

## LEGAL NOTICE

The regular monthly meeting of the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission will be held beginning at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, July 19, 2018, at the Batesville Community Center and Aquatics, 1420 20th Street, Batesville, AR. 72501. 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. No Committee meetings will be held on Wednesday, July 18, 2018.

Items on the agenda for the July 19, 2018, 10:00 a.m. meeting will include adoption of proposed regulations that previously were considered at the June 20 and 21, 2018, Commission Meetings, plus consideration of various Hunting and Fishing Regulations and regulations pertaining to the Enforcement Division of the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, including but not limited to:

**2018-19 Fishing Regulations** – Consider proposals of general fishing regulations, to become effective on January 1, 2019, including, but not limited to:

- Remove the restriction on Common Carp use as baitfish on Dierks and DeQueen Lakes;
- Extend the Special Commercial Fishing Season on Bois d'Arc Lake to include two extra months;
- Establish a limited winter commercial fishing season on Horseshoe Lake;
- Remove the 16-21 inch protective slot limit for Largemouth Bass on Tommy L. Sproles Lake Pickthorne;
- Addition of Giant Floater (*Pygandon grandis*) to Aquaculture Clean List;
- Restrict Largemouth Bass harvest on Lake Austell to one fish over 20 inches with a statewide creel limit of 10 total;
- Restrict Largemouth Bass harvest on Lake Dunn to one fish over 20 inches with a statewide creel limit of 10 total;
- Remove the special 50 fish daily creel limit for crappie on Horseshoe Lake, and return to the statewide creel limit of 30 fish per day;
- Continue Lake Chicot special commercial fishing season during the months of November and December each year until no longer needed;
- Extend Old River Lake special commercial fishing season during the months of December through February each year until no longer needed;
- Add the White Hall Community Pond and Arkansas State University Pond to the Community Fishing Program Restrictions;
- Reduce Lake Chicot sportfish daily creel limits to half during 2019 drawdown;
- Reduce sportfish daily creel limits for Lake June during refilling after renovation;
- Prohibit possession of live Asian carp;
- Close commercial fishing on Grand Lake; and
- Restrict Cypress Bayou WMA, Black Swamp WMA, and Pinetree WDA ponds to rod and pole fishing only.

**Aquatic Turtle Regulations** – Consider petition from third parties requesting amendments to certain regulations, and repeal of others, in AGFC Code Chapter 34.00– Aquatic Turtle Regulations to prohibit commercial harvesting of all aquatic turtles in the state, to become effective immediately.

All persons wishing to be heard on these subjects should submit comments in writing to this office before the start of the July 19, 2018, 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 July 9, 2018. Copies of any proposed rules or regulations may be obtained at the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission main office, at [www.agfc.com](http://www.agfc.com), or through a written request mailed to the address below.

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**SUMMARY FOR COMMITTEE ITEM  
2019 Fishing Regulations – Staff Proposals**

**Committee:** Regulations Committee

**Date:** April 18, 2018

**Title:** 2019 Fishing Regulations – Staff Proposals

**Explanation:**

Fisheries Division staff is considering the following proposals for 2019 Fishing Regulations. These proposals include items that were brought forward by AGFC staff, and members of the public, and have been reviewed by Fisheries Division staff. Public comment on the proposals will be accepted via email, letters, telephone calls and an online survey on the AGFC website during May. The Fisheries Division will report results of the public comments at the July Regulations Committee meeting. A list of staff recommended regulation changes for 2019 will be presented at the July Regulations Committee meeting and Commission meeting. Staff will present a final regulation package for Commission approval during the August Commission Meeting.

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## **Proposed Fisheries Regulations for implementation January 1, 2019**

### **1. Remove the restriction on Common Carp use as baitfish on Dierks and DeQueen Lakes**

Common Carp are already present in high numbers in these lakes, so this restriction is no longer needed.

### **2. Extend the Special Commercial Fishing Season on Bois d'Arc Lake to include two extra months**

Bigmouth Buffalo entered the lake during a high water event following the 2006 renovation. A two month commercial season has been somewhat successful at removing some buffalo from the lake. Commercial fishers believe they could do even more if given more opportunity. The need still exists for removal of these rough fish to improve sport fish populations, so staff is proposing to add the months of November and December, in addition to the current January-February season.

### **3. Establish a limited winter commercial fishing season on Horseshoe Lake**

During winter experimental gill netting (2015-2016) buffalo comprised 43% of the catch by weight. Asian carp have been documented in the lake since spring 2016 and are starting to cause problems with boaters. Allowing commercial harvest will help allocate more resources toward sport fish and reduce Asian carp numbers in the lake. The season would run from November 1 through February 28.

### **4. Remove the 16-21 inch protective slot limit for Largemouth Bass on Tommy L Sproles Lake Pickthorne**

Years of population sampling since the implementation of this regulation have shown that this lake is not suitable for trophy bass management. Removal of the slot limit will allow more opportunities for angler harvest.

### **5. Addition of Giant Floater (*Pygandon grandis*) to Aquaculture Clean List**

This species is native to the Arkansas and Mississippi River Basin. It is considered to be one of the least threatened species and is naturally found in many aquaculture ponds.

### **6. Restrict Largemouth Bass harvest on Lake Austell to one fish over 20 inches with a statewide creel limit of 10 total**

Currently the two small lakes within Village Creek State Park, Austell and Dunn, have different regulations for Largemouth Bass. Austell has a 13-16 inch protected slot limit and Dunn has no special length restriction. In the interest of simplifying regulations and maximizing the trophy bass potential that both of these lakes have shown, we are proposing to implement a one bass over 20 inches restriction with a statewide daily creel limit of 10 for both lakes.

### **7. Restrict Largemouth Bass harvest on Lake Dunn to one fish over 20 inches with a statewide creel limit of 10 total**

Currently the two small lakes within Village Creek State Park, Austell and Dunn, have different regulations for Largemouth Bass. Austell has a 13-16 inch protected slot limit and Dunn has no special length restriction. In the interest of simplifying regulations and maximizing the trophy bass potential that both of these lakes have shown, we are proposing to implement a one bass over 20 inches restriction with a statewide daily creel limit of 10 for both lakes.

**8. Remove the special 50 fish daily creel limit for crappie on Horseshoe Lake, and return to the statewide creel limit of 30 fish per day**

Crappie population samples from 2014-2016 revealed annual mortality estimates ranging from 57 to 75 percent. Percent of crappie in the sample over 10 inches never exceeded 12% and percent of crappie in the sample age 3.5 or older never exceeded 9%. Mortality needs to be reduced to improve the average size of crappie available to anglers in this highly fertile lake.

**9. Continue Lake Chicot special commercial fishing season during the months of November and December each year until no longer needed**

Silver Carp have been a hazard in Lake Chicot for a number of years. A special commercial fishing season was held on Lake Chicot in 2017 from November 1-December 31 to reduce the number of Silver Carp. A total of 62,736 pounds of Silver Carp were removed. We are proposing to extend this special commercial season until the Silver Carp population has been decimated.

**10. Extend Old River Lake special commercial fishing season during the months of December through February each year until no longer needed**

Asian Carp have been noted in this waterbody, and this season would facilitate removal of some of this biomass along with other common commercial species. All carp species and all rough fish, excluding Alligator Gar that are caught must be removed from the lake. Commercial fisherman must register with the district biologist before fishing the lake and submit monthly catch records. A successful season was conducted this past winter.

**11. Add the White Hall Community Pond and Arkansas State University Pond to the Community Fishing Program Restrictions**

The City of White Hall is located in Jefferson County Arkansas and functions as a suburb of Pine Bluff. In the past, the Family and Community Fishing Program maintained two stocking locations in Jefferson County but currently only one location exists due to infrastructure issues. Adding the White Hall Pond location will increase the opportunity for Jefferson County residents. Likewise, in Jonesboro, AR there is currently only one Family and Community Fishing Program location in and it is age restricted with fishing open to youths or age 65 and older. More angling opportunities will be available in the City of Jonesboro and to the 14,000 plus college students by adding the Arkansas State University Pond location to the Community Fishing Program Restrictions.

**12. Reduce Lake Chicot sportfish daily creel limits to half during 2019 drawdown**

Public meetings were held in February and March of 2017 to develop a Lake Chicot Fishery Management Plan. One of the objectives in the Lake Chicot Management Plan is to conduct a drawdown on the lake every 5 years. The next scheduled drawdown is in 2019. Daily creel limit for all sportfish on Lake Chicot would be half the normal Lake Chicot daily limit (no limit on channel catfish) during the drawdown (July 9 – December 31, 2019). This has been done each time Chicot has been drawn down and is well received by the public as a measure to prevent over-harvest.

**13. Reduce sportfish daily creel limits for Lake June during refilling after renovation**

Upon completion of the renovation of Lake June in 2018, and subsequent refilling and restocking in 2019, we wish to limit harvest until sport fish populations can reach self-supporting levels. We are proposing a daily limit for Channel Catfish of 5, and catch and release only for Largemouth Bass, crappie, and bream for 2019.

#### **14. Prohibit possession of live Asian carp**

Silver Carp, Bighead Carp and Black Carp are considered injurious species by the USFWS. The Lacey Act, as previously applied, prevented interstate movement of these species. However, a recent court ruling further defined the Lacey Act and this prohibition was removed and therefore no longer applies to injurious species. These species are also increasing their range and doing harm to our native species. This rule will help keep the potential relocation of these species at a minimum. By prohibiting possession of these species as live individuals, interstate movement will fall under the Lacey Act again.

#### **15. Close commercial fishing on Grand Lake**

The Channel Catfish population on Grand Lake was sampled by tandem baited hoop nets in 2016 and 2017. The catch rates were 7.6/ net series in 2016 and 0.9/net series in 2017. The state average is 7.6/ net series. The lake is currently open to slat trap fishing from November through March. The current tandem baited hoop net data suggest that this population cannot currently support a commercial fishery.

#### **16. Restrict Cypress Bayou WMA, Black Swamp WMA, and Pinetree WDA ponds to rod and pole fishing only**

These small WMA ponds receive heavy public use and annual stockings of catchable channel catfish. Restricting the fishing tackle to rod and pole only will help prevent overharvest and make regulations consistent throughout WMA ponds in the region.

## **Petition from third parties**

#### **Close all commercial aquatic turtle harvest in Arkansas**

The Commission received a petition from third parties on September 25, 2017 requesting regulation changes to close all commercial aquatic turtle harvest in Arkansas. This proposed rulemaking was submitted pursuant to Arkansas Code Section 25-15-204(d) and is requesting amendments to certain regulations, and repeal of others, in AGFC Code Chapter 34.00 – Aquatic Turtle Regulations to prohibit commercial harvesting of all aquatic turtles in the state.

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Items on the agenda for the August 16, 2018, meeting will include adoption of proposed regulations that previously were considered at the July 19, 2018, Commission Meeting, plus consideration of various Hunting and Fishing Regulations and regulations pertaining to the Enforcement Division of the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, including but not limited to:

**2018-19 Fishing Regulations** – Adoption of general fishing regulations including, but not limited to:

- Amend regulation that prohibits baiting with Common Carp on certain waters to remove Dierks Lake (Howard County) and DeQueen Lake (Sevier County) from listed waters;
- Amend regulations for commercial fishing restrictions to: (1) continue Lake Chicot (Chicot County) special commercial fishing season during months of November and December each year until no longer needed; (2) extend Old River Lake (Pulaski County) special commercial fishing season during months of December through February each year until no longer needed; (3) allow limited winter commercial fishing season on Horseshoe Lake (Crittenden County); (4) close commercial fishing on Grand Lake (Chicot County); and (5) extend special commercial fishing season on Bois d'Arc Lake (Hempstead County) to include two extra months;
- Amend regulation for game fish daily limits to: (1) reduce Lake Chicot (Chicot County) sportfish daily creel limits to half during 2019 lake drawdown; (2) reduce sportfish daily creel limits for Lake June (Lafayette County) during refilling after renovation; and (3) remove special 50 fish daily creel limit for crappie on Horseshoe Lake (Crittenden County) and return to statewide creel limit of 30 fish per day;
- Amend regulation requiring protected length limits on certain lakes and rivers to: (1) restrict Largemouth Bass harvest on Lake Austell (Cross County) to one fish over 20 inches with a statewide creel limit of 10 total; (2) restrict Largemouth Bass harvest on Lake Dunn (Cross County) to one fish over 20 inches with a statewide creel limit of 10 total; and (3) remove 16-21 inch protective slot limit for Largemouth Bass on Tommy L. Sproles Lake Pickthorne (Lonoke County) ;
- Amend regulation for Approved Aquaculture Species List to add Giant Floater (*Pygandon grandis*) to clean list;
- Amend regulation for Community Fishing Program restrictions to add the following to list of restricted waters: Craighead County - Arkansas State University Pond; and Jefferson County - White Hall Community Pond;

- Adopt regulation to prohibit possession of live Asian carp (including Silver, Bighead, and Black Carp) and require euthanization immediately after capture;
- Amend regulation prohibiting fishing on certain waters with any device other than a rod or pole to include following: Lonoke County – ponds on Cypress Bayou WMA; Woodruff County – ponds on Rex Hancock Black Swamp WMA; and St. Francis County – ponds on U. of A. Pine Tree Experimental Station WDA.

All fishing regulation changes will become effective on January 1, 2019, with the exception of the changes to special commercial fishing seasons on Bois d'Arc Lake, Horseshoe Lake, and Lake Chicot (will become effective November 1, 2018), and on Old River Lake (will become effective on December 1, 2018).

**Aquatic Turtle Regulations** – Consider adopting petition from third parties requesting amendments to certain regulations, and repeal of others, in AGFC Code Chapter 34.00–Aquatic Turtle Regulations to prohibit commercial harvesting of all aquatic turtles in the state, to become effective immediately.

**Purchasing & Procurement Policy** – Revising the Commission's current Purchasing and Procurement Policy.

All persons wishing to be heard on these subjects should submit comments in writing to this office before the start of the August 16, 2018, 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 August 6, 2018. Copies of any proposed rules or regulations may be obtained at the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission main office, at [www.agfc.com](http://www.agfc.com), or through a written request mailed to the address below.

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## Codebook Language for 2019 Fisheries Regulation Change Proposals

<b>26.08</b>	<b>WATERS RESTRICTED TO CERTAIN FISHING TACKLE</b>
01-16	<p>It is unlawful to fish with any device other than rod or pole in:</p> <p>(A) Arkansas County – DeWitt City Park Lake Benton County – Lake Atalanta and Lake Bentonville Clark County – Big Timber Lake Carroll County – Hidden Lake Clark County – Gurdon Lake Clay County – Lake Hubble Conway County – Lake Bailey, Lake Roosevelt in Petit Jean State Park Craighead County – Craighead Forest Lake Crawford County – Lake Cambadelle and Lake Lou Emma Crittenden County – West Memphis City Parks Lake and Marion City Park Lake Cross County – All lakes in Village Creek State Park Faulkner County – Lake Bennett Fulton County – Spring River and tributaries from 100 yards below Dam No. 1 to the mouth of Myatt Creek; Spring River Lake Greene County – Crowley Ridge State Park Lake and Reynolds Park Lake Hempstead County – Lakes 1 and 2 on the Rick Evans Grandview WMA Izard County (2 pole maximum limit) – Horseshoe Bend Pool on Strawberry River Lafayette County – Lake June Montgomery County – North Fork Lake Lonoke County – Tommy L. Sproles Lake Pickthorne and Ward City Park Lake, <b>all ponds on Cypress Bayou WMA</b> Madison County – Hindsville Lake Monroe County – Donald Branch Fishing Pond Perry County – Lake Sylvia Polk County – Shady Lake Poinsett County – Upper Lake Hogue Randolph County – Old Davidsonville State Park Lake Scott County – Truman Baker Lake Sebastian County – Carol Cross Lake St. Francis County – All lakes in Village Creek State Park; Forrest City Park Lake, <b>all ponds on U of A Pine Tree Experimental Station WDA</b> Stone County – Gunner Pool and Hayden Bend Pond Yell County – Lake Kingfisher Washington County – Devil’s Den State Park Lake and posted U.S. Forest Service ponds and lakes. <b>Woodruff County- all ponds on Rex Hancock Black Swamp WMA</b> Prairie County – Mike Freeze Wattensaw WMA ponds and lakes, except oxbow lakes</p> <p>(B) Arkansas River from 100 yards below Dardanelle Dam to Arkansas Highway 7 bridge and 100 yards below Dam No. 2 to the mouth of Morgan Cut-Off; Fourche La Fave River from 100 yards below Nimrod Dam to Arkansas Highway 7 bridge.</p> <p>(C) Waters listed in <a href="#">Code 26.25</a>.</p>

**EXCEPTIONS:**

- 1) Gigging or bowfishing for rough fish is permitted in compliance with [Code 26.06](#), in waters listed in Section B and in other unrestricted state waters.
- 2) Catching bait is allowed in compliance with Code [Chapter 32.00](#).

**PENALTY: Class 1****26.19 BAITING WITH COMMON CARP ON CERTAIN WATERS PROHIBITED**

08-06

It is unlawful to use common carp as bait in the following waters:

Benton County – Crystal Lake

Calhoun County – Tri-County Lake

Carroll County – Lake Keatherwood

Clark County -- Gurdon Lake

Columbia County -- Lake Columbia

Conway County -- Lake Cargile, Lake Overcup

Drew County -- Lake Monticello

Faulkner County -- Craig Campbell D. Lake Conway Reservoir

Grant County -- Cox Creek Lake

Hempstead County -- Dr. Lester Sitzes III Bois d'Arc Lake, South Fork Lake,

Lake Terre Noire, Mike and Janet Huckabee Lake

Howard County -- Gillham Lake, ~~Dierks Lake~~

Lincoln County -- Cane Creek Lake

Madison County -- Lake Hindsville

Ouachita County -- Upper and Lower White Oak Lakes

Perry County -- Harris Brake Lake

Polk County -- Lake Wilhelmina, Irons Fork Lake

Pope County -- Lake Atkins

Scott County -- Truman Baker Lake, Lake Hinkle

Sebastian County -- Sugarloaf Lake

~~Sevier County -- DeQueen Lake~~

Washington County -- Bob Kidd Lake, Devil's Den State Park Lake, Lake

Elmdale, Lake Fayetteville, Wilson Lake

White County -- Lake Barnett and Tom's Lake

**PENALTY: Class 1****26.25 FAMILY AND COMMUNITY FISHING PROGRAM RESTRICTIONS**

01-17

**(A) FAMILY FISHING PROGRAM RESTRICTIONS**

The restrictions in this subsection shall apply to the following waters:

Chicot County – Lake Village Community Fishing Pond

Clay County – Mom's Lake

Columbia County – Armory Pond

Craighead County – Craighead Forest Park Youth Fishing Pond

Drew County – Monticello High School Pond

Fulton County – Salem City Lake

Hempstead County – Mike and Janet Huckabee Youth Fishing Pond

Jefferson County – Pine Bluff Regional Park Youth Fishing Pond

Lawrence County – Walnut Ridge City Lake

Pulaski County – War Memorial Park Pond

Union County – Mattocks Park Lake

**RESTRICTIONS:**

- (1) Fishing is open only to youths or persons 65 years of age or older. All other properly licensed persons may fish if accompanied by a youth who is actively fishing. Fishing is also open to holders of a disabled fishing license (either a three-year or combination disability license). One licensed person may assist and fish with an actively fishing disabled fishing license holder.
- (2) Only hand-held rod or pole allowed.
- (3) Largemouth bass: catch and release only.
- (4) Catfish daily limit: 3
- (5) Bream daily limit: 25
- (6) Trout daily limit: 5
- (7) Hybrid striped bass: 3
- (8) Lakes open to electric trolling motors only.
- (9) All other sportfishing daily limit: same as statewide.

**(B) COMMUNITY FISHING PROGRAM RESTRICTIONS**

The restrictions in this subsection shall apply to the following waters:

Baxter County – Amon’s Lake

Benton County – Lake Springdale, Lake Bentonville, Lake Keith

Clark County – Clear Lake

Craighead County – Arkansas State University Pond

Crawford County – Van Buren Municipal Park Pond

Crittenden County – Tilden Rodgers Park Pond

Faulkner County - Conway Station Park Pond and Dr. James E. Moore Jr.

Camp Robinson Firing Range

Garland County – Family Park Pond, Entergy Park Pond

Jefferson County – Martin Luther King Jr. Park Pond in Pine Bluff, White Hall Community Pond

Lonoke County – Cabot Community Pond, Mike Freeze England Community Pond

Miller County – Lake Dieffenbacher

Pike County – John Benjamin Glenwood Community Pond

Pope County – Pleasant View Park Pond

Pulaski County – all lakes, ponds and streams managed by the City of Little Rock Parks and Recreation Department within the city limits of Little Rock, Community Center Pond, Cherrywood Lake, Lake Valencia, Little Rock Air Force Base Pond, North Little Rock City Park waters, Paradise Lake, Pinnacle Mountain State Park Pond, Sherwood Municipal City Pond, Willow Beach Park Pond

White County – Bald Knob Community Pond, Searcy City Lake

Saline County – Sunset Lake

Sebastian County – Carol Ann Cross Pond

Sebastian County – Wells Lake, Fort Chaffee

Yell County – Dardanelle City Park Ponds, Yell County Wildlife Federation Pond

Washington County – Murphy Park Pond

**RESTRICTIONS:**

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- (5) Trout daily limit: 5
- (6) Hybrid striped bass: 3
- (7) Lakes open to electric trolling motors only.
- (8) All other sportfish daily limit: same as statewide.

**PENALTY: Class 1**

**26.30 POSSESSION OF CERTAIN LIVE CARP PROHIBITED**

01-18 It is illegal to possess live Silver Carp (*Hypophthalmichthys molitrix*), Bighead Carp (*Hypophthalmichthys nobilis*), or Black Carp (*Mylopharyngodon piceus*). These fish must be euthanized immediately after capture when possessed.

**PENALTY: Class 1**

**30.15 COMMERCIAL FISHING SEASON RESTRICTIONS**

01-18 (A) The following waters are open year-round to legal commercial tackle as defined in [Code 30.05](#):  
**ARKANSAS RIVER** from its mouth to the Arkansas/Oklahoma state line including that part of the Arkansas River from the Ozark Dam to the Arkansas/Oklahoma state line, bounded on the north by the Union Pacific Railroad and on the south by Arkansas Highway 22 in compliance with [Codes 30.24-25](#);  
**ARKANSAS WATERS** between the main levees of the Mississippi River.  
**BLACK RIVER** from its mouth to the Missouri state line;  
**CACHE RIVER** and lakes accessible by boat from the river;  
**FOURCHE La FAVE RIVER** from its mouth to the Arkansas Highway 7 bridge in Perry County;  
**LITTLE RIVER** from its mouth in Hempstead and Little River counties upstream to the Corps of Engineers boat ramp on west bank of river below Millwood Lake Dam;  
**OUACHITA RIVER** from the Louisiana state line to U.S. Highway 79B bridge (Camden);  
**PETIT JEAN RIVER** from its mouth to the Arkansas Highway 10 bridge in Yell County;  
**RED RIVER** in Hempstead, Lafayette, Little River and Miller counties;  
**ST. FRANCIS RIVER** upstream to the mouth of the Left Hand Chute of Little River in Poinsett County;  
**SALINE RIVER** from its confluence with the Ouachita River upstream to the Stillion railroad bridge in Ashley and Bradley Counties;  
**SULPHUR RIVER** from its mouth to the Texas state line;  
**WHITE RIVER** upstream from its mouth to 100 yards below Dam No. 1 at Batesville in Independence County;  
All lakes, bays or other bodies of water, other than tributary streams, connected to waters as specified above, when accessible by boat, from the main channel except as limited by [Addendum Chapter H1.00](#);  
**EXCEPTIONS:**  
(1) Emergency Closures listed in [Chapter 38.00](#).  
(2) Flathead catfish, bowfin, drum, and gar may not be taken or possessed by commercial fishermen on the Ouachita River from Smackover Creek to the northern boundary of Felsenthal NWR.

- (3) Blue catfish, flathead catfish, bowfin, drum and gar may not be taken or possessed by commercial fishermen on the Ouachita River from the northern boundary of Felsenthal NWR to the Louisiana state line, all waters within Felsenthal NWR, and from the Saline River from its mouth within Felsenthal NWR upstream to the Stillion railroad bridge.
- (4) Island 40 Chute in Crittenden County is closed to commercial fishing except noon, Nov. 1-noon, March 30, or when accessible by boat from the Mississippi River.
- (B) The following waters are closed year-round to commercial fishing and possession of commercial fishing tackle is prohibited while on these waters: Lake Erling, including all tributaries upstream from 100 yards below Lake Erling Dam to Arkansas Highway 313 in Lafayette County; All lakes owned and/or operated by Arkansas State Parks, USDA Forest Service, AGFC; Columbia County Lake in Columbia County; Dorcheat Bayou from its headwaters in Nevada County to the Arkansas/Louisiana state line; Horseshoe Lake in Crittenden County; Saline River above the Arkansas Highway 278 in Bradley County; Lake Wallace in Drew and Chicot counties; Hensley Lake in Jefferson County; Lake Maumelle in Pulaski County; White Oak Bay (Ozark Lake/Arkansas River); Little Missouri River, White River above the mouth of the Black River, **Grand Lake in Chicot County**, and all lakes in the Hot Springs Village Area of Saline County.

**EXCEPTION:**

~~Hoop nets shall not be used on Grand Lake (Chicot County).~~

- (C) The following counties or other parts are open year-round to legal commercial fishing unless noted closed in Section B or other Chapter 30 Commission Codes. Legal gill and trammel nets may be fished in the following counties only from noon, Sept. 30 to noon, May 1: Arkansas (Emergency Closure [Code 38.01](#)), Ashley (Emergency Closure [Codes 38.04-06](#)), Bradley (Emergency Closure [Codes 38.03](#); [38.06](#)), Calhoun (Emergency Closure [Codes 38.03-04](#); [38.06](#)), Chicot, Clay, Columbia (Dorcheat Bayou closed in (B) above; also see Emergency Closure [Code 38.02](#)), Craighead, Crittenden, Cross, Desha, Drew (see Emergency Closure [Codes 38.04-05](#)), Greene, Hempstead, Independence, Jackson, Jefferson (see Emergency Closure [Code 38.01](#)), Lafayette, Lawrence, Lee, Lincoln, Little River, Lonoke (see Emergency Closure [Code 38.01](#)), Miller, Mississippi, Monroe, Nevada (Dorcheat Bayou closed in (B) above), Phillips, Poinsett, Prairie (see Emergency Closure [Code 38.01](#)), Pulaski (see Emergency Closure [Code 38.01](#)), Randolph, St. Francis, White, Woodruff and Union (see Emergency Closure [Code 38.06](#)) counties.

**EXCEPTIONS:**

- (1) For waters in the above counties located within the Dale Bumpers White River NWR below Arkansas Highway 1, gill and trammel net season is from noon, Sept. 30-noon, Nov. 30 and from noon, March 1-noon, Sept. 30 when accessible by boat from the White River and the White River is above 23.5 feet on the St. Charles gauge. All commercial fishermen must obtain a special use permit from the Dale Bumpers White River NWR manager prior to fishing refuge waters.

- (2) Saline River and backwaters from Stillion railroad bridge in Ashley and Bradley Counties to the Arkansas Highway 278 bridge in Bradley County are closed all year to gill and trammel nets.
  - (3) Open waters in Independence County include White River, Black River and oxbow lakes that are north of Arkansas Highway 14 and east of Arkansas Highway 122 and Arkansas Highway 25. Landowner permission will be required for oxbow lakes that are not accessible from the Black River.
  - (4) The Little Red river in White County is closed year-round to commercial fishing upstream of the Arkansas Highway 367 Bridge at Searcy.
  - (D) The following counties are closed year-round to commercial fishing unless open in Section A or other 3 Commission Codes: Baxter, Benton, Boone, Carroll, Clark, Cleburne, Cleveland, Conway, Crawford, Dallas, Faulkner, Franklin, Fulton, Garland, Grant, Hot Spring, Howard, Izard, Logan, Johnson, Madison, Marion, Montgomery, Newton, Ouachita, Perry, Pike, Polk, Pope, Saline, Scott, Searcy, Sebastian, Sevier, Sharp, Stone, Van Buren, Washington and Yell counties. When a river or stream forms the boundary between opened and closed counties, that boundary segment shall be open to tackle legal in the open county, unless closed in other Codes.
- EXCEPTION:**  
That part of Saline River south of Arkansas Highway 371 (old Arkansas Highway 24) in Howard and Sevier counties is open year around to hoop nets.

**PENALTY: Class 2**

30.25	COMMERCIAL FISHING RESTRICTIONS IN CERTAIN WATERS
01-18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(A) <b>Corning Lake or Long Lake in Clay County:</b> trotlines, throw line, limblines or snag lines are prohibited.</li> <li>(B) <b>Lake Dardanelle:</b> Commercial tackle of any type prohibited from noon, March 1-noon, Nov. 30 in the waters of Dardanelle Lake north of the Missouri Pacific Railroad in Pope, Johnson and Franklin counties, Dardanelle Bay in Yell County, and south of signs posted on Shoal Bay, Cane Creek Bay, Six Mile Creek at O-Kane Island Access, and south of Arkansas Highway 22 in Delaware Bay in Logan County.</li> <li>(C) <b>Lake Dardanelle:</b> 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.</li> <li>(D) <b>Big Lake National Wildlife Refuge:</b> March 1-Oct. 31 with 3 inch or larger square bar mesh gill and trammel nets.</li> <li>(E) <b>Lake Millwood:</b> 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 prior to fishing with the local district fisheries biologist at the Hope Regional Office and must submit monthly catch records to the local district fisheries biologist by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the following month.</li> <li>(F) <b>Nimrod Lake, Blue Mountain Lake and Morgan Point Bendway Lake:</b> 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</li> </ul>

monthly catch records to the local district fisheries biologist by the 15<sup>th</sup> 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.
- (H) **Cadron Creek and Point Remove Creek:** Legal commercial tackle during the commercial fishing season noon, Sept. 30-noon, May 1 on Cadron Creek -- from its mouth to Arkansas Highway 287 on its east fork in Faulkner County, North Cadron Creek -- from its mouth to Arkansas Highway 285 in Faulkner County; Point Remove Creek -- from its mouth up the east fork to Arkansas Highway 95 and the Kissire Bridge on the west fork in Conway County.
- (I) **Sheffield Nelson Dagmar WMA:** Open noon, Jan. 1 until the last day of February.
- (J) **First Old River Lake (Miller County):** Open noon, Nov. 1 until noon the last day of February, with legal gill and trammel nets. Commercial fishermen must obtain, and have in their possession while fishing, a commercial permit from the district biologist at the Hope Regional Office and report their catch to the Hope Regional Office by March 15.
- ~~(K) **Grand Lake (Chicot County):** Commercial fishing with slat traps noon, Nov. 1-noon, March 1.~~
- (L) **Dr. Lester Sitzes III Bois d'Arc Lake (Hempstead County):** Open noon, ~~January-November~~ 1 until noon February 28, with legal gill and trammel nets. Commercial fishermen must obtain, and have in their possession while fishing, a commercial permit from the district biologist at the Hope Regional Office and report their catch to the Hope Regional Office by March 15.
- (M) **Calion Lake (Union County):** Open noon, February 1, until noon, March 15, with legal gill and trammel nets. Commercial fishermen must obtain and have in their possession while fishing, a commercial permit from the district biologist at the Camden Regional Office and report their catch to the Camden Regional Office by March 31. All rough fish caught in the nets must be retained.
- (N) **Lake Chicot (Chicot County):** Open noon, November 1, until noon December 31, ~~2017~~. 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 15<sup>th</sup> of the following month. All species of carp and all rough fish, excluding alligator gar, caught must be removed from the lake. Alligator gar must be released back into the lake. The 16-inch minimum length limit on buffalo is waived. Only legal-sized or larger gill and trammel nets may be used.
- (O) **Old River Lake (Pulaski County):** Open noon, December 1, ~~2017~~ until noon February 28, ~~2018~~. Commercial fishermen must register prior to fishing with the local district fisheries biologist at the Brinkley Regional Office and must submit monthly catch records to the local fisheries biologist by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the following month. All species of carp and all rough fish, excluding alligator gar, caught must be removed from the lake. Alligator gar must be released back into the lake. The 16 inch minimum length limit on buffalo is waived.
- (P) **Horseshoe Lake (Crittenden County):** Open noon, November 1 until noon February 28. Commercial fishermen must register prior to fishing with the local district fisheries biologist at the Brinkley Regional Office and must submit monthly catch records to the local fisheries biologist by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the following month. All species of carp and all rough fish, excluding alligator



gar, caught must be removed from the lake. Alligator gar must be released back into the lake. The 16 inch minimum length limit on buffalo is waived.

**PENALTY: Class 2**

**J1.01 APPROVED AQUACULTURE SPECIES LIST**

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**Class Crustacea**

**Family Cambaridae**

*Procambarus acutus* (White River Crayfish)

*Procambarus clarkii* (Red Swamp Crayfish)

**Family Palaemonidae**

\**Macrobrachium rosenbergii* (Malaysian Prawn) – certified disease-free (certification must be posted on-site)

**Class Osteichthyes**

**Family Polyodontidae**

*Polyodon spathula* (Paddlefish)

**Family Lepisosteidae**

*Lepisosteus oculatus* (Spotted Gar)

*Lepisosteus osseus* (Longnose Gar)

*Lepisosteus platostomus* (Shortnose Gar)

**Family Amiidae**

*Amia calva* (Bowfin)

**Family Anguillidae**

*Anguilla rostrata* (American Eel)

**Family Clupeidae**

*Alosa chrysochloris* (Skipjack Herring)

*Dorosoma cepedianum* (Gizzard Shad)

*Dorosoma petenense* (Threadfin Shad)

**Family Salmonidae**

\* *Oncorhynchus clarki* (Cutthroat Trout)

\* *Oncorhynchus mykiss* (Rainbow Trout)

\* *Salmo trutta* (Brown Trout)

\* *Salvelinus fontinalis* (Brook Trout)

\* *Salvelinus namaycush* (Lake Trout)

**Family Esocidae**

*Esox americanus* (Grass Pickerel)

*Esox niger* (Chain Pickerel)

**Family Cyprinidae**

\* *Carassius auratus* (Goldfish, including ornamentals)

\* *Ctenopharyngodon idella* (Grass Carp)

\* *Mylopharyngodon piceus* (Black Carp) – TRIPLOIDS ONLY

*Cyprinella venusta* (Blacktail Shiner)

\* *Cyprinus carpio* (Common Carp, including koi)

*Hybognathus nuchalis* (Miss. Silvery Minnow)

*Luxilus chrysocephalus* (Striped Shiner)

*Lythrurus umbratilis* (Redfin Shiner)

*Notemigonus crysoleucas* (Golden Shiner)

*Notropis atherinoides* (Emerald Shiner)

*Notropis boops* (Bigeye Shiner)

*Notropis buechanani* (Ghost Shiner)

*Notropis volucellus* (Mimic Shiner)

*Opsopoeodus emiliae* (Pugnose Minnow)



*Pimephales notatus* (Bluntnose Minnow)  
*Pimephales promelas* (Fathead Minnow)  
*Pimephales vigilax* (Bullhead Minnow)  
*Semotilus atromaculatus* (Creek Chub)

**Family Catostomidae**

*Erimyzon oblongus* (Creek Chubsucker)  
*Erimyzon sucetta* (Lake Chubsucker)  
*Hypentelium nigricans* (Northern Hogsucker)  
*Ictiobus bubalus* (Smallmouth Buffalo)  
*Ictiobus cyprinellus* (Bigmouth Buffalo)  
*Ictiobus niger* (Black Buffalo)  
*Minytrema melanops* (Spotted Sucker)  
*Moxostoma erythrurum* (Golden Redhorse)  
*Catostomus commersoni* (White Sucker)

**Family Ictaluridae**

*Ictalurus furcatus* (Blue Catfish)  
*Ameiurus melas* (Black Bullhead)  
*Ameiurus natalis* (Yellow Bullhead)  
*Ameiurus nebulosus* (Brown Bullhead)  
*Ictalurus punctatus* (Channel Catfish)  
*Noturus gyrinus* (Tadpole Madtom)  
*Noturus nocturnus* (Freckled Madtom)  
*Pylodictis olivaris* (Flathead Catfish)

**Family Aphredoderidae**

*Aphredoderus sayanus* (Pirate Perch)

**Family Cyprinodontidae**

*Fundulus notatus* (Blackstripe Topminnow)  
*Fundulus olivaceus* (Blackspotted Topminnow)

**Family Poeciliidae**

*Gambusia affinis* (Mosquitofish)

**Family Atherinidae**

*Labidesthes sicculus* (Brook Silverside)

**Family Percichthyidae**

*Morone chrysops* (White Bass)  
*Morone mississippiensis* (Yellow Bass)  
\* *Morone saxatilis* (Striped Bass)

**Family Centrarchidae**

*Centrarchus macropterus* (Flier)  
*Lepomis cyanellus* (Green Sunfish)  
*Lepomis gulosus* (Warmouth)  
*Lepomis humilis* (Orangespotted Sunfish)  
*Lepomis macrochirus* (Bluegill)  
*Lepomis marginatus* (Dollar Sunfish)  
*Lepomis megalotis* (Longear Sunfish)  
*Lepomis microlophus* (Redear Sunfish)  
*Lepomis punctatus* (Spotted Sunfish)  
*Micropterus dolomieu* (Smallmouth Bass)  
*Micropterus punctulatus* (Spotted Bass)  
*Micropterus salmoides* (Largemouth Bass)  
*Pomoxis annularis* (White Crappie) – < 6 inches  
*Pomoxis nigromaculatus* (Black Crappie)

*Elassoma zonatum* (Banded Pygmy Sunfish)

**Family Percidae**

*Percina caprodes* (Logperch)

*Stizostedion canadense* (Sauger)

*Stizostedion vitreum* (Walleye)

**Family Sciaenidae**

*Aplodinotus grunniens* (Freshwater Drum)

**Family Cichlidae**

\* *Oreochromis aureus* (Blue Tilapia)

\* *Oreochromis mossambicus* (Mozambique Tilapia)

\* *Oreochromis niloticus* (Nile Tilapia)

**Class Amphibia**

**Family Ranidae**

*Rana catesbeiana* (Bullfrog)

*Rana sphenoccephala* (Southern Leopard Frog)

**Class Bivalvia**

**Family Unionidae**

*Pygandon grandis* (Giant Floater)

\* Denotes nonnative species

**CHAPTER N1.00 - GAME FISH RESTRICTIONS AND LIMITS**

<b>N1.01</b>	<b>Game Fish Daily Limits</b>
<b>N1.02</b>	<b>Length and Protected Length Limits on Certain Lakes and Rivers</b>
<b>N1.03</b>	<b>Specific Trout Water Regulations</b>

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<b>N1.01</b>	<b>GAME FISH DAILY LIMITS</b>	
01-18	Alligator Gar	1 Over 36 Inches Annually with Tag 1 Under 36 Inches
	Black Basses (including not more than four Smallmouth)	10
	Bream (over 4 inches length)	50
	Catfish (except Bullhead)	10
	Crappie	30
	Rock Bass	10
	Muskellunge	6
	Paddlefish	2
	Pickerel	6
	Sauger	6
	Saugeye	6
	Shovelnose Sturgeon	No Limit
	Striped Bass or Hybrid (Combination)	6
	Trout (including not more than:	

2 brown trout, 2 cutthroat trout, 2 brook trout)	5
Walleye	6
White Bass	25

#### EXCEPTIONS:

- (1) The following bodies of water are restricted to half the daily limit for all sportfish: Horseshoe Bend Pool of the Strawberry River in Izaard County. There is no daily limit for harvest of game fish from Lake Poinsett and Mercer Bayou (Sulphur River WMA). **Daily Limit for all sportfish on Lake Chicot half the Lake Chicot daily limit (no limit on channel catfish) during lake drawdown (July 9 – December 31, 2019). All black bass, crappie, and bream on Lake June must be released immediately.**

- (2) BLACK BASS (LARGEMOUTH, SPOTTED, SMALLMOUTH):  
(A) **Smallmouth bass:**

**Ozark Zone** (Baxter, Benton, Boone, Carroll, Clay, Cleburne, Fulton, Independence, Izaard, Lawrence, Madison, Marion, Newton, Randolph, Searcy, Sharp, Stone, Van Buren, and Washington counties) – smallmouth bass minimum length limit of 12 inches with a daily limit of four, except Bull Shoals, Beaver, Greers Ferry, Table Rock Lakes and Lake Norfolk (see Ex. 1(B) below). Greers Ferry Lake – smallmouth bass minimum length limit of 12 inches, daily limit six.

**Ozark Zone Blue Ribbon Streams** – Crooked Creek from Arkansas Highway 101 bridge downstream to the confluence with the White River; between the U.S. Highway 62-412 and U.S. Highway 62 Spur bridges at Pyatt – smallmouth bass minimum length limit 18 inches, daily limit of one. Buffalo River from confluence with Clabber Creek downstream to the confluence with the White River – smallmouth bass minimum length limit 18 inches, daily limit of one. All other water of Crooked Creek and Buffalo River – smallmouth bass minimum length limit of 14 inches, daily limit of two.

**Ozark Zone Catch-and-Release Area** – Crooked Creek, along boundary of Arkansas Game and Fish Foundation property near Kelley's Slab Access.

**Ozark Zone Quality Streams** – Kings River from Trigger Gap to U.S. Highway 62 bridge smallmouth bass minimum length limit of 18 inches, daily limit of one.

All other water of the Kings, Illinois, Spring, South Fork of the Spring and Eleven Point rivers and War Eagle Creek – smallmouth bass minimum length limit of 14 inches, daily limit of two.

**Ouachita/Boston Zone** (all Arkansas counties not included in the Ozark Zone) – smallmouth bass minimum length limit of 10 inches, daily limit of four.

**Ouachita/Boston Zone Quality Streams** – (Mulberry, Caddo above DeGray Lake, DeGray Lake, Cossatot River, Ouachita River upstream from Lake Ouachita, Ouachita River downstream from

Rommel Dam, Saline River, including its four headwater forks in Saline, Perry and Garland counties, South Fork/Ouachita, Little Missouri above Lake Greeson) – smallmouth bass minimum length limit of 12 inches, daily limit of two.

**Ouachita/Boston Zone Catch-and-Release Area** – all smallmouth bass caught in Lake Ouachita including the Ouachita River upstream to the River Bluff access and the South Fork of the Ouachita River upstream to Hovel Branch must be immediately returned to the stream.

(B) **Largemouth bass:**

Lake Terre Noire and Lake Sylvia – daily limit five.

Lake Millwood – daily limit six.

Mallard Lake – daily limit one.

Marion McCollum Lake, Lake Sylvia – Largemouth bass caught must be immediately returned to the water.

(C) **Black Bass (all species combined):**

Beaver, Bull Shoals, DeGray, DeQueen, Norfork, Table Rock lakes, Lake Jack Nolen, Ouachita, Ashbaugh – daily limit six.

Lake Lou Emma – daily limit five.

Lake Atkins – daily limit four.

War Eagle Creek – daily limit two.

(3) **BREAM:**

No limit on bream 4 inches or shorter.

(4) **CATFISH:**

(A) No limit on catfish on Grand Lake - Chicot County, Lake Chicot (including that portion of Connerly Bayou downstream from Connerly Dam to the bayou's mouth and Ditch Bayou from the inlet on Lake Chicot to Ditch Bayou Dam) and between the main levees of the Mississippi River, from the confluence of the Mississippi/White Rivers upstream to the Benzal Railroad Bridge, and from the confluence of the Mississippi/Arkansas Rivers upstream to the Yancopin Railroad Bridge. No limit on blue and channel catfish from Little River (below Millwood Dam) Red and Sulphur Rivers. No limit on channel catfish on Marion McCollum Lake Greenlee – Monroe County, and on Lake Chicot (including that portion of Connerly Bayou downstream from Connerly Dam to the bayou's mouth and Ditch Bayou from the inlet on Lake Chicot to Ditch Bayou Dam).

(B) Catfish daily limit five on:

DeWitt City Park Lake (Arkansas County); Lake Atalanta (Benton County); Hidden Lake (Carroll County); Big Timber Lake and Gurdon Lake (Clark County); Hubble Lake (Clay County); Lake Bailey (Conway County); Lake Cambadelle and Lake Lou Emma (Crawford County); Marion City Park Lake (Crittenden County); Village Creek State Park Lakes (Cross and St. Francis Counties); Lake Bennett (Faulkner County); Lake Clearfork (Garland County); Crowley Ridge State Park Lake and Reynolds Park Lake (Greene County); Newark City Lake (Independence County); Lake June (Lafayette County); Ward City Park Lake (Lonoke County); Hindsville Lake (Madison County); Blytheville City Park Lake (Mississippi County); Donald Branch Fishing Pond (Monroe County); Lake Sylvia (Perry County); Shady Lake (Polk County);

Twin Lakes A and B, Camp Ferncliff (Pulaski County); Old Davidsonville State Park Lake (Randolph County); Forrest City Park Lake (St. Francis County); Truman Baker Lake (Scott County); Cave City's Lakes (Sharp County); Gunner Pool and Hayden Bend Pond (Stone County); Devils Den State Park (Washington County); Spring Lake, Kingfisher, Clubhouse Lakes in Petit Jean WMA (Yell County) and posted USDA Forest Service ponds and lakes.

- (C) In addition to daily limit, 10 channel catfish under 16 inches may be taken on the Arkansas River.
  - (D) In addition to daily limit, 10 channel catfish and 10 blue catfish any size may be taken in Lake Erling.
- (5) **CRAPPIE:**
- (A) Crappie daily limit – 15 in Beaver, Table Rock, Bull Shoals, Norfork reservoirs, Cane Creek Lake (Lincoln County), and Gurdon Lake (Clark County) and Dr. Lester Sitzes III Bois d'Arc Lake.
  - (B) Crappie daily limit – 50 between the main levees of the Mississippi River, from the confluence of the Mississippi/White Rivers upstream to the Benzal Railroad Bridge, from the confluence of the Mississippi/Arkansas Rivers upstream to the Yancopin Railroad Bridge ~~and on Horseshoe Lake (Crittenden County).~~
  - (C) Crappie daily limit – 20 in Lake Chicot and Lake Monticello.
  - (D) No Crappie daily limit on Lake Charles.
- (6) **WALLEYE:**
- (A) Beaver Lake and its tributaries; Table Rock Lake and its tributaries to Beaver Dam; Bull Shoals Lake, and Norfork Lake – minimum length limit of 18 inches, daily limit four.
  - (B) Greers Ferry Lake and its tributaries – protected slot limit of 20-28 inches, daily limit of six (only one of which may be longer than 28 inches).
  - (C) In compliance with [Addendum N1.02](#) and [Code Chapter 28.00](#).
- (7) **WHITE BASS, STRIPED BASS, HYBRID STRIPED BASS:**
- (A) White bass:  
Between the main levees of the Mississippi river, from the confluence of the Mississippi and White rivers upstream to the Benzal Railroad Bridge, and from the confluence of the Mississippi and Arkansas rivers upstream to the Yancopin Railroad Bridge – daily limit of 50, possession limit of 100. Beaver Lake and its tributaries; lakes Ashbaugh, Sequoyah and Monticello – no limit.
  - (B) Striped bass and hybrid striped bass (combined): Beaver, Bull Shoals and Norfork lakes; Lake Ouachita – daily limit three. Arkansas River and connecting lakes – daily limit 10. Lake Monticello – no limit.
- (8) **ALLIGATOR GAR:**  
Alligator gar longer than 36 inches may not be harvested from noon, May 1-noon, July 1, statewide. Alligator Gar Permit is required to harvest alligator gar up to 36 inches. Alligator Gar Permit and Tag are required to harvest Alligator gar over 36 inches ([Code 26.28](#)).
- (9) **TROUT (BROOK, BROWN, CUTTHROAT, RAINBOW):**
- (A) **Brown trout:**

White River from Bull Shoals Dam to Highway 58 Bridge (Bull Shoals Tailwater) and North Fork White River (Norfork Tailwater) – minimum length 24 inches, daily limit one; only one of trout daily limit may be longer than 14 inches. Spavinaw Creek (Benton County) west of Arkansas Highway 59 and Spring River – minimum length 16 inches, daily limit two. Little Red River from Greers Ferry Dam to Arkansas Highway 305 Bridge (Greers Ferry Tailwater) – daily limit of five (only one of trout daily limit may be longer than 16 inches). White River from Beaver Dam to boundary signs at Houseman Access (Beaver Tailwater) – protected slot limit of 13-16 inches, daily limit of five (only one of trout daily limit may be longer than 16 inches). Little Missouri River from Narrows Dam to Arkansas Highway 27 Bridge (Narrows Tailwater) – all brown trout must be released immediately.

(B) **Cutthroat trout:**

White River from Bull Shoals Dam to Highway 58 Bridge (Bull Shoals Tailwater) - minimum length 24 inches, daily limit of one; only one of trout daily limit may be longer than 14 inches. North Fork White River (Norfork Tailwater), Spavinaw Creek (Benton County) west of Arkansas Highway 59, Spring River – minimum length 16 inches, daily limit of two. Little Red River from Greers Ferry Dam to Arkansas Highway 305 Bridge (Greers Ferry Tailwater) – only one of trout daily limit may be longer than 16 inches. White River from Beaver Dam to boundary signs at Houseman Access (Beaver Tailwater) – protected slot limit of 13-16 inches (only one of trout daily limit may be longer than 16 inches).

(C) **Brook trout:**

White River from Bull Shoals Dam to Highway 58 Bridge (Bull Shoals Tailwater), North Fork White River (Norfork Tailwater) – minimum length 14 inches, daily limit of one; only one of trout daily limit may be longer than 14 inches. Spavinaw Creek (Benton County) west of Arkansas Highway 59, Spring River – minimum length 14 inches, daily limit two. Little Red River from Greers Ferry Dam to Arkansas Highway 305 Bridge (Greers Ferry Tailwater) – only one of trout daily limit may be longer than 16 inches. White River from Beaver Dam to boundary signs at Houseman Access (Beaver Tailwater) – protected slot limit of 13-16 inches (only one of trout daily limit may be longer than 16 inches).

(D) **Rainbow trout:**

Lake Atalanta (Benton County) – daily limit of five. White River from Bull Shoals Dam to Highway 58 Bridge (Bull Shoals Tailwater), North Fork White River (Norfork Tailwater) – daily limit of five (only one of trout daily limit may be longer than 14 inches). Little Red River from Greers Ferry Dam to Arkansas Highway 305 Bridge (Greers Ferry Tailwater) – daily limit of five (only one of trout daily limit may be longer than 16 inches). White River from Beaver Dam to boundary signs at Houseman Access (Beaver Tailwater) – protected slot limit of 13-16 inches, daily limit of five (only one of trout daily limit may be longer than 16 inches).

All fish measurements must follow procedures listed in [Code 01.00-C Length Limit](#) definition.

<b>N1.02</b>	<b>LENGTH AND PROTECTED LENGTH LIMITS ON CERTAIN LAKES AND RIVERS</b>
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| 01-18 | (A) <b>BLACK BASS</b> – It is unlawful to possess black bass as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>(1) Largemouth bass less than 12 inches on Lake Frierson.</li><li>(2) Spotted bass less than 12 inches on, Bull Shoals, Norfolk and Table Rock lakes.</li><li>(3) All black bass less than 12 inches in Horseshoe Bend Pool on the Strawberry River.</li><li>(4) Largemouth less than 13 inches on Lake Ouachita.</li><li>(5) Largemouth bass 13-16 inches on lakes <del>Austell (Cross County)</del>, Barnett (White County), Brewer, Wilhelmina (Polk County), Bear Creek Lake, Bob Kidd; Lee Creek; and Sugar Loaf Lake.</li><li>(6) Largemouth bass less than 13 inches on DeGray Lake and within the boundaries of Felsenthal NWR.<p><b>EXCEPTION:</b> No restriction in Woodland Trail Pond - located at the Felsenthal NWR Headquarters on Hwy 82 (Ashley County); Locust Ridge Pond – located at Locust Ridge on Hwy 82 (Union County); Eagle Lake Pond- located north of Eagle Lake on Bradley Road 53 (Bradley County); and Shallow Lake Field Pond located west of Shallow Lake (Union County). Person(s) keeping largemouth bass less than 13 inches from these waters must exit the NWR boundaries immediately upon leaving these ponds and may not enter NWR campgrounds or fish other NWR waters with largemouth bass less than 13 inches from these four ponds in their possession.</p></li><li>(7) Largemouth bass less than 14 inches on the Arkansas River and its tributaries.</li><li>(8) Smallmouth bass less than 15 inches on Beaver, Bull Shoals, Norfolk and Table Rock lakes.</li><li>(9) Largemouth bass less than 15 inches on Beaver Lake, Big Lake NWR, Blue Mountain, Bull Shoals, Georgia Pacific, Greers Ferry, Kingfisher, Norfolk, Table Rock lakes; Upper and Lower Lake Chicot (including Connerly Bayou downstream from Connerly Dam to the bayou's mouth and Ditch Bayou from the inlet on Lake Chicot to Ditch Bayou Dam); Lake Greenlee and Moss Creek Pond.</li><li>(10) Black bass greater than 16 inches in Lake Winona.</li><li>(11) Largemouth bass 16-21 inches on Lake Atkins. Daily limit four (only one of which may be longer than 21 inches).</li><li><del>(12) Largemouth bass 16-21 inches on Tommy L. Sproles Lake Pickthorne. Daily limit two (only one of which may be longer than 21 inches).</del></li><li>(13) Largemouth bass daily limit ten (only one of which may be longer than 20 inches) on Lake Columbia, <del>Lake Austell (Cross County)</del>, and <del>Lake Dunn (Cross County)</del>.</li><li>(14) Largemouth bass daily limit 10 (only one of which may be longer than 18 inches) on Lake SWEPCO.</li><li>(15) Smallmouth bass less than 18 inches on the lower Little Missouri River from Narrows Dam to its mouth. Daily limit one.</li></ol> |
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- (16) Largemouth bass 14-17 inches on Mallard Lake. Daily limit 10, only one of which may be larger than 17 inches.
  - (17) Largemouth bass 19-22 inches on Lake Monticello. Daily limit eight, only one of which may be longer than 22 inches.
  - (18) Largemouth bass 18-21 inches on Lower White Oak Lake. Daily limit ten (only one of which may be longer than 21 inches).
  - (B) **CRAPPIE:** It is unlawful to possess crappie as follows:
    - (1) Less than 10 inches in Beaver, Table Rock, Bull Shoals and Norfolk Reservoirs; Cane Creek Lake in Lincoln County; Lake Chicot (including Connerly Bayou downstream from Connerly Dam to the bayou's mouth and Ditch Bayou from the inlet on Lake Chicot to Ditch Bayou Dam); Lake Charles, Lake Conway (including Gold Creek downstream from the Sturgis Road Bridge, Stone Dam Creek downstream of I-40 Bridge, Caney Creek/Little Creek downstream from the Hwy 286 Bridge, and Palarm Creek downstream from the Hwy 286 Bridge), Lake Monticello, Lake Overcup, Harris Brake Lake and Lake Atkins.
    - (2) Less than 9 inches on Blue Mountain Lake.  
**EXCEPTION:**
      - (1) From December-February, the minimum length limit is waived on Lake Monticello and the harvest is regulated by a 20-fish daily limit. The first 20 crappie caught, regardless of size, must be kept. Culling is not permitted. From March-November, harvest is controlled by a 10-inch minimum length, daily limit of 20.
  - (C) **CATFISH** (channel, blue and flathead):
    - (1) It is unlawful to possess flathead catfish less than 20 inches on the Ouachita River from Sandy Beach Access (Ouachita County) to Remmel Dam.
  - (D) **STRIPED BASS:** It is unlawful to possess striped bass less than 20 inches on Lake Norfolk and Beaver Lake.
  - (E) **SHOVELNOSE STURGEON:** It is unlawful to possess shovelnose sturgeon less than 21 inches. Shovelnose sturgeon may not be taken from the Mississippi River.  
**EXCEPTION:**
    - (1) Sportfish may be snagged (except in catch-and-release areas) in compliance with Codes 26.05; 26.17 and within the restrictive size limits in this addendum chapter.
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## Codebook Language Related to Third Party Petition

### CHAPTER 34.00 - AQUATIC TURTLE REGULATIONS

- 34.1 Aquatic Turtle Permit Requirements
- 34.2 Qualifications for Certain Aquatic Turtle Permits
- 34.3 Non-Resident Aquatic Turtle Dealer Permit Requirements
- 34.4 ~~Commercial~~ Aquatic Turtle ~~Harvest~~ Restrictions
- ~~34.5 Aquatic Turtle Tackle Restrictions~~
- ~~34.6 Aquatic Turtle Tackle Tagging~~
- 34.7 Aquatic Turtle ~~Harvest~~ Transaction and Reporting Requirements
- ~~34.8 Possession of Sport Fish by Aquatic Turtle Harvesters Prohibited~~
- 34.9 Take or Possession of Alligator Snapping Turtles Prohibited
- 34.10 Take of Chicken Turtles Prohibited
- 34.11 Importation of Alligator Snapping Turtles and Chicken Turtles Prohibited

#### 34.01 AQUATIC TURTLE PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

- 6-15 ~~Non-residents are not permitted to harvest aquatic turtles.~~ It is unlawful for a resident to ~~operate tackle, harvest,~~ propagate, purchase or sell ~~wild-caught~~ aquatic turtles for commercial purposes without the following permits:
- ~~(A) A commercial fisherman permit and sport fishing license, and either an aquatic turtle harvest permit or a junior aquatic turtle harvest permit (for resident youths) are required to harvest and sell wild aquatic turtles.~~
  - ~~(B) The bearer of an aquatic turtle harvest helper permit may assist in the harvest or operate the properly tagged tackle of a licensed aquatic turtle harvester or dealer.~~
  - ~~(C) A commercial fisherman permit and sport fishing license, and an aquatic turtle dealer permit are required to engage in the harvest, propagation, purchase, sale or export of wild-caught aquatic turtles.~~
  - (D) An aquatic turtle farmer permit is required to engage in the propagation, sale or export of propagated aquatic turtles. This permit does not allow for the purchase, barter, trade, exchange or sale of wild-caught turtles.
  - (E) An alligator snapping turtle breeder/dealer permit is required to possess, buy, sell or offer to sell alligator snapping turtles or their eggs. Alligator snapping turtles longer than 5 inches curved carapace length may not be sold, bartered, traded, or transferred without written approval of the Commission. An affidavit form provided by the Commission specifying the transaction type (transfer or sale), party type (individual or business), and number of turtles, shall be submitted to the Commission.

All sales of ~~wild-caught~~ aquatic turtles shall follow all transaction and reporting requirements ([Code 34.07](#)) in this chapter.

#### EXCEPTIONS:

- (1) Fish farmer permittees may ~~harvest and~~ sell turtles ~~removed~~ from their facilities with an aquatic turtle ~~harvest~~ farmer permit.
- ~~(2) Fish markets selling only dressed turtles for human consumption in Arkansas are not required to have an aquatic turtle dealer permit.~~
- (3) In compliance with [Codes 03.07, 03.08](#).

#### PENALTY: Class 3

#### 34.02 QUALIFICATIONS FOR CERTAIN AQUATIC TURTLE PERMITS

- 9-7 The following conditions shall be met to qualify for and maintain an aquatic

turtle farmer permit, or alligator snapping turtle breeder/dealer permit ~~or aquatic turtle dealer permit (if turtles will be held more than 30 days).~~

- (A) A site plan must be provided with the permit application, including legal and physical descriptions of all facilities, and a sketch map showing the location and approximate size of all ponds/impoundments used to hold or propagate aquatic turtles.
- (B) All sites shall be inspected and approved by Commission personnel prior to issuance of a permit.
- (C) Holding ponds/impoundments shall be fenced and maintained in such a manner as to prevent the egress of captives and ingress of wild stock.
- (D) Facilities shall be subject to random inspection by Commission personnel.
- (E) Permittees shall follow all transaction and reporting requirements for harvest of wild-caught turtles in compliance with [Code 34.07](#).

**PENALTY: Class 3**

### **34.03 NON RESIDENT AQUATIC TURTLE DEALER PERMIT REQUIREMENTS**

06-15 It is unlawful for non-residents to purchase, sell, or offer to purchase or sell aquatic turtles in Arkansas without a non-resident Aquatic turtle dealer permit and shall follow all transaction and reporting requirements ([Code 34.07](#)).

#### **EXCEPTION:**

Non-residents may purchase aquatic turtles from holders of aquatic turtle ~~harvest/dealer~~ farmer permits without a non-resident aquatic turtle dealer permit if turtles are being shipped directly out of Arkansas to the buyer, or if the buyer is picking up and transporting a purchase out of Arkansas.

**PENALTY: Class 3**

### **34.04 COMMERCIAL AQUATIC TURTLE HARVEST RESTRICTIONS**

01-16 (A) It is unlawful to take or attempt to take aquatic turtle eggs from the wild.  
(B) It is unlawful to take or attempt to take aquatic turtles for commercial purposes. ~~by any means other than hoop nets or box type turtle traps. Commercial aquatic turtle harvest is allowed in waters of the following counties or specified portions thereof, and/or bodies of water as specified:~~

- ~~(1) — Arkansas, Ashley, Bradley, Calhoun, Chicot (Exception 2), Cleveland, Clay, Columbia (Exception 2), Craighead, Crittenden (Exception 2), Cross, Dallas, Desha, Drew (Exception 2), Grant, Greene, Jackson, Jefferson, Lafayette (Exception 2), Lawrence (Exception 2), Lawrence (east of the Black River), Lee, Lincoln, Lonoke, Miller, Mississippi [Exception 2(g)], Monroe, Nevada, Ouachita, Phillips, Poinsett, Prairie, Pulaski (south of I-30 and east of I-440 and Arkansas Highway 67), Randolph (east of the Black River) from the southern border to Pocahontas; from Pocahontas to Maynard east of Arkansas Highway 115; and from Maynard to the state line east of Arkansas Highway 166), St. Francis, Saline (east of I-30), Union, White (east of Arkansas Highway 67) and Woodruff counties;~~
- ~~(2) — Arkansas River, from its mouth to the Arkansas/Oklahoma state line, including that part of the Arkansas River from the Ozark Dam~~

~~to the Arkansas/Oklahoma state line, bounded on the north by the Union Pacific Railroad and on the south by Arkansas Highway 22 in compliance with Code 30.25.~~

- ~~(3) — Black River from its mouth to the Missouri state line;~~
- ~~(4) — Little River from its mouth to the Corps of Engineers boat ramp on west bank of river below Millwood Lake Dam;~~
- ~~(5) — Ouachita River from the Louisiana state line to the Arkansas Highway 79B Bridge (Camden);~~
- ~~(6) — Red River from the Louisiana state line to the Oklahoma/Texas state line;~~
- ~~(7) — Sulphur River from its mouth to the Texas state line;~~
- ~~(8) — White River from its mouth to 100 yards below Dam No. 1 at Batesville, Independence County;~~
- ~~(9) — Arkansas waters between the main levees of the Mississippi River.~~
- ~~(10) — All lakes, bays or other bodies of water, other than tributary streams, connected to waters as specified above, when accessible by boat, from the main channel except as limited by Addendum Chapter H1.00.~~
- ~~(C) — When a river or stream forms the boundary between opened and closed counties, that boundary segment shall be open to tackle legal in the open county.~~

#### **EXCEPTIONS:**

- ~~(1) Bayou Meto Bayou in compliance with [Code 38.01](#).~~
- ~~(2) The following waters are closed to commercial aquatic turtle harvest:
  - ~~(a) Lake Erling, including all tributaries upstream from 100 yards below Lake Erling Dam to Arkansas Highway 313 (Lafayette County)~~
  - ~~(b) All Commission owned lakes (excluding all natural lakes when accessible by boat from river or stream channel on WMAs in counties listed above);~~
  - ~~(c) Lake Columbia (Columbia County);~~
  - ~~(d) Horseshoe Lake (Crittenden County);~~
  - ~~(e) Lake Wallace (Drew and Chicot counties);~~
  - ~~(f) Upper and Lower Lake Chicot (Connerly Bayou to Ditch Bayou Dam inclusive)(Chicot County);~~
  - ~~(g) The Mississippi River in Mississippi County, from the Sans Souci Landing downstream to the head of Sunrise Towhead, due east of Butler, AR, and all waters within and bounding the area known as “Driver Bar”, which forms the east bank of the river channel within this river segment.~~~~
- ~~(3) USDA Forest Service lakes, State Park lakes and lakes owned by municipalities or property owner associations.~~
- ~~(4) Private landowners, in closed counties, can obtain from the Commission, a Private Land Nuisance Aquatic Turtle Permit. This permit allows the harvest of Common Snapping Turtles (*Chelydra serpentina*), Redear Sliders (*Trachemys scripta*), and Spiny Softshells (*Apalone spinifera*) for commercial purposes on private property under the following conditions:
  - ~~(a) Only from manmade lakes and ponds~~
  - ~~(b) Only by a licensed commercial aquatic turtle harvest or dealer permittee~~
  - ~~(c) Only with legal commercial turtle harvest gear as defined above~~
  - ~~(d) All harvested turtles shall be reported on aquatic turtle harvest report forms as specified in [Code 34.07](#).~~~~

**PENALTY: Class 2**

**34.05 AQUATIC TURTLE TACKLE RESTRICTIONS**

- ~~6-15~~ It is unlawful to take or attempt to take aquatic turtles other than as specified below:
- ~~(A) Hoop nets with ramp netting attached to the first hoop and throat opening restricted by parallel lines attached to the second hoop. Maximum throat opening 1 inch by 3 feet (where throat lines attach to hoop). Minimum mesh size 1½ inches square bar mesh. Wings or leads may not be used. Nets to be set with throat horizontal and in such a manner that a portion of the enclosure remains above water surface at all times.~~
  - ~~(B) Box type traps (basking traps) with an open top that is above the water surface. All other trap surfaces must be fully closed and incapable of taking fish. Box type turtle traps may not exceed 4x4x4 feet in dimension.~~
  - ~~(C) Turtle trappers must check and remove catch from all hoop nets at least once during each 24 hour period and from all box traps at least once every 72 hours.~~

**EXCEPTIONS:**

- ~~(1) Legal commercial fishing hoop nets (fingered throats) when appropriately tagged and commercially fished in waters open to their use.~~
- ~~(2) Fish farmers when removing aquatic turtles from their permitted facilities.~~
- ~~(3) Private pond owners when removing aquatic turtles from their ponds for non-commercial purposes.~~

**PENALTY: Class 2**

**34.06 AQUATIC TURTLE TACKLE TAGGING**

- ~~1-14~~ It is unlawful to fail to attach the proper tag to each turtle trap net or box type trap as specified below:
- ~~(A) Turtle net tags must be attached to the first hoop at the opening of the net.~~
  - ~~(B) Box type trap tags must be attached to the side of the trap and be visible above the waterline.~~

**EXCEPTIONS:**

- ~~(1) Fish farmers when removing aquatic turtles from their permitted facilities.~~
- ~~(2) Private pond owners when removing aquatic turtles from their ponds for non-commercial purposes.~~
- ~~(3) In compliance with Codes [3.07](#), [3.08](#).~~

**PENALTY: Class 1**

**34.07 AQUATIC TURTLE TRANSACTION REQUIREMENTS**

- ~~06-15~~ (A) It is unlawful for aquatic turtle harvest, junior aquatic turtle harvest, and aquatic turtle dealer permittees to fail to mail or deliver to the Commission on or before the 10th of each month a legibly completed and itemized aquatic turtle harvest form provided by the Commission for all wild-caught aquatic turtles harvested during the prior month. A copy of this form shall be retained by the permittee for a period of 12 months and made available for inspection by any agent of the Commission.

- (B) ~~Aquatic turtle harvest, aquatic turtle dealer, non-resident turtle dealer;~~ Aquatic turtle farmer and alligator snapping turtle breeder/dealer permittees must comply with the following:
- (1) An invoice, bill of sale or true bill of lading must accompany all turtle sales shipped or transported in intrastate or interstate commerce to the final destination and must contain the following information:
    - (a) Name, address, and telephone number of buyer and seller;
    - (b) Permit number of seller, and,
    - (c) Number and species of turtles in shipment.
  - (2) Permittees may have turtles transported by their authorized representatives if accompanied with a true bill of lading or bill of sale as described above.
- (C) It is unlawful for alligator snapping turtle breeder/dealer permittees to fail to mail or deliver to the Commission by the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month a legibly completed, itemized transaction record of all alligator snapping turtles purchased, sold, bartered, traded, or transferred during the prior month transactions were made. This transaction record shall include the names, addresses and phone numbers of all persons involved in the sale, purchase, barter, trade or transfer of alligator snapping turtles. Transaction records shall be recorded on a form provided by the Commission.

**PENALTY: Class 2;** Second offense shall result in the revocation of the permit.

**34.08      ~~POSSESSION OF SPORT FISH AQUATIC TURTLE HARVESTERS~~**  
**~~PROHIBITED~~**

~~6-15      It is unlawful for permitted aquatic turtle harvesters to sport fish or possess game fish in the same waters where the permittee is engaged in turtle trapping.~~

**~~EXCEPTIONS:~~**

- ~~(1)      Rough fish caught in turtle traps may be retained for use as bait.~~
- ~~(2)      If hoop nets or box type traps are baited with fish, only rough fish may be used.~~
- ~~(3)      Fish farmers on their permitted facilities.~~

**~~PENALTY: Class 2;~~** Second offense shall result in revocation of the aquatic turtle harvest permit or aquatic turtle dealer permit.