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Name of Rule F1.04 Wildlife Importation Permit Requirements

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Location and Time of Public Meeting Riceland Auditorium at the Grand Prairie Center, 2709 Hwy. 165 South,
Stuttgart, AR 72160 at 9:00 a.m.



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RE: Legal Notice for Proposed Rules or Regulations – November 2019 meeting

Dear Ms. Cowan:

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

Legal Notice for upcoming Commission Meetings to be held on November 20-21, 2019, which will run in the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette on October 20, 21, 22, 2019.

Attached is the referenced Captive Wildlife regulation proposal that will be reviewed by the Commission at the upcoming meeting.

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
General Counsel

Cc: Ms. Barbara Brown, Bureau of Legislative Research
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LEGAL NOTICE

The regular monthly meeting of the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission will be held beginning at 9:00 a.m. Thursday, November 21, 2019, at the Riceland Auditorium at the Grand Prairie Center, 2709 Hwy. 165 South, Stuttgart, AR 72160. 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, November 20, 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 November 21, 2019, meeting will include discussion of proposed regulations that previously were considered at the October 16 and 17, 2019, 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:

Captive Wildlife Regulations – Amend existing and adopt new captive wildlife regulations including, but not limited to:

- Add approximately 30 mammal species (including zebras (3 species), water buffalo, addax, brindled gnu, gaur, gerenuk, Himalayan tahr goat, impala, tamarin monkeys (18 species), black-tufted marmoset and Geoffroy's marmoset) to Addendum R1.02 -- Permitted Captive Wildlife Species List to enable breeding, sale, and import of these species in accordance with applicable permits;
- Add approximately 34 mammal species (including capybara, nilgai, aoudad sheep, oryx (4 species), kudu (2 species), lechwe, ibex (9 species), jaguar, leopard, snow leopard, hippopotamus (5 species) warthog (2 species) and rhinoceros (5 species)) to Addendum R1.03 -- Prohibited Captive Wildlife Species List to prohibit breeding, sale, or importation of these species;
- Add a disease testing requirement in Addendum F1.04 – Wildlife Importation Permit Requirements for brindled gnu; and
- Add certain species (including capybara, nilgai, aoudad sheep, oryx, kudu, lechwe, ibex, jaguar, leopard, snow leopard, hippopotamus, warthog and rhinoceros) to Addendum F1.03 – Wildlife Breeder/Dealer Permit Requirements for prohibiting the sale of these species to only persons who possess a current Wildlife Breeder/Dealer Permit for the respective species or to buyers outside of Arkansas.

All persons wishing to be heard on these subjects should submit comments in writing to this office before the start of the November 21, 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 November 8, 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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Arkansas Game & Fish Commission

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