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Proposed Rule Cover Sheet



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Name of Rule ~~38.06 Commercial Fishing For Certain Fish Prohibited In Lower Ouachita River And~~
~~Ouachita River Floodplain South Of Smackover Creek, Saline River And Saline River Floodplain South Of~~
~~U.S. Highway 278-RESERVED~~

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Location and Time of Public Meeting AGFC Auditorium, 2 Natural Resources Drive, Little Rock AR 72205,
at 10:00 a.m.

~~38.06 Commercial Fishing For Certain Fish Prohibited In Lower Ouachita River and Ouachita River Floodplain South Of Smackover Creek, Saline River And Saline River Floodplain South Of U.S. Highway 278-RESERVED~~

~~The Arkansas Department of Health has revised fish consumption advisories for certain fish in the lower Ouachita River and Saline River as specified below. These waters, including oxbows and overflow lakes when accessible by boat from the main channel, are open to legal commercial tackle as defined in Codes 30.05 and 30.15. The oxbows and overflow lakes within Ouachita River floodplain, when not accessible by boat from the main channel, are open from noon September 30 to noon May 1 to legal gill and trammel nets.~~

- ~~A. Flathead catfish, bowfin, drum and gar may not be taken or possessed by commercial fishermen in the Ouachita River, oxbows, and overflow lakes from Smackover Creek to the northern boundary of Felsenthal NWR.~~
- ~~B. Flathead catfish, blue catfish, bowfin, drum and gar may not be taken or possessed by commercial fishermen on the Ouachita River, oxbows, and overflow lakes within Felsenthal NWR downstream to the Louisiana state line; any and all waters within Felsenthal NWR; and the Saline River from its mouth within the Felsenthal NWR to the Stillion railroad bridge in Ashley and Bradley Counties.~~
- ~~C. Flathead catfish, blue catfish, bowfin, drum, gar and redhorse suckers may not be taken or possessed by commercial fishermen on the Saline River from the Stillion railroad bridge upstream to the U.S. Highway 278 bridge in Bradley County.~~

PENALTY: Class 3