

Arkansas Game and Fish Commission

Code Book

The regulations in this Code Book are hereby adopted by the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission under authority of Amendment 35 to the Constitution of the State of Arkansas. All laws, rules, regulations, or orders in conflict with the regulations in this Code Book are hereby repealed by the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission.

26.12 Release Of Native Or Non-Native Aquatic Wildlife Prohibited

It is unlawful to release native or non-native aquatic wildlife, including their eggs, into the waters of the state without the written permission of the Chief of Fisheries of the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission and in compliance with AGFC Code Chapter 35.00 and Addendum Chapters I1.00, J1.00, and V1.00. Importation of live, wild caught fish prohibited.

EXCEPTIONS:

- A. Aquatic species may be immediately released back into the waters from which they were taken.
- B. A person may, while fishing in waters of the state, use baitfish as bait in compliance with Code 26.18, 26.19, and 26.27.
- C. A person who has obtained a valid Trout Stocking Permit from the Commission Chief of Fisheries (Addendum Chapter V1.00) may release trout and trout eggs into waters of the state in compliance with the terms of the permit.
- D. A permit is not required for stocking fish and fertilized fish into public waters as part of an officially coordinated project with the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission with written authorization from the Chief of Fisheries.
- E. A person may stock approved farm-reared species obtained from a Commission-permitted fish farm, fish dealer, or independent hauler, into privately owned single landowner confined/impounded waters, and privately owned multiple landowner confined/impounded waters without written permission, in compliance with Addendum Chapter I1.00 and Addendum J1.03, provided the landowner has legal right of access to said waters and the said waters are not deemed public waters.

PENALTY: Class 2

ARKANSAS GAME AND FISH COMMISSION
Little Rock, Arkansas

MINUTE ORDER NO: 20-052 SUBJECT: 2021 Live Fish Trade Regulations
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WHEREAS, the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission and its staff have proposed the attached 2021 live fish trade regulations; and

WHEREAS, the attached regulations have been communicated through a variety of media avenues to sportsmen and the general public throughout the state for review and comment for at least the past 30 days; and

WHEREAS, after carefully considering the recommendations of Commission staff and the Regulations Committee, as well as comments received from the public, the Commission has determined that the attached regulations promote sound wildlife conservation and management and are consistent with Amendment 35 of the Arkansas Constitution and that these regulations should now be approved for application statewide.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED this 15th day of October 2020, that the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission hereby approves and adopts the attached regulations, which shall become effective January 1, 2021.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that the Commission staff is authorized to proceed with legally certifying and filing the attached regulations with the Secretary of State, State Library, and Bureau of Legislative Research and incorporating them into the Commission Code Book and Addendum.

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