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Ms. Jacqueline Cowan
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500 Woodlane Drive, Room 26
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RE: Arkansas Game and Fish Commission Regulation Adopted on August 22, 2019

Dear Ms. Cowan:

Enclosed please find for filing a hard copy of the Emergency Suspension of Game Fish Limits for Lake Monticello Draining adopted by the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission on August 22, 2019. The Commission respectfully requests that the Emergency Suspension become effective immediately upon filing.

Kindly notify April Soman at april.soman@agfc.ar.gov to confirm receipt of the hard copies. 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,

James F. Goodhart
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ARKANSAS GAME AND FISH COMMISSION
 Little Rock, Arkansas

MINUTE ORDER NO: <u>19-056</u>	SUBJECT: <u>Emergency Suspension of Game Fish</u>
DATE PASSED: <u>August 22, 2019</u>	<u>Limits for Lake Monticello Draining</u>
PAGE <u>1</u> of <u>2</u> PAGES	LOCATION: <u>Lake Monticello, Drew County</u>

WHEREAS, Lake Monticello, is an approximately 1,472-acre lake located in the city of Monticello in Drew County, Arkansas that is owned by the City of Monticello, and its fishery is managed by the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission under authority of Amendment 35 of the Arkansas Constitution; **and**

WHEREAS, officials for the City of Monticello have notified AGFC that it has become necessary to promptly drain Lake Monticello so that the City can make emergency repairs to the levee dam structure and also perform additional lake renovations; **and**

WHEREAS, during the upcoming drainage of the lake, a large number of desirable game fish will either be flushed out through the spillway drain pipe or become stranded in small pools of water; **and**

WHEREAS, this valuable fisheries resources could be harvested and utilized by local residents, thereby preventing the waste of edible portions and lessening the presence of decaying fish carcasses in the lake bed; **and**

WHEREAS, given the unusual present circumstances and in order to protect public welfare and prevent unnecessary waste of a valuable game fish resource, enforcement of the game fish limits for Lake Monticello currently applicable under AGFC Code Chapter 25.00 and Addendum Chapter N1.00 should be temporarily suspended so that the public may harvest all fish prior to their loss due to water drainage and hot temperatures; **and**

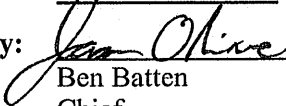

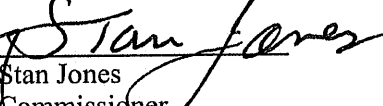
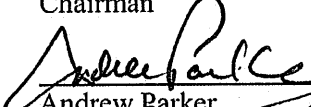
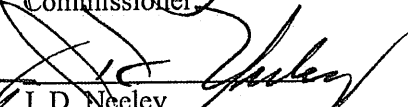
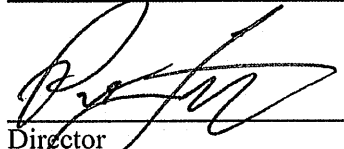
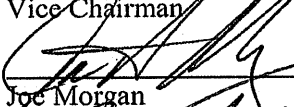

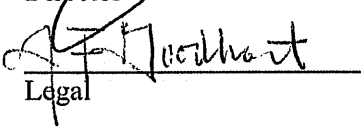
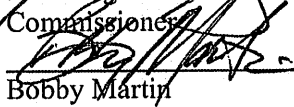
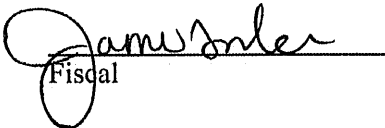
WHEREAS, on July 29, 2019, Director Pat Fitts proclaimed that an emergency existed and, by authority delegated to him as director of the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, ordered that the provisions of AGFC Code Chapter 25.00 and Addendum Chapter N1.00 affecting game fish daily limits at Lake Monticello were suspended from enforcement for 60 days or until further notice; **and**

WHEREAS, the Commission now wishes to ratify the emergency action taken by Director Fitts and suspend enforcement AGFC Code Chapter 25.00 and Addendum Chapter N1.00 with respect to fishing at Lake Monticello for a total period of 120 days.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission hereby declares that an emergency exists, and confirms and ratifies the aforementioned action taken and emergency proclamation (copy of which is attached) signed on behalf of Director Pat Fitts on July 29, 2019, and amends

AGFC Code Chapter 25.00 and Addendum Chapter N1.00, effective immediately, to temporarily suspend enforcement of the provisions affecting game fish daily limits on Lake Monticello.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this emergency order shall remain in effect for a period of one-hundred twenty (120) days (from July 29, 2019 until November 26, 2019) and then shall terminate.

	<u>STAFF APPROVAL</u>	<u>COMMISSION APPROVAL</u>	
Submitted by:	 Ben Batten Chief	 Ken Reeves Chairman	 Stan Jones Commissioner
Division:	<u>Fisheries</u>	 Andrew Parker Vice Chairman	 J. D. Neeley Commissioner
Approved:	 Director	 Joe Morgan Commissioner	 Anne Marie Doramus Commissioner
Approved:	 Legal	 Bobby Martin Commissioner	
Approved:	 Fiscal		

FINANCIAL / ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

PLEASE ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS COMPLETELY

(Attach additional pages if needed)

DEPARTMENT: Arkansas Game & Fish Commission

DIVISION: Fisheries

PERSON COMPLETING THIS STATEMENT: Jason Olive

TELEPHONE #: (870) 310-9050 **FAX #:** (501) 223-6461 **EMAIL:** Jason.olive@agfc.ar.gov

SHORT TITLE OF THIS RULE: Lake Monticello Emergency Proclamation Ratification

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

Current Fiscal Year

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

Next Fiscal Year

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

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

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

Party Subject to Rule: **Anglers in Arkansas**

Effect on Party Subject to Rule: **Positive**

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

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

Financial Benefit to Agency: This is associated with Code Chapter 25.00 and Addendum N1.01.

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

Why were such alternatives not proposed:

7. Compare this rule with federal and state counterparts:

Chapter 25.00- Game Fish Daily Limit, Possession Limit, Length Limit, Slot Limit Regulations

25.01 Game Fish Daily Limit Restrictions

25.02 Game Fish Possession Limit Restrictions

25.03 Game Fish Length Limits And Protective Slot Limits On Certain Lakes And Rivers

25.01 Game Fish Daily Limit Restrictions

It is unlawful to keep more than the daily limit of game fish while fishing or transporting fish by boat during a 1-day fishing trip (Code 01.00-C and Addendum Chapter N1.00).

PENALTY: Class1

25.02 Game Fish Possession Limit Restrictions

It is unlawful possess more than 2daily limits of game fish.

PENALTY: Class 1

25.03 Game Fish Length Limits And Protective Slot Limits On Certain Lakes And Rivers

It is unlawful to possess game fish not in compliance with Addendum Chapter N1.00.

PENALTY: Class1

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N1.00 Game Fish Restrictions and Limits

N1.01 Game Fish Daily Limits

N1.02 Length and Protected Length Limits on Certain Lakes and Rivers

N1.03 Specific Trout Water Regulations

N1.01 Game Fish Daily Limits

Species	Statewide Daily Limit
Alligator Gar	1 Under 36 Inches 1 Over 36 Inches Annually with Tag
Black Basses	10 (including no more than 4 Smallmouth)
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

Species	Statewide Daily Limit
Trout	5 (including no more than 2 Brown, 2 Cutthroat, 2 Brook)
Walleye	6
White Bass	25

EXCEPTIONS:

1. The following bodies of water are restricted as follows:
 1. **Horseshoe Bend Pool** (Strawberry River in Izard County) – 1/2 the daily limit for all sportfish.
 2. **Lake Chicot**– 1/2 the Lake Chicot daily limit for all sportfish (except no limit on channel catfish) during lake drawdown (July 9 – December 31, 2019).
 3. **Lake June** – all black bass, crappie, and bream must be released immediately.
 4. **Lake Poinsett**– no daily limit for harvest of game fish.
 5. **Mercer Bayou** (Sulphur River WMA)– no daily limit for harvest of game fish.
 6. **Lake Monticello** - EXEMPT FROM ALL GAME FISH DAILY LIMITS
Pursuant to Emergency Proclamation on July 29, 2019, and Emergency Minute Order adopted on August 22, 2019, there is no game fish daily limits for Lake Monticello during the draining of the lake. This emergency action shall remain in effect for a period of one-hundred twenty (120) days (from July 29, 2019 until November 26, 2019) and then shall terminate.
2. **BLACK BASS (LARGEMOUTH, SPOTTED, SMALLMOUTH):**
 1. **Smallmouth bass:**
 1. **Ozark Zone** (Baxter, Benton, Boone, Carroll, Clay, Cleburne, Fulton, Independence, Izard, 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 4, except Bull Shoals, Beaver, Greers Ferry, Table Rock, and Norfork lakes (see Ex. 1(B) below). Greers Ferry Lake – smallmouth bass minimum length limit of 12 inches, daily limit 6.
 2. **Ozark Zone Blue Ribbon Streams** – Crooked Creek from Arkansas Highway 101 bridge downstream to the confluence with the White River; between the U.S. Highways 62-412 and U.S. Highway 62 Spur bridges at Pyatt – smallmouth bass minimum length limit 18 inches, daily limit of 1; 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 1; all other water of Crooked Creek and Buffalo River – smallmouth bass minimum length limit of 14 inches, daily limit of 2.
 3. **Ozark Zone Catch-and-Release Area** – Crooked Creek, along boundary of Arkansas Game and Fish Foundation property near Kelley’s Slab Access.
 4. **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 1; 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 2.

5. **Ouachita/Boston Zone** (all Arkansas counties not included in the Ozark Zone) – smallmouth bass minimum length limit of 10 inches, daily limit of 4.
6. **Ouachita/Boston Zone Quality Streams** – (Mulberry, Caddo above DeGray Lake, DeGray Lake, Cossatot River, Ouachita River upstream from Lake Ouachita, Ouachita River downstream from Remmel Dam, Saline River, including its 4 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 2.
7. **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.

2. **Largemouth bass:**

1. Lake Terre Noire and Lake Sylvia – daily limit 5.
2. Lake Millwood – daily limit 6.
3. Mallard Lake – daily limit 1.
4. Marion McCollum Lake, Lake Sylvia – Largemouth bass caught must be immediately returned to the water.

3. **Black Bass (all species combined):**

1. Beaver, Bull Shoals, DeGray, De Queen, Norfork, Table Rock lakes, Lake Jack Nolen, Ouachita, Ashbaugh – daily limit 6.
2. Lake Lou Emma – daily limit 5
3. Lake Atkins – daily limit 4
4. War Eagle Creek – daily limit 2

3. **BREAM:** No limit on bream 4 inches or shorter.

4. **CATFISH:**

1. 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.
2. No limit on blue and channel catfish from Little River (below Millwood Dam) Red and Sulphur rivers.
3. 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).
4. Catfish daily limit – 5 in 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.

5. In addition to daily limit, 10 channel catfish under 16 inches may be taken on the Arkansas River.
6. In addition to daily limit, 10 channel catfish and 10 blue catfish any size may be taken in Lake Erling.

5. CRAPPIE:

1. Crappie daily limit - 15 in Beaver, Table Rock, Bull Shoals, Norfork reservoirs, Cane Creek Lake (Lincoln County), Gurdon Lake (Clark County) and Dr. Lester Sitzes III Bois d'Arc Lake.
2. 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).
3. Crappie daily limit - 20 in Lake Chicot and ~~Lake Monticello~~.
4. No crappie daily limit on Lake Charles.

6. WALLEYE:

1. 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 4.
2. Greers Ferry Lake and its tributaries - protected slot limit of 20-28 inches, daily limit of 6 (only 1 of which may be longer than 28 inches).
3. In compliance with Addendum N1.02 and Code Chapter 28.00.

7. WHITE BASS, STRIPED BASS, HYBRID STRIPED BASS:

1. White bass:

1. 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.
2. Beaver Lake and its tributaries; lakes Ashbaugh, Sequoyah and Monticello - no limit.

2. Striped bass and hybrid striped bass (combined):

1. Beaver, Bull Shoals and Norfork lakes; Lake Ouachita - daily limit 3.
2. Arkansas River and connecting lakes - daily limit 10.
3. Lake Monticello - no limit.

8. ALLIGATOR GAR:

1. Alligator gar longer than 36 inches may not be harvested from noon May 1 - noon July 1 statewide.
2. Alligator Gar Permit is required to harvest alligator gar up to 36 inches.

3. Alligator Gar Permit and Tag are required to harvest alligator gar over 36 inches (Code 26.28).

9. TROUT (BROOK, BROWN, CUTTHROAT, RAINBOW):

1. Brown trout:

1. White River from Bull Shoals Dam to Arkansas Highway 58 Bridge (Bull Shoals Tailwater) and North Fork White River (Norfork Tailwater) - minimum length 24 inches, daily limit 1; only 1 of trout daily limit may be longer than 14 inches.
2. Spavinaw Creek (Benton County) west of Arkansas Highway 59 and Spring River - minimum length 16 inches, daily limit 2.
3. Little Red River from Greers Ferry Dam to Arkansas Highway 305 Bridge (Greers Ferry Tailwater) - daily limit of 5 (only 1 of trout daily limit may be longer than 16 inches).
4. White River from Beaver Dam to boundary signs at Houseman Access (Beaver Tailwater) - protected slot limit of 13-16 inches, daily limit of 5 (only 1 of trout daily limit may be longer than 16 inches).
5. Little Missouri River from Narrows Dam to Arkansas Highway 27 Bridge (Narrows Tailwater) - all brown trout must be released immediately.

2. Cutthroat trout:

1. White River from Bull Shoals Dam to Arkansas Highway 58 Bridge (Bull Shoals Tailwater) - minimum length 24 inches, daily limit of 1; only 1 of trout daily limit may be longer than 14 inches.
2. North Fork White River (Norfork Tailwater), Spavinaw Creek (Benton County) west of Arkansas Highway 59, Spring River - minimum length 16 inches, daily limit of 2.
3. Little Red River from Greers Ferry Dam to Arkansas Highway 305 Bridge (Greers Ferry Tailwater) - only 1 of trout daily limit may be longer than 16 inches.
4. White River from Beaver Dam to boundary signs at Houseman Access (Beaver Tailwater) - protected slot limit of 13-16 inches (only 1 of trout daily limit may be longer than 16 inches).

3. Brook trout:

1. White River from Bull Shoals Dam to Arkansas Highway 58 Bridge (Bull Shoals Tailwater), North Fork White River (Norfork Tailwater) - minimum length 14 inches, daily limit of 1; only 1 of trout daily limit may be longer than 14 inches.
2. Spavinaw Creek (Benton County) west of Arkansas Highway 59, Spring River - minimum length 14 inches, daily limit 2.
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4. Rainbow trout:

1. Lake Atalanta (Benton County) - daily limit of 5.
2. White River from Bull Shoals Dam to Arkansas Highway 58 Bridge (Bull Shoals Tailwater), North Fork White River (Norfork Tailwater) - daily limit of 5 (only 1 of trout daily limit may be longer than 14 inches).

3. Little Red River from Greers Ferry Dam to Arkansas Highway 305 Bridge (Greers Ferry Tailwater) – daily limit of 5 (only 1 of trout daily limit may be longer than 16 inches).
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All fish measurements must follow procedures listed in the definition of "Length Limits" in Code 01.00-C.

N1.02 Length and Protected Length Limits on Certain Lakes and Rivers

1. **BLACK BASS:** It is unlawful to possess black bass as follows:
 1. Largemouth bass less than 12 inches on Lake Frierson.
 2. Spotted bass (Kentucky bass) less than 12 inches on, Bull Shoals, Norfolk, and Table Rock lakes.
 3. All black bass less than 12 inches in Horseshoe Bend Pool on the Strawberry River.
 4. Largemouth less than 13 inches on Lake Ouachita.
 5. Largemouth bass 13-16 inches on lakes Austell (Cross County), Barnett (White County), Brewer, Wilhelmina (Polk County), Bear Creek Lake, Bob Kidd, Lee Creek, and Sugar Loaf Lake.
 6. Largemouth bass less than 13 inches on DeGray Lake and within the boundaries of Felsenthal NWR.
 1. **EXCEPTION:** No restriction in Woodland Trail Pond – located at the Felsenthal NWR Headquarters on U.S. Highway 82 (Ashley County); Locust Ridge Pond – located at Locust Ridge on U.S. Highway 82 (Union County); Eagle Lake Pond – located north of Eagle Lake on Bradley County 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 4 ponds in their possession.
 7. Largemouth bass less than 14 inches on the Arkansas River and its tributaries.
 8. Smallmouth bass less than 15 inches on Beaver, Bull Shoals, Norfolk and Table Rock lakes.
 9. Largemouth bass less than 15 inches on Beaver Lake, Big Lake NWR, Blue Mountain, Bull Shoals, Georgia Pacific, Greers Ferry, Kingfisher, Norfolk and 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.
 10. Black bass greater than 16 inches in Lake Winona.
 11. Largemouth bass 16-21 inches on Lake Atkins. Daily limit 4 (only 1 of which may be longer than 21 inches).
 12. RESERVED.

13. Largemouth bass daily limit 10 (only 1 of which may be longer than 20 inches) on Lake Columbia, Lake Austell (Cross County), and Lake Dunn (Cross County).
14. Largemouth bass daily limit 10 (only 1 of which may be longer than 18 inches) on Lake SWEPCO.
15. Smallmouth bass less than 18 inches on the lower Little Missouri River from Narrows Dam to its mouth. Daily limit 1.
16. Largemouth bass 14-17 inches on Mallard Lake. Daily limit 10, only 1 of which may be larger than 17 inches.
17. ~~Largemouth bass 19-22 inches on Lake Monticello. Daily limit 8, only 1 of which may be longer than 22 inches.~~
18. Largemouth bass 18-21 inches on Lower White Oak Lake. Daily limit 10 (only 1 of which may be longer than 21 inches).
2. **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 Interstate 40 Bridge, Caney Creek/Little Creek downstream from the Arkansas Highway 286 Bridge, and Palarm Creek downstream from the Arkansas Highway 286 Bridge), Lake ~~Monticello~~, Lake Overcup, Harris Brake Lake and Lake Atkins.
 2. Less than 9 inches on Blue Mountain Lake.
 1. ~~**EXCEPTION:** 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.~~
3. **CATFISH (channel, blue and flathead):** It is unlawful to possess flathead catfish less than 20 inches on the Ouachita River from Sandy Beach Access (Ouachita County) to Rammel Dam.
4. **STRIPED BASS:** It is unlawful to possess striped bass less than 20 inches on Lake Norfolk and Beaver Lake
5. **SHOVELNOSE STURGEON:** It is unlawful to possess shovelnose sturgeon less than 21 inches. Shovelnose sturgeon may not be taken from the Mississippi River.
 1. **EXCEPTION:** Sportfish may be snagged (except in catch-and-release areas) in compliance with Codes 26.05 and 26.17, and within the restrictive size limits in this Addendum chapter.

N1.01 -- Game Fish Daily Limits

apps.agfc.com/regulations/N1.01

Approved On: Aug. 22, 2019

Effective On: Aug. 22, 2019

Alligator Gar	1 Under 36 Inches
	1 Over 36 Inches Annually with Tag
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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	5 (including no more than 2 Brown, 2 Cutthroat, 2 Brook)
Walleye	6
White Bass	25

EXCEPTIONS:

1. The following bodies of water are restricted as follows:
 1. **Horseshoe Bend Pool** (Strawberry River in Izaard County) – 1/2 the daily limit for all sportfish.
 2. **Lake Chicot** – 1/2 the Lake Chicot daily limit for all sportfish (except no limit on channel catfish) during lake drawdown (July 9 – December 31, 2019).
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2. **BLACK BASS (LARGEMOUTH, SPOTTED, SMALLMOUTH):**
 1. **Smallmouth bass:**
 1. **Ozark Zone** (Baxter, Benton, Boone, Carroll, Clay, Cleburne, Fulton, Independence,

Izard, 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 4, except Bull Shoals, Beaver, Greers Ferry, Table Rock, and Norfork lakes (see Ex. 1(B) below). Greers Ferry Lake – smallmouth bass minimum length limit of 12 inches, daily limit 6.

2. **Ozark Zone Blue Ribbon Streams** – Crooked Creek from Arkansas Highway 101 bridge downstream to the confluence with the White River; between the U.S. Highways 62-412 and U.S. Highway 62 Spur bridges at Pyatt – smallmouth bass minimum length limit 18 inches, daily limit of 1; 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 1; all other water of Crooked Creek and Buffalo River – smallmouth bass minimum length limit of 14 inches, daily limit of 2.
 3. **Ozark Zone Catch-and-Release Area** – Crooked Creek, along boundary of Arkansas Game and Fish Foundation property near Kelley’s Slab Access.
 4. **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 1; 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 2.
 5. **Ouachita/Boston Zone** (all Arkansas counties not included in the Ozark Zone) – smallmouth bass minimum length limit of 10 inches, daily limit of 4.
 6. **Ouachita/Boston Zone Quality Streams** – (Mulberry, Caddo above DeGray Lake, DeGray Lake, Cossatot River, Ouachita River upstream from Lake Ouachita, Ouachita River downstream from Rammel Dam, Saline River, including its 4 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 2.
 7. **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.
2. **Largemouth bass:**
1. Lake Terre Noire and Lake Sylvia – daily limit 5.
 2. Lake Millwood – daily limit 6.
 3. Mallard Lake – daily limit 1.
 4. Marion McCollum Lake, Lake Sylvia – Largemouth bass caught must be immediately returned to the water.
3. **Black Bass (all species combined):**
1. Beaver, Bull Shoals, DeGray, De Queen, Norfork, Table Rock lakes, Lake Jack Nolen, Ouachita, Ashbaugh – daily limit 6.
 2. Lake Lou Emma – daily limit 5
 3. Lake Atkins – daily limit 4
 4. War Eagle Creek – daily limit 2
3. **BREAM:** No limit on bream 4 inches or shorter.
4. **CATFISH:**
1. 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.

2. No limit on blue and channel catfish from Little River (below Millwood Dam) Red and Sulphur rivers.
3. 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).
4. Catfish daily limit – 5 in 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.
5. In addition to daily limit, 10 channel catfish under 16 inches may be taken on the Arkansas River.
6. In addition to daily limit, 10 channel catfish and 10 blue catfish any size may be taken in Lake Erling.

5. CRAPPIE:

1. Crappie daily limit – 15 in Beaver, Table Rock, Bull Shoals, Norfolk reservoirs, Cane Creek Lake (Lincoln County), Gurdon Lake (Clark County) and Dr. Lester Sitzes III Bois d'Arc Lake.
2. 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).
3. Crappie daily limit – 20 in Lake Chicot.
4. No crappie daily limit on Lake Charles.

6. WALLEYE:

1. Beaver Lake and its tributaries; Table Rock Lake and its tributaries to Beaver Dam; Bull Shoals Lake, and Norfolk Lake – minimum length limit of 18 inches, daily limit 4.
2. Greers Ferry Lake and its tributaries – protected slot limit of 20-28 inches, daily limit of 6 (only 1 of which may be longer than 28 inches).
3. In compliance with Addendum N1.02 and Code Chapter 28.00.

7. WHITE BASS, STRIPED BASS, HYBRID STRIPED BASS:

1. White bass:

1. 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.
2. Beaver Lake and its tributaries; lakes Ashbaugh, Sequoyah and Monticello – no limit.

2. Striped bass and hybrid striped bass (combined):

1. Beaver, Bull Shoals and Norfolk lakes; Lake Ouachita – daily limit 3.
2. Arkansas River and connecting lakes – daily limit 10.

3. Lake Monticello – no limit.

8. ALLIGATOR GAR:

1. Alligator gar longer than 36 inches may not be harvested from noon May 1 – noon July 1 statewide.
2. Alligator Gar Permit is required to harvest alligator gar up to 36 inches.
3. Alligator Gar Permit and Tag are required to harvest alligator gar over 36 inches (Code 26.28).

9. TROUT (BROOK, BROWN, CUTTHROAT, RAINBOW):

1. Brown trout:

1. White River from Bull Shoals Dam to Arkansas Highway 58 Bridge (Bull Shoals Tailwater) and North Fork White River (Norfork Tailwater) – minimum length 24 inches, daily limit 1; only 1 of trout daily limit may be longer than 14 inches.
2. Spavinaw Creek (Benton County) west of Arkansas Highway 59 and Spring River – minimum length 16 inches, daily limit 2.
3. Little Red River from Greers Ferry Dam to Arkansas Highway 305 Bridge (Greers Ferry Tailwater) – daily limit of 5 (only 1 of trout daily limit may be longer than 16 inches).
4. White River from Beaver Dam to boundary signs at Houseman Access (Beaver Tailwater) – protected slot limit of 13-16 inches, daily limit of 5 (only 1 of trout daily limit may be longer than 16 inches).
5. Little Missouri River from Narrows Dam to Arkansas Highway 27 Bridge (Narrows Tailwater) – all brown trout must be released immediately.

2. Cutthroat trout:

1. White River from Bull Shoals Dam to Arkansas Highway 58 Bridge (Bull Shoals Tailwater) – minimum length 24 inches, daily limit of 1; only 1 of trout daily limit may be longer than 14 inches.
2. North Fork White River (Norfork Tailwater), Spavinaw Creek (Benton County) west of Arkansas Highway 59, Spring River – minimum length 16 inches, daily limit of 2.
3. Little Red River from Greers Ferry Dam to Arkansas Highway 305 Bridge (Greers Ferry Tailwater) – only 1 of trout daily limit may be longer than 16 inches.
4. White River from Beaver Dam to boundary signs at Houseman Access (Beaver Tailwater) – protected slot limit of 13-16 inches (only 1 of trout daily limit may be longer than 16 inches).

3. Brook trout:

1. White River from Bull Shoals Dam to Arkansas Highway 58 Bridge (Bull Shoals Tailwater), North Fork White River (Norfork Tailwater) – minimum length 14 inches, daily limit of 1; only 1 of trout daily limit may be longer than 14 inches.
2. Spavinaw Creek (Benton County) west of Arkansas Highway 59, Spring River – minimum length 14 inches, daily limit 2.
3. Little Red River from Greers Ferry Dam to Arkansas Highway 305 Bridge (Greers Ferry Tailwater) – only 1 of trout daily limit may be longer than 16 inches.
4. White River from Beaver Dam to boundary signs at Houseman Access (Beaver Tailwater) – protected slot limit of 13-16 inches (only 1 of trout daily limit may be longer than 16 inches).

4. Rainbow trout:

1. Lake Atalanta (Benton County) – daily limit of 5.
2. White River from Bull Shoals Dam to Arkansas Highway 58 Bridge (Bull Shoals Tailwater), North Fork White River (Norfork Tailwater) – daily limit of 5 (only 1 of trout daily limit may be longer than 14 inches).
3. Little Red River from Greers Ferry Dam to Arkansas Highway 305 Bridge (Greers Ferry Tailwater) – daily limit of 5 (only 1 of trout daily limit may be longer than 16

inches).

4. White River from Beaver Dam to boundary signs at Houseman Access (Beaver Tailwater) – protected slot limit of 13-16 inches, daily limit of 5 (only 1 of trout daily limit may be longer than 16 inches).

All fish measurements must follow procedures listed in the definition of "Length Limits" in Code 01.00-C.

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1. **BLACK BASS:** It is unlawful to possess black bass as follows:

1. Largemouth bass less than 12 inches on Lake Frierson.
2. Spotted bass (Kentucky bass) less than 12 inches on, Bull Shoals, Norfolk, and Table Rock lakes.
3. All black bass less than 12 inches in Horseshoe Bend Pool on the Strawberry River.
4. Largemouth less than 13 inches on Lake Ouachita.
5. Largemouth bass 13-16 inches on lakes Austell (Cross County), Barnett (White County), Brewer, Wilhelmina (Polk County), Bear Creek Lake, Bob Kidd, Lee Creek, and Sugar Loaf Lake.
6. Largemouth bass less than 13 inches on DeGray Lake and within the boundaries of Felsenthal NWR.
 1. **EXCEPTION:** No restriction in Woodland Trail Pond – located at the Felsenthal NWR Headquarters on U.S. Highway 82 (Ashley County); Locust Ridge Pond – located at Locust Ridge on U.S. Highway 82 (Union County); Eagle Lake Pond – located north of Eagle Lake on Bradley County 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 4 ponds in their possession.
7. Largemouth bass less than 14 inches on the Arkansas River and its tributaries.
8. Smallmouth bass less than 15 inches on Beaver, Bull Shoals, Norfolk and Table Rock lakes.
9. Largemouth bass less than 15 inches on Beaver Lake, Big Lake NWR, Blue Mountain, Bull Shoals, Georgia Pacific, Greers Ferry, Kingfisher, Norfolk and 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.
10. Black bass greater than 16 inches in Lake Winona.
11. Largemouth bass 16-21 inches on Lake Atkins. Daily limit 4 (only 1 of which may be longer than 21 inches).
12. RESERVED.
13. Largemouth bass daily limit 10 (only 1 of which may be longer than 20 inches) on Lake Columbia, Lake Austell (Cross County), and Lake Dunn (Cross County).
14. Largemouth bass daily limit 10 (only 1 of which may be longer than 18 inches) on Lake SWEPCO.
15. Smallmouth bass less than 18 inches on the lower Little Missouri River from Narrows Dam to its mouth. Daily limit 1.
16. Largemouth bass 14-17 inches on Mallard Lake. Daily limit 10, only 1 of which may be larger than 17 inches.

17. RESERVED.
18. Largemouth bass 18-21 inches on Lower White Oak Lake. Daily limit 10 (only 1 of which may be longer than 21 inches).
2. **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 Interstate 40 Bridge, Caney Creek/Little Creek downstream from the Arkansas Highway 286 Bridge, and Palarm Creek downstream from the Arkansas Highway 286 Bridge), Lake Overcup, Harris Brake Lake and Lake Atkins.
 2. Less than 9 inches on Blue Mountain Lake.
3. **CATFISH (channel, blue and flathead):** It is unlawful to possess flathead catfish less than 20 inches on the Ouachita River from Sandy Beach Access (Ouachita County) to Rammel Dam.
4. **STRIPED BASS:** It is unlawful to possess striped bass less than 20 inches on Lake Norfolk and Beaver Lake
5. **SHOVELNOSE STURGEON:** It is unlawful to possess shovelnose sturgeon less than 21 inches. Shovelnose sturgeon may not be taken from the Mississippi River.
 1. **EXCEPTION:** Sportfish may be snagged (except in catch-and-release areas) in compliance with Codes 26.05 and 26.17, and within the restrictive size limits in this Addendum chapter.