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- (C) **Lake Dardanelle:** Gill and trammel nets must be anchored so they are not within 3 feet of the water surface except noon, Dec. 1-noon, April 1.
- (D) **Big Lake National Wildlife Refuge:** March 1-Oct. 31 with 3 inch or larger square bar mesh gill and trammel nets.
- (E) **Lake Millwood:** with legal gill and trammel nets open noon, Sept. 30-noon, May 1, and slat traps open noon, Sept. 30-noon, June 1. Lake Millwood is open year-round to other legal commercial fishing. Commercial fishermen must register with the local district fisheries biologist at the Hope Regional Office prior to fishing and must submit monthly catch records to the local district fisheries biologist by the 15th of the following month.
- (F) **Nimrod Lake, Blue Mountain Lake and Morgan Point Bendway Lake:** Open noon, Oct. 1-noon, March 1. All species of carp caught must be removed from these lakes. Commercial fishermen must register prior to fishing with the local district fisheries biologist and must submit monthly catch records to the local district fisheries biologist by the 15th of the following month. Only legal-sized gill and trammel nets or larger.
- (G) **Entergy Nuclear Power Plant:** No commercial fishing in the discharge bay Nov. 1-March 1.
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- (I) **Sheffield Nelson Dagmar WMA:** Open noon, Jan. 1 until the last day of February.
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FINANCIAL / ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

PLEASE ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS COMPLETELY

(Attach additional pages if needed)

DEPARTMENT: Arkansas Game & Fish Commission

DIVISION: Fisheries

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SHORT TITLE OF THIS RULE: Special Commercial Fishing Season on Old River Lake

1. Does this proposed, amended, or repealed rule or regulation have a financial impact?
Yes: **X** No:
2. Do you believe that the development of a financial impact statement is so speculative as to be cost prohibitive? Yes: **X** No: If "Yes", please explain: **Financial impact will be dependent on the number and success of participating commercial fishers in the fishery.**
3. If the purpose of this rule is to implement a **federal** rule or regulation, please give the incremental cost for implementing the regulation. Please indicate if the cost provided is the cost of the program.

Current Fiscal Year

General Revenue	\$	
Federal Funds	\$	
Cash Funds	\$	N/A
Special Revenue	\$	
Other (Identify)	\$	
Total	\$	

Next Fiscal Year

General Revenue	\$	
Federal Funds	\$	
Cash Funds	\$	N/A
Special Revenue	\$	
Other (Identify)	\$	
Total	\$	

4. What is the total estimated cost by fiscal year to any **party** subject to the proposed, amended, or repealed rule? (Estimated cost includes fees, administrative penalties, reporting, record keeping, equipment, construction, labor, professional services, revenue loss, or other costs associated with compliance.) Identify the **party** subject to the proposed rule, and explain how they are impacted.

Current Fiscal Year: \$ **unknown** **Next Fiscal Year:** \$ **unknown**

Party Subject to Rule: **Commercial Fishermen**

Effect on Party Subject to Rule: **This opportunity for commercial fishing will provide income to commercial fishermen that participate in the fishery.**

5. What is the total estimated cost by fiscal year to the **agency** to implement this rule? Explain the financial benefit to the agency from implementing this rule.

Current Fiscal Year: \$ **N/A** **Next Fiscal Year:** \$ **N/A**

Financial Benefit to Agency: **N/A**

6. Do alternative means exist for accomplishing the objectives of the rules that might be less burdensome to small business? Yes: No: **X**

Why were such alternatives not proposed:

7. Compare this rule with federal and state counterparts: **These regulations fall within the normal**

spectrum of regulations used by AGFC's state and federal counterparts to manage fisheries.

ITEM NO. I(c)

ARKANSAS GAME AND FISH COMMISSION
Little Rock, Arkansas

MINUTE ORDER NO: 17-084 SUBJECT: Special Commercial Fishing Season
DATE PASSED: November 21, 2017 Old River Lake
PAGE 1 of 1 PAGES LOCATION: Pulaski County, Arkansas

WHEREAS, the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission and its staff have proposed the attached Commercial Fishing Regulation; and

WHEREAS, the attached regulations have been communicated through a variety of media avenues to sportsmen and the general public throughout the state for review and comment for the past 30 days; and

WHEREAS, after carefully considering the recommendations of Commission staff and the Regulations Committee, as well as comments received from the public, the Commission has determined that the attached regulations promote sound wildlife conservation and management and are consistent with Amendment 35 of the Arkansas Constitution and that these regulations should now be approved for application on Old River Lake in Pulaski County, Arkansas.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED this 21st day of November 2017, that the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission hereby approves and adopts the attached regulations, which shall become effective on December 1, 2017.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that the Commission staff is authorized to proceed with legally certifying and filing the attached regulations with the Secretary of State, State Library, and Bureau of Legislative Research and incorporating them into the Commission Code Book and Addendum.

STAFF APPROVAL
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