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PLEASE NOTE: This code proposal is an ALTERNATIVE to the staff proposed changes.

## C1.12 Special Usage Restrictions on Certain WMAs and Lakes (ALTERNATIVE)

### A. Restrictions Common to Multiple Listed WMAs and Lakes:

#### 1. Common Restriction A:

- i. From the ~~Monday before the first segment of regular duck season until the first day of the first segment of regular duck season: first day of the first segment of the regular duck season until the last three days of the last segment of regular duck season:~~
  - a. ~~No boats allowed all day.~~
- ii. During regular duck season open days.
  - a. No entry or access is allowed from 2 a.m. to 4 a.m. (except in designated campsites, parking areas, boat launch ramps and designated boat staging areas); and
  - b. No boats are allowed from 12:00 p.m. until 4 a.m. (Central Time) except boats may be launched after 2 a.m. under the limited condition that any such boat must remain physically occupied at all times while kept in boat staging areas between 2 a.m. and 4 a.m.
- iii. During regular duck season splits.
  - a. No boats allowed all day
- iv. During the last ~~three days~~ day of the last segment of regular duck season and during the special youth/veteran waterfowl hunt:
  - a. No entry or access is allowed from 2 a.m. to 4 a.m. (except in designated campsites, parking areas, boat launch ramps and designated boat staging areas); and
  - b. No boats are allowed from 6:30 p.m. until 4 a.m.

### B. Restrictions on Specific WMAs and Lakes:

1. **George H. Dunklin Jr. Bayou Meto:** Common Restriction A applies. Boats are prohibited on the Government Cypress Greentree Reservoir. ~~During the regular duck season, boating~~ Boating access is allowed from 12:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. during regular duck season open days, all day during regular duck season splits and all day from the Monday before the first segment of regular duck season until the first day of the first segment of regular duck season at the following waterbodies:
  - i. Mulberry Access, to include all of the Salt Bayou ~~Ditch~~ Ditches to the confluence of Little Bayou Meto
  - ii. Buckingham Flats Access to include Big Bayou Meto, and Cannon Brake Access to include Little Bayou Meto only on the Cannon Brake ~~Impoundment~~ Impoundment
  - iii. Cox Cypress and Grand Cypress Lake
2. **Bell Slough:** Common Restriction A applies. Non-motorized boat access to designated water trails is allowed from 12:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. during regular duck season open days, all day during regular duck season splits and all day from Monday before the first segment of regular duck season

- ~~until the first day of the first segment of regular duck season; in afternoon during duck season is allowed.~~
3. **Beryl Anthony Lower Ouachita:** Common Restriction A applies except within the Ouachita River. Hunters may not enter the hunting area before 4 a.m. (except within the Ouachita River). All duck hunting equipment (blinds, guns, decoys, etc.) must be removed by 12 p.m. each day. Fishing Use of boats for fishing and non-hunting activities are allowed.
  4. **Big Lake:** Common Restriction A applies. Mallard Lake is closed to all hunting except for the special early teal season; fishing and non-hunting activities are allowed. During the regular duck season, boating Boat access is allowed from 12:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. during the regular duck season open days, all day during regular duck season splits and all day from the Monday before the first segment of regular duck season until the first day of the first segment of regular duck season at the following waterbodies:
    - i. ~~The the~~ north/south ditch, all lateral ditches, and borrow pits.
  5. **Brewer Lake, Cypress Creek, Camp Robinson SUA, and Cedar Creek:** Closed to waterfowl hunting.
  6. **Camp Robinson WMA:** Common Restriction A applies.
  7. **Cane Creek Lake (Lincoln County):** Waterfowl hunting ends at noon.
  8. **Coal Pile Lake:** Closed to all hunting. Fishing and non-hunting activities are allowed.
  9. **Cut-Off Creek:** Common Restriction A applies. Travel by boat is limited to Cut-Off Creek.
  10. Cypress Bayou: Common Restriction A applies.
  11. **Dardanelle:** Waterfowl hunting is not allowed on that part of Big Spadra and Little Spadra creeks lying north of the Missouri Pacific Railroad, east of Crawford Street, south of I-40, and west of Arkansas Highway 103. Dogs, hunting, or trapping devices are prohibited on Johnson County WRA.
  12. **Dave Donaldson Black River:** Common Restriction A applies ~~(except within the Black River)~~. Lake Ashbaugh and Hubble Lake are closed to all hunting, except both are open for the special early teal season; fishing and non-hunting activities are allowed. During the regular duck season, boating Boating access is allowed from 12:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. during the regular duck season open days, all day during regular duck season splits and all day from the Monday before the first segment of regular duck season until the first day of the first segment of regular duck season at the following waterbodies:
    - i. Little River
    - ii. Reyno Canal Access
    - iii. Winchester Canal Access
  13. **DeGray Lake:** All weapons are prohibited on Lower DeGray Lake WRA except by permitted participants of special hunts and bowfishing on the lake.

14. **Dr. Lester Sitzes III Bois d'Arc:** Common Restriction A applies. ~~Boats are not allowed on the Green Tree Waterfowl area 14 days before waterfowl season opens, but are allowed during waterfowl season.~~
15. **Earl Buss Bayou DeView:** Common Restriction A applies. Lake Hogue is closed to all hunting except for the special early teal season; fishing and non-hunting activities are allowed. ~~During the regular duck season, boating~~ Boating access is allowed only from 12:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. during regular duck season open days, all day during regular duck season splits and all day from the Monday before the first segment of regular duck season until the first day of the first segment of regular duck season at the following waterbodies:
  - i. Thompson Tract boat ramp to include boat run
  - ii. North Oliver Campground primitive boat access to include the natural slough
- ~~16. **Ed Gordon Point Remove:** Common Restriction A applies. ~~During the regular duck season, boating access is allowed from 1 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. at the following waterbodies:~~~~
  - ~~i. West Fork Point Remove Creek~~
  - ~~ii. East Fork Point Remove Creek~~
17. **Frog Bayou:** Common Restriction A applies.
18. **Galla Creek:** Common Restriction A applies.
19. **Harris Brake:** Common Restriction A applies (except within Harris Brake Lake). Open to waterfowl hunting only Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. All-day hunting is allowed the last ~~two days~~ day of the last segment of regular duck season. ~~During duck season, other hunters must abide by same hours and days as duck hunters, except for those trapping, deer archery hunting, squirrel hunting, rabbit hunting and hunting furbearers at night.~~ Only shotguns and archery equipment are allowed for hunting. Harris Brake Lake is open to Canada goose hunting ~~every~~ September 1-15.
20. **Henry Gray Hurricane Lake:** Common Restriction A applies (~~except within the White River and Little Red River~~):
  - i. ~~During the regular duck season, when~~ When the main road gate at Mitchell Corner is closed, boating access is allowed from 12:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. during regular duck season open days, all day during regular duck season splits and all day from the Monday before the first segment of regular until the first day of the first segment of regular duck season at the following waterbodies:
    - a. Glaise Creek (to include Glaise Creek access trail #2 from Mitchell Corner north boat ramp to the creek channel) from the WMA northern boundary to the main water-control structure at Whirl Lake
    - b. Whirl Lake access, to include Whirl Creek
  - ii. When the main road gate at Mitchell Corner is open, boating access is allowed from 12:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. during regular duck season open days, all day during regular duck season splits

and all day from the Monday before the first segment of regular duck season until the first day of the first segment of regular duck season at the following waterbodies:

- a. Big Bell Lake (to include Little Bell Lake)
- b. Big Hurricane Lake (to include Little Hurricane Lake)
- c. Bollie Pond
- d. Glaise Creek
- e. Honey Lake
- f. Mallard Lake
- g. Whirl Lake
- h. Willow Pond.

21. **Craig D. Campbell Lake Conway Reservoir:** Closed to waterfowl hunting, except on the Caney Creek, Dix Creek, Palarm Creek, and Pierce Creek bays outside posted buffer zones. Waterfowl hunting ends at ~~noon~~ 11:00 a.m.

22. **Lake Overcup:** Waterfowl hunting ends at ~~noon~~ 11:00 a.m.

23. **Maumelle River:** Closed to waterfowl hunting. All boating activities and access are prohibited in the Restricted Area Zone 1 on the east end of Lake Maumelle as marked by buoy lines. No hunting, camping or other access is allowed on any island on Lake Maumelle.

24. **Petit Jean River:** Common Restriction A applies ~~(except within the Petit Jean River or Kingfisher Lake)~~. Boating access is allowed from 12:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. during regular duck season open days, all day during regular duck splits and all day from the Monday before the first segment of regular duck season until the first day of the first segment of regular duck season at the following waterbodies

- i. Keeland Lake
- ii. Club House Pond
- iii. Lily Pad Pond
- iv. Kingfisher Lake
- v. Petit Jean River

25. **Rex Hancock Black Swamp:** Common Restriction A applies. ~~During the regular duck season, boating~~ Boating access is allowed from 12:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. during regular duck season open days, all day during regular duck season splits and all day from the Monday before the first segment of regular duck season until the first day of the first segment of regular duck season at the following waterbodies:

- i. Gregory Access (from County Road 758) down the ditch to the Cache River
- ii. Float Road Access (from County Road 752) down the marked trail to the Cache River
- iii. Cache River within the boundaries of the WMA

26. **Rick Evans Grandview Prairie:** Waterfowl hunting closed on all lakes and ponds.

27. **Seven Devils:** Common Restriction A applies.

28. **Steve N. Wilson Raft Creek Bottoms:** Common Restriction A applies. The Jim Sullivan Youth Waterfowl Unit is closed to all access, except for youth waterfowl hunting permit holders during youth waterfowl permit hunts, from the last day of the modern gun permit hunt to the last day of waterfowl season (including the waterfowl special youth hunt).
29. **St. Francis National Forest:** Waterfowl hunting ends at ~~noon~~ 11:00 a.m.
30. **St. Francis Sunken Lands:** The Snowden Field Waterfowl Rest Area levee is open to foot traffic around the north end of the unit.
31. **Sheffield Nelson Dagmar:** Common Restriction A applies. The Conway George Tract is closed to all access, except for waterfowl hunting permit holders. ~~During the regular duck season, boating~~ Boating access is allowed from 12:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. during regular duck season open days, all day during regular duck season splits and all day from the Monday before the first segment of regular duck season until the first day of the first segment of regular duck season at the following waterbodies:
- i. Robe Bayou Access to include from the WMA northern boundary to the low water crossing at Interstate 40
  - ii. Gator Pond Access to include only the open water pond area and not flooded timber
  - iii. Bayou DeView designated water trail
32. **Shirey Bay Rainey Brake:** Common Restriction A applies (except within the Black River). ~~During the regular duck season, boating~~ Boating access is allowed from 12:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. during regular duck season open days, all day during regular duck season splits and all day from the Monday before the first segment of regular duck season until the first day of the first segment of regular duck season at the following waterbodies:
- i. Shirey Bay, Horseshoe Lake, and Hill Slough
  - ii. Diversion ditch from County Road 317 to the diversion ditch water-control structure
  - iii. **EXCEPTION:** Fishing and non-hunting activities are allowed on Shirey Bay, Horseshoe Lake, and Hill Slough.
33. **Sulphur River:** Common Restriction A applies (except within the Sulphur River or Mercer Bayou).
34. **Tommy L. Sproles Lake Pickthorne:** Closed to waterfowl hunting.

**EXCEPTION:** Commission staff, volunteers, and participants during Commission-sponsored mentored hunt programs.