

## LEGAL NOTICE

The regular monthly meeting of the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission will be held beginning at 9:00 a.m. Thursday, April 16, 2015, 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. Additionally, Committee meetings attended by Commissioners and agency staff members will be held throughout the day on Wednesday, April 15, 2015, beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the same location, and all interested persons are invited to attend.

Items on the agenda for the April 16, 2015, 9:00 a.m. meeting will include adoption of proposed regulations previously considered at the March 19, 2015, Commission Meeting, plus various Hunting and Fishing Regulations of the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission including, but not limited to:

**Regulations for Compliance with Land Use Policies** – Proposal for revisions to the Commission's Policies on Land Use Around Arkansas Game and Fish Commission Lakes and amendment of existing regulations to require compliance with such policies around AGFC-owned or –controlled lakes. Also, proposal for amendment of existing regulation to disallow certain activities around AGFC-owned or –controlled lakes, and establish permit and specification requirements for certain structures (including platforms, floating duck blinds, piers, boat slides, boathouses, or irrigation systems) and other activities (including shoreline stabilization; lake dredging; herbicide and pesticide use; shoreline deepening; and lawn irrigation). Also:

- Revision of AGFC Code 19.13 - Permit and Specification Requirements for Structures, now to read: Compliance with Land Use Policies Around Commissioner-Owned or -Controlled Lakes; Permit and Specification Requirements for Certain Structures and Activities; and
- Revision of Addendum Code K1.01 - Policies on Land Use Around Arkansas Game and Fish Commission Lakes.

**2015-2016 General Hunting Regulation** - Adopt general hunting regulations for 2015-16 including, but not limited to, game seasons, bag limits, geographic zones, wildlife management areas, weapon restrictions and other manner-of-taking-game requirements for deer, alligator, elk, turkey, bear, quail, squirrel, rabbit, and fur bearing animals. Changes to general hunting regulation include, but are not limited to:

- Amend wildlife management regulations to remove youth-only deer hunt permit requirements for Camp Robinson WMA, Hobbs SP-CA, Holland Bottoms, J. Perry Mikles Blue Mountain SUA, Little Bayou and Shirey Bay Rainey Brake WMAs;
- Amend regulation for deer flood prone regions to extend current Black River Flood Prone Zone to the Missouri/Arkansas state line;
- Amend codes for bear season and limit restrictions to increase Bear Zone 1 quota, change the modern gun bear seasons in Bear Zones 1 and 2, and change archery bear season opening date;

- Amend regulation prohibiting possession of certain wildlife in captivity to remove peafowl from list of species regulated;
- Amend elk codes and add new addendum codes to provide elk hunting permit requirements on public land and private land, and set season dates for youth-only elk hunting;
- Amend codes for furbearer season and limits to delete reference to “sunrise”;
- Amend code definitions to revise the definitions of “hybrid raptor,” “portable hunting stand”;
- Amend feral hog restrictions on WMAs to require that feral hogs may only be taken on certain WMAs by hunters who are hunting bear, deer, or elk during an open firearm season for those big game species;
- Amend regulations to extend archery deer season and change dates for muzzleloader deer season on Freddie Black Choctaw Island WMA Deer Research Area (East Unit), and establish additional “doe only” deer season on Freddie Black Choctaw Island WMA Deer Research Area (West Unit);
- Amend motorized vehicle restrictions on WMAs to restrict ATV use on Big Timber WMA and revise ATV restrictions for mobility-impaired access permit holders on Moro Big Pine Natural Area WMA;
- Amend code prohibiting structures and personal property on WMAs;
- Amend dates for the modern gun deer youth permit hunt on DeGray Lake WMA;
- Amend regulations to open rabbit, crow, dove, and squirrel seasons on Camp Robinson SUA;
- Amend code to remove registration requirements for dog training on Camp Robinson SUA;
- Amend regulations to open rabbit, crow, dove and squirrel seasons on Wylie Cox SUA;
- Amend boundary lines for White Rock, Piney Creek, Ozark National Forest, Lee Creek, Magazine, and Sylamore WMAs;
- Increase modern gun deer permits from \$30 to \$50 on Galla Creek WMA;
- Amend regulations to expand quail season on Holland Bottoms WMA;
- Amend regulations to open modern gun special youth deer hunting on Longview Saline and Warren Prairie Natural Area WMAs;
- Amend regulations to open rabbit season on J. Perry Mikles Blue Mountain SUA;
- Amend regulations regarding Felsenthal NWR to remove requirement that youths must harvest a doe before harvesting a buck during the special youth hunts; reduce annual deer bag limit to two deer; and implement a permit requirement for the deer muzzleloader hunt;
- Amend regulations to allow horses and mules on Harold E. Alexander Spring River WMA during February;
- Amend regulations to re-open small game, furbearer, and archery deer hunting seasons on Harold E. Alexander Spring River WMA;
- Amend regulations to reduce turkey bag limit to one legal turkey for the permit-only turkey hunts on Ed Gordon Point Remove and Galla Creek WMAs;
- Amend regulations to remove permit requirement for youth turkey hunt on Sulphur River and Rex Hancock Black Swamp WMAs;

- Amend regulations to remove antler criteria for Lake Greeson WMA during deer muzzleloader mobility-impaired permit hunt;
- Amend code to allow ATVs during hunting seasons on open roads and to restrict horse and mule use in Poison Springs WMA;
- Amend regulations to re-open a turkey permit hunt on U of A Pine Tree Experimental Station WDA
- Amend code to prohibit use or possession of alcohol on Commission-controlled WMAs with certain exceptions;
- Amend code to require one-year residency to obtain a Non-Expiring Lifetime Resident Hunting and Fishing License and Sportsman's Permit;
- Amend code to remove the "once in a lifetime" purchase restriction for the Deferred Hunter Education License.

All persons wishing to be heard on these subjects should submit comments in writing to this office before the start of the April 16, 2015, meeting (preferably by 4:30 p.m. on the day before). Any request to make an oral presentation at the meeting should be submitted in writing to this office on or before April 6, 2015. 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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