

LEGAL NOTICE

The regular monthly meeting of the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission will be held beginning at 9:00 a.m. Thursday, May 16, 2019, 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, May 15, 2019, beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the same location, and all interested persons are invited to attend.

Items on the agenda for the May 16, 2019, meeting will include discussion of proposed regulations that previously were considered at the April 25, 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:

Trout Fishing Permits and Licenses – Amend existing regulations for Licenses, Permits, Stamps, and Tags to increase various resident and non-resident trout fishing license and permit fees, including: Arkansas Resident Trout Permit from \$5.00 to \$10.00; Non-Resident Trout Permit from \$12.00 to \$20.00; Resident Military Retiree Lifetime Trout Permit from \$5.00 to \$10.00; Resident 65 Plus Lifetime Trout Permit from \$5.00 to \$10.00; and Resident Disabled Military Veteran Lifetime Trout Permit from \$5.00 to \$10.00. The proposed increases in fees are needed to help maintain fish and wildlife programs for sustained fishing use, including funding the AGFC Jim Hinkle Spring River State Fish Hatchery renovation, trout management, and improving trout fishing opportunities in the state.

Disabled Veteran Lifetime Combination License - Amend existing regulations for Licenses, Permits, Stamps, and Tags to create the addition of a Disabled Veteran Lifetime Combination License at a cost of \$52.50 for any disabled veteran who has: (1) a service-connected disability rating of seventy-percent (70%) or higher; or (2) a service-connected disability rating of fifty percent (50%) or higher and is a recipient of the Purple Heart medal. This lifetime combination hunting and fishing license will include a lifetime trout stamp and lifetime state duck stamp.

All persons wishing to be heard on these subjects should submit comments in writing to this office before the start of the May 16, 2019, 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 May 6, 2019. 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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