

LEGAL NOTICE

The regular monthly meeting of the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission will be held beginning at 9:00 a.m. Thursday, September 21, 2017, at the College of the Ouachitas, One College Circle, Malvern, AR 72104. 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, September 20, 2017, beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the same location, and all interested persons are invited to attend.

Items on the agenda for the September 21, 2017, 9:00 a.m. meeting will include adoption of proposed regulations that previously were considered at the August 17, 2017 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. **2017 Hunting Regulations** – Amend existing regulation for permit requirements on certain WMAs to make it unlawful to hunt or trap on a WMA without first obtaining and complying with the terms of the permit, as specified, and including that a WMA General Use Permit is required for persons 16 years and older to hunt or trap on any WMA (except the WMA General Use Permit is not required to hunt or trap on inholdings).
2. **2017-18 Fishing Regulations** – Adoption of general fishing regulations, to become effective on January 1, 2018, including, but not limited to:
 - Amend regulations to prohibit use of live wild-caught baitfish unless such baitfish was caught within the same waterbody being fished or from a tributary entering upstream of the waterbody, and require that no baitfish may be moved upstream past a dam or barrier that prohibits the normal passage of fish; plus include an exception to allow use of baitfish purchased from a licensed dealer selling only certified, farm-raised baitfish.
 - Amend regulation prohibiting the taking or attempted taking of baitfish for commercial purposes in certain waters to allow Gizzard and Threadfin Shad to be taken for commercial use in certain listed counties in compliance with Code 26.27.
3. **Commission Committee Procedures** -- Amend existing agency procedures for conduct of Commission business through the use of committees, including designating the current Intergovernmental Relations Committee as a seventh “standing” committee and making various additional minor revisions.

All persons wishing to be heard on these subjects should submit comments in writing to this office before the start of the September 21, 2017, 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 September 11, 2017. 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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