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Ms. Amber Rowlett
Arkansas Secretary of State
Rules & Regulation Filing
500 Woodlane Drive, Room 26
Little Rock, AR 72201
Via email only: register@sos.arkansas.gov

RE: Legal Notice for Proposed Rules or Regulations

Dear Ms. Rowlett:

Attached please find for filing and immediate publication on the Secretary of State's website the following:

Legal Notice for upcoming Commission Meetings to be held on January 17-18, 2018 which will run in the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette on December 17-19, 2017.

The proposed rules or regulations to be reviewed by the Commission at the upcoming meeting are attached.

Should you have any questions or comments concerning this filing, please do not hesitate to contact me at (501) 223-6327 at your convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jim Goodhart".

James F. Goodhart
General Counsel

JFG/as
Attachment

Cc: Ms. Barbara Brown, Bureau of Legislative Research
brownb@blr.arkansas.gov

LEGAL NOTICE

The regular monthly meeting of the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission will be held beginning at 9:00 a.m. Thursday, January 18, 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. Additionally, Committee meetings attended by Commissioners and agency staff members will be held throughout the day on Wednesday, January 17, 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 January 17, 2017, 9:00 a.m. meeting will include adoption of proposed regulations that previously were considered at the December 13 and 14, 2017, Commission Meetings, 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:

- Amend existing regulations restricting possession of handguns under certain conditions and allowing exception for holders of a concealed handgun carry permit. This amendment is to clarify that it is unlawful to possess a handgun (as defined in Ark. Code Ann. §5-73-120) on Commission-owned or -controlled property or while hunting, fishing, or trapping on private property unless: (A) the handgun is (1) for personal protection and is not employed for hunting, or (2) is a legal killing device under certain Commission regulations; and (B) the handgun is otherwise lawfully possessed.

All persons wishing to be heard on these subjects should submit comments in writing to this office before the start of the January 18, 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 January 8, 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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Arkansas Game & Fish Commission
Game & Fish Commission Building
2 Natural Resources Drive
Little Rock, Arkansas 72205

CURRENT

05.19	CONCEALED CARRY PERMIT HOLDER PROVISIONS
04-11	<p>Holders of a valid state-issued concealed handgun permit recognized and honored by the State of Arkansas in accordance with Arkansas Code Title 5, Chapter 73, Subchapter 3, may possess the handgun covered by the permit, except in places where otherwise prohibited under federal, state or local law or where disallowed by a landowner in accordance with applicable law. Nothing in this exception is intended to supersede or limit the regulations of any federal, state or local authorities that prohibit the possession of concealed handguns on their property, including, but not limited to, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the USDA Forest Service, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Park Service. Full time certified or retired Arkansas law enforcement officers, meeting the requirements of Arkansas State Law 5-73-304 or full time certified or retired law enforcement officers nationwide meeting those requirements under Federal Law 18 U.S. Code 926B, 926C, carrying valid I.D. issued by their agency.</p> <p>PENALTY: Class 2</p>

PROPOSED

05.19	POSSESSION OF HANDGUNS RESTRICTED ON COMMISSION PROPERTY OR WHILE HUNTING, FISHING, OR TRAPPING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY
	<p>It is unlawful to possess a handgun (as defined in Ark. Code Ann. § 5-73-120) on Commission-owned or -controlled property or while hunting, fishing, or trapping on private property unless:</p> <p>(A) the handgun is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(1) for personal protection and is not employed for hunting; or(2) a legal killing device under Commission regulations (Codes 06.02, 06.03, 06.06, 06.07, 06.10, 06.11, 08.06, 20.02); <p>and</p> <p>(B) the handgun is otherwise lawfully possessed.</p> <p>PENALTY: Class 1</p>