

LEGAL NOTICE

A special meeting of the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission will be held beginning at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, November 21, 2017, 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.

Items on the agenda for the November 21, 2017, 10:00 a.m. meeting will include adoption of proposed regulations that previously were considered at the October 19, 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:

2017-18 Fishing Regulations – Adoption of fishing regulations, to become effective on January 1, 2018, including, but not limited to:

- Amend regulations for game fish daily limits for trout on Bull Shoals and Norfork Tailwaters to designate exceptions that will: (1) allow the daily harvest of only one trout (Brown, Cutthroat, Brook, or Rainbow) longer than 14 inches in length in compliance with specific minimum length limits for Brown, Cutthroat, Brook, and Rainbow Trout; (2) implement a 24-inch minimum length limit for Cutthroat Trout, with a daily limit of only one; and (3) implement a 14-inch minimum length limit for Brook Trout, with a daily limit of only one.
- Amend regulations for specific trout waters to: (1) implement restriction on Bull Shoals and Norfork Tailwaters for use of only one hooking point per pole when fishing with bait; (2) extend the existing Rim Shoals catch-and-release area (near Cotter) downstream approximately two miles to the mouth of Dry Creek, as indicated by signs; and (3) eliminate the existing Monkey Island catch-and-release area (between Reds Landing Access and Chesmond Ferry Access).
- Also, to become effective on December 1, 2017, and run through February 28, 2018, amend regulations for commercial fishing restrictions in certain waters to open a special commercial fishing season on Old River Lake in Pulaski County to reduce rough fish. This includes requiring commercial fishermen to register prior to fishing with the local district fisheries biologist at the Brinkley Regional Office, submit monthly catch records, and remove all species of carp and all rough fish, excluding Alligator Gar (Alligator Gar must be released back into the lake), and waives the existing 16-inch minimum length limit for Buffalo.

All persons wishing to be heard on these subjects should submit comments in writing to this office before the start of the November 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 November 10, 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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