

## LEGAL NOTICE

The regular monthly meeting of the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission will be held beginning at 9:00 a.m. Thursday, July 18, 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, July 17, 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 July 17 and 18, 2019 meetings will include discussion of proposed regulations that previously were considered at the June 20, 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.

All persons wishing to be heard on the above subjects should submit comments in writing to this office before the start of the July 18, 2019 meeting (preferably by 4:30 p.m. on the day before). Any request to make an oral presentation at the July 18, 2019 meeting should be submitted in writing to this office on or before July 8, 2019.

Additionally, a special meeting of the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission will be held beginning at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, July 25, 2019, at the Little Rock Office Complex, 2 Natural Resources Drive, Little Rock, AR 72205. Items on the agenda for the July 25, 2019 meeting will include 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:

**Furbearer Hunting and Trapping Regulations** – Amend existing regulations for hunting and trapping furbearing animals, including, but not limited to season dates, bag limits, weapon restrictions, and other manner-of-taking-game requirements for furbearers (badger, beaver, bobcat, coyote, gray fox, red fox, mink, muskrat, nutria, opossum, raccoon, river otter, spotted skunk, striped skunk and weasel). Changes to hunting regulations include, but are not limited to:

- Extend general hunting season dates for raccoon, opossum, striped skunk, and coyote, and increase daily limits for striped skunk and opossum;
- Increase daily limits on wildlife management areas for opossum and striped skunk;
- Amend existing codes prohibiting the wasting of edible or marketable portions of wildlife, prohibiting hunting in a closed season, and prohibiting night hunting to provide exception for raccoon, opossum, and nuisance wildlife taken in compliance with a Predator Control Permit; and
- Establish a Predator Control Permit requirement to make unlawful the taking of bobcat, coyote, gray fox, red fox, raccoon, opossum, and striped skunk on private lands outside of an established hunting or trapping season without obtaining a Predator Control Permit and complying with the terms and conditions of such permit. The proposed Predator Control Permit will be free.

All persons wishing to be heard on these subjects should submit comments in writing to this office before the start of the July 25, 2019 meeting (preferably by 4:30 p.m. on the day before). Any request to make an oral presentation at the July 25, 2019 meeting should be submitted in writing to this office on or before July 15, 2019.

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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# A1.05 -- Furbearer Season And Limits

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- A. Gray Fox, Mink, and Red Fox, ~~and Striped Skunk~~ Hunting:** Sunrise on the first day of September to sunset on the last day of February (day hunting only).  
**LIMIT:** Daily limit 2per species, possession unlimited.
- B. Raccoon, Opossum and Striped Skunk Hunting: January 1- December 31 Sunrise on the first day of September to sunset on the last day of February** (day or night hunting; dogs are required to hunt at night).  
**LIMIT:** Daily limit ~~2~~ unlimited, possession unlimited.
- C. Bobcat Hunting:** Sunrise on the first day of September to sunset on the last day of February (dogs allowed to hunt bobcat during the day; dogs required to hunt bobcat at night) and during turkey season (day hunting only; no dogs allowed)  
**LIMIT:** Daily limit 2, possession unlimited.  
**EXCEPTIONS:**
1. Dogs are not allowed in deer zones where a firearms deer season is in progress that prohibits the use of dogs.
  2. During youth turkey hunts, only youth may take bobcats.
- D. Coyote Hunting: January 1- December 31. Sunrise on the first day of July to sunset on the last day of February** (~~d~~ Dogs allowed to hunt coyote during the day; ~~coyote may not be hunted at night~~) and except during turkey season (~~day hunting only~~; no dogs are allowed). Coyote may not be hunted at night.  
**LIMIT:** Daily limit unlimited, possession unlimited.  
**EXCEPTIONS:**
1. Dogs are not allowed in deer zones where a firearms deer season is in progress that prohibits the use of dogs.
  2. During youth turkey hunts, only youth may take coyotes.
- E. River Otter Hunting:** Sunrise on the second Saturday in November through sunset on the last day of February (day hunting only).  
**LIMIT:** Daily limit 2, possession unlimited.
- ~~F. Raccoon Hunting:~~** ~~Sunset on the first day of July through the last day of August (night hunting only; dogs required). The first day of September through sunset on the last day of March (day or night hunting; dogs are required for hunting at night).~~  
**~~LIMIT:~~** ~~Daily limitunlimited, possession unlimited.~~

**G. F. Muskrat, Nutria and Beaver Hunting:** Sunrise on the first day of September through sunset on the last day of March (day hunting only).

**LIMIT:** Daily limit unlimited, possession unlimited.

**H. G. Badger, Spotted Skunk (Civet Cat) and Weasel Hunting:** Closed.

**I. H. Furbearer Trapping (Other than Beaver, Coyote, Muskrat and Nutria):** Sunrise, Sunrise on the second Saturday in November through sunset on the last day of February.

**LIMIT:** Daily limit unlimited, possession unlimited.

**J. I. Beaver, Muskrat and Nutria Trapping:** Sunrise on the second Saturday in November through sunset on the last day of March.

**LIMIT:** Daily limit unlimited, possession unlimited.

**K. J. Coyote Trapping:** Sunrise on the first day of August through sunset on the last day of March.

**LIMIT:** Daily limit unlimited, possession unlimited

#### **EXCEPTIONS:**

A. In compliance with Codes 05.01,05.10,5.2809.14.

B. In compliance with Addendum C1.09.

# C1.09 -- Furbearer Season and Limits on WMAs

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- A. **Gray Fox, Mink, and Red Fox ~~and Striped Skunk~~ Hunting:** Sunrise on the first day of September to sunset on the last day of February (day hunting only).
- **LIMIT:** Daily limit 2 per species, possession unlimited.
- B. **Opossum Hunting and Striped Skunk:** Sunrise on the first day of September to sunset on the last day of February (day or night hunting; dogs are required for hunting at night).
- **LIMIT:** Daily limit ~~2~~ unlimited, possession unlimited.
- C. **Bobcat Hunting:** Sunrise on the first day of September to sunset on the last day of February (dogs required to hunt bobcat at night) and during turkey season (day hunting only; no dogs allowed).
- **EXCEPTIONS:**
    1. Closed during turkey and squirrel seasons on WMAs where a turkey or squirrel season is closed.
    2. During youth turkey hunts, only youths may take bobcat.
    3. Hope Upland and Rick Evans Grandview Prairie WMAs are closed to bobcat hunting except on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays during daylight hours only.
  - **LIMIT:** Daily limit 2, possession unlimited.
- D. **Coyote Hunting:** Sunrise on the first day of July through sunset on the last day of February (dogs not allowed to hunt coyote) and during turkey season (day hunting only; no dogs allowed).
- **EXCEPTIONS:**
    1. Closed during turkey and squirrel seasons on WMAs where a turkey or squirrel season is closed.
    2. During youth turkey hunts, only youths may take coyote.
    3. Hope Upland and Rick Evans Grandview Prairie WMA are closed to coyote hunting excepton Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays during daylight hours only.
  - **LIMIT:** Daily limit unlimited, possession unlimited.

- E. **River Otter Hunting:** Sunrise on the second Saturday in November through sunset on the last day of February (day hunting only).
- **LIMIT:** Daily limit 2, possession unlimited.
- F. **Raccoon Hunting:** Sunset first day of July through the last day of August (night hunting only; dogs are required); First day of September through the last day of February (day or night hunting; dogs are required for hunting at night); first day of March through the last day of March (night hunting only; dogs are required).
- **LIMIT:** Daily limit unlimited, possession unlimited.
- G. **Muskrat, Nutria, and Beaver Hunting:** Sunrise on the first day of September through sunset on the last day of February.
- **LIMIT:** Daily limit unlimited, possession unlimited.
- H. **Badger, Spotted Skunk (Civet Cat), and Weasel Hunting:** Closed.
- I. **Furbearer Trapping (Other than Beaver, Coyote, Muskrat, and Nutria):** Sunrise on the second Saturday in November through sunset on the last day of February.
- **LIMIT:** Daily limit unlimited, possession unlimited.
- J. **Beaver, Muskrat, and Nutria Trapping:** Sunrise on the second Saturday in November through the last day of March.
- **LIMIT:** Daily limit unlimited, possession unlimited.
- K. **Coyote Trapping:** Sunrise on the first day of August through sunset on the last day of March.
- **LIMIT:** Daily limit unlimited, possession unlimited.

#### **EXCEPTIONS:**

- A. Only enclosed, pull-activated dog-proof traps may be utilized on Camp Robinson SUA.
- B. Cedar Creek and Electric Island WMAs are closed to all furbearer hunting and trapping.
- C. J. Perry Mikles Blue Mountain SUA is closed to all trapping. Chase for pleasure or training purposes is permitted year-round. Closed during field trials.
- D. Furbearer hunting and trapping allowed under the conditions, seasons, and limits provided by the required annual refuge hunting permit or refuge trapping permit on all NWRs.
- E. Buffalo National River, Camp Robinson WMA, and Ditch 28 on Big Lake WMA are closed to all trapping.
- F. Bobcat, coyote, and fox hunting with dogs allowed on Casey Jones WMA in accordance with Code 22.01.

# 05.21 -- Wasting Edible Or Marketable Portions Of Wildlife Prohibited

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It is unlawful to allow the edible portions (Code 01.00-C) of any big game, small game (except furbearers), game fish, game bird, or frog normally consumed as food to go to waste. It also is unlawful to discard any portion of furbearers or other wildlife that has a legal marketable or commercial value.

## **EXCEPTIONS:**

- A. Bobcats, coyotes, crows, [opossum, raccoons](#) and skunks.
- B. Legally taken squirrel pelts, rabbit pelts, turkey bones, deer antlers, elk antlers, deer hides, elk hides and feathers not protected by federal regulation [50 CFR 20.1i](#)>
- C. Nuisance wildlife (Code 05.10, [5.28](#) and Addendum [G1.01](#)).
- D. All rough fish (Code 01.00-C).

**PENALTY:** Class 2

# 05.01 -- Hunting Wildlife In Closed Season Prohibited

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It is unlawful to hunt any species of wildlife other than during a season opened by the Commission and by using legal methods for that season (Addenda **A1.00**, **B1.00**, **C1.00**). It also is unlawful to possess any species of wildlife, or portions thereof, illegally taken during a closed season.

**EXCEPTION:** In compliance with Codes 05.10, 5.28, 09.15 and Addendum **F1.07**.

## **PENALTIES:**

Small Game: Class 2

Big Game: Class 4



## 05.02 -- Night Hunting Prohibited

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It is unlawful to hunt any wildlife at night.

### **EXCEPTIONS:**

- A. The taking of bobcat, raccoon and opossum when treed by dogs at night during an open season for that species (Addenda [A1.05](#), [C1.09](#)).
- B. The taking of aquatic wildlife other than mussels by legal methods during an open season.
- C. The taking of bullfrogs by legal methods during an open season.
- D. The taking of alligators by legal methods during an open season in compliance with Addendum [A1.10](#) and Code [12.03](#).
- E. The checking of legally set traps or snares, but must not possess a firearm larger than a .22 caliber rimfire.
- F. In compliance with Codes [05.10](#) [and 5.28](#).

**PENALTY:** Class 4

## 05.28 – PREDATOR CONTROL PERMIT

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### 5.28 Predator Control Permit Requirement

It is unlawful to take bobcat, coyote, gray fox, red fox, opossum, raccon, or striped skunk for the purpose of wildlife management on private lands outside of an established hunting or trapping season without obtaining a Predator Control Permit and complying with the terms and provisions of the permit.

- A. Applicant must be the owner or leaseholder of the land upon which the permit will be used. Property must be outside the limits of any incorporated town. Persons having hunting/trapping privileges revoked are not eligible for a Predator Control Permit.
- B. Permits are valid from July 1 through June 30.
- C. Permits holders may use firearms day or night to shoot bobcat, coyote, gray fox, opossum, raccoon, or striped skunk.
- D. Permit holders may use traps in accordance with Codes 17.01, 17.02, and 17.03 to take bobcat, coyote, gray fox, red fox, opossum, raccoon, or striped skunk.