

LEGAL NOTICE

The regular monthly meeting of the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission will be held beginning at 9:00 a.m. Thursday, August 20, 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, August 19, 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 August 20, 2015, 9:00 a.m. meeting will include adoption of proposed regulations previously considered at the July 16, 2015, 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:

2016 Fishing Regulations – Adoption of general regulation changes including, but not limited to:

- Amend regulations for game fish daily limits to reduce combined black bass daily creel limit on War Eagle Creek to 2 black bass per day.
- Amend regulation prohibiting snagging of game fish to provide an exception allowing snagging of no more than one paddlefish (snagging harvest daily limit) on the Black and St. Francis Rivers.
- Amend regulation for definition of terms to clarify downstream definition of the Arkansas River Boundary in the Arkansas Post Canal at Norrell Lock and Dam No.1 and in the main channel at Wilbur D. Mills Dam No. 2.
- Amend regulations for game fish daily limits and for length limits on certain lakes and rivers to remove daily creel limit on channel catfish and also remove the rod-and pole-only restrictions to allow other fishing tackle, including trotlines and limb lines, on Marion McCollum Lake Greenlee.
- Amend regulation for game fish daily limits to remove daily creel limit for channel catfish on Lake Chicot.
- Adopt new regulation to prohibit possession of filleted fish while commercial fishing or transporting fish by boat.
- Amend regulation for commercial fishing restrictions in certain waters to change commercial fishing special season on Calion Lake to avoid conflict with duck hunters.
- Amend regulation for game fish daily limits and for length limits on certain lakes and rivers to implement 16-inch minimum length limit and 5-fish daily creel limit for largemouth bass on Lower White Oak Lake.
- Amend regulation for game fish daily limits to eliminate daily aggregate limit for game fish.
- Amend regulation for yo-yo fishing restrictions to require anglers, who place natural structures (i.e. cane or woody stakes) in Commission-owned lakes for the purpose of hanging yo-yos or limblines, to label those structures in the same

manner as yo-yos or limblines; otherwise, the use of unlabeled stakes is prohibited.

- Amend regulation for length limits on certain lakes and rivers to replace current 9-inch minimum length limit with 10-inch minimum length limit for black and white crappie on Harris Brake Lake.
- Amend regulation for length limits on certain lakes and rivers to create 10-inch minimum length limit for black and white crappie on Lake Overcup,
- Amend regulation for family and community fishing program restrictions to include Van Buren Municipal Park Pond under the Community Fishing Program.
- Amend regulation for commercial aquatic turtle harvest restrictions to close commercial aquatic turtle harvest in a designated portion the Mississippi River and adjacent waters in Mississippi County.
- Amend regulation for native wildlife pets restrictions to prohibit the taking or possession of collared lizards.
- Amend regulation for specific trout waters to clarify use of artificial lures with single, barbless hooking points in the Cow Shoals Seasonal Catch-and Release Area (Greers Ferry Tailwater) and in the three catch and release areas on the Little Missouri River (Narrows Tailwater).

Eleven Point River Motor Restriction Regulation Removal – Delete existing regulation that prohibits use of outboard motors greater than 30 horsepower on the Eleven Point River. This change will align with Act 337 of 2015, which repealed Arkansas Code § 15-23-105 and the engine horsepower restrictions that previously applied for motorboat operation on the Eleven Point River.

2015-2016 Late Migratory Bird Regulations – Adoption of general regulation changes including, but not limited to:

- Set season dates and bag limits for: Duck, Coot and Merganser, White-Fronted Goose, Snow, Blue and Ross' Goose, Falconry, and Canada Goose.
- Set Special Youth Waterfowl Hunting season dates and limits.
- Set Snow, Blue and Ross's Goose Conservation Order season dates and limits.
- Amend regulation for State Migratory Waterfowl Hunting Stamp requirements to require hunters to hold a valid universal license form that has been coded DSR or DSN.

2016 Turkey Hunting Regulations – Adoption of turkey hunting regulation changes including, but not limited to, amending existing regulations for wild turkey season and limits, statewide and on WMAs, to revise the opening dates for spring turkey season and for the special youth turkey season.

All persons wishing to be heard on these subjects should submit comments in writing to this office before the start of the July 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 July 6, 2015. Copies of any proposed rules or regulations may be obtained at the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission main office, at www.agfc.com, or through a written request mailed to the address below.

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