

LEGAL NOTICE

The regular monthly meeting of the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission will be held beginning at 9:00 a.m. Thursday, November 17, 2016, 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, November 16, 2016, beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the same location, and all interested persons are invited to attend.

Items on the agenda for the November 17, 2016, 9:00 a.m. meeting will include adoption of proposed regulations that previously were considered at the October 13, 2016, 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. Hunting Regulations – Revise existing regulation that provides feral hog restrictions on WMAs to retain, through June 30, 2019, a limited exception that allows hunters to take feral hogs while the hunters are hunting bear, deer or elk during an open firearm season for those big game species only. Effective July 1, 2019, the limited exception will cease and the hunting of feral hogs will be prohibited without exception on the majority of WMAs.
2. Fishing Regulations – Adoption of regulation changes for Little Red River / Greers Ferry Tailwater, including, but not limited to:
 - Remove 16-24 inch protected slot for each trout species (Brook, Brown, and Rainbow) on Greers Ferry Tailwater and replace with a daily limit of five trout, with only one trout having length over 16 inches allowed.
 - Implement a no-culling regulation for all trout species on Greers Ferry Tailwater in order to protect large trout. This regulation will make it unlawful to release any trout after it has been placed on a stringer, within a fish basket, live well, ice chest or retained by any other device.
 - Allow mobility-impaired anglers and youths under age 16 to fish downstream of wooden vehicle bridge in John F. Kennedy (JFK) Park.
 - Revise restrictions for JFK and Mossy Special Regulations Areas (SRAs) and Cow Shoals Seasonal Catch-and Release Area to make these into year-round catch-and-release areas.
 - Clarify sunset and sunrise closure times for Cow Shoals Catch-and-Release Area to effect fishing closure from one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise.

All persons wishing to be heard on these subjects should submit comments in writing to this office before the start of the November 17, 2016, 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 November 7, 2016. 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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