive size limits in this addendum chapter.