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Proposed Rule Cover Sheet



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Name of Department Arkansas Game and Fish Commission

Agency or Division Name Legal Division

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Name of Rule B1.08 Duck, Coot, and Merganser Season and Limits

Newspaper Name Arkansas Democrat Gazette

Date of Publishing July 19, 20, and 21, 2020

Final Date for Public Comment August 20, 2020

Location and Time of Public Meeting 2 Natural Resources Drive, Little Rock AR 72205, 9:00 a.m.

LEGAL NOTICE

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It is important to note that while the AGFC Little Rock Office Complex currently is open to the public, due to the COVID-19 coronavirus public health emergency and, depending upon public health conditions in our state at the time, the general public may be unable to gather in the meeting room on August 19th and 20th. In-person attendance at the meetings may be limited to only Commission members, the Director, representatives of the media, and other individuals necessary to the proceedings as determined by the Commission Chairman and Director. If that is the case, we anticipate that the Committee meetings on August 19 and the Commission meeting on August 20 will be live-streamed for viewing by members of the press and the public and a link for easy access will be available on the agency website. Please visit the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission website at <https://www.agfc.com> for additional up-to-date details as the August meeting dates draw closer.

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All persons wishing to be heard on these subjects should submit comments in writing to this office before the start of the August 20, 2020, 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 August 10, 2020. 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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July 17, 2020

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RE: Legal Notice for Proposed Rules or Regulations – August 2020 meeting

Dear Ms. Franco:

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

Legal Notice for upcoming Commission Meeting to be held on August 19-20, 2020, which will run in the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette on July 19, 20, and 21, 2020.

Also attached are the proposed regulation changes that will be reviewed and adopted by the Commission at the upcoming meeting (6 proposals).

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,

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