



# 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 All laws, rules, regulations, or orders in conflict with the regulations in this Code Book are hereby repealed by the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission.

### 30.16 Commercial Fisherman Reporting Requirements

NEW TITLE: Roe Buyer/Exporter Requirements

It is unlawful to buy or export across the state line paddlefish or sturgeon, or their parts, including eggs (roe), without a current Resident Roe Buyer/Exporter Permit or Nonresident Roe Buyer Permit, as applicable. Permitted commercial fishers who hold current Resident Roe Buyer/Exporter Permit may also take paddlefish and sturgeon in compliance with applicable season, size, and tackle regulations.

#### EXCEPTIONS:

- A. In compliance with Code 25.02.
- B. Permitted fish farmers in compliance with Code 35.10.
- C. Paddlefish and sturgeon meat may be purchased only from permitted roe taker/sellers and roe buyer/exporters in compliance with Code 30.02.
- D. Paddlefish and sturgeon meat and/or roe can be transported by an authorized representative of a legally permitted resident buyer/exporter if accompanied by a bill of lading or bill of sale, indicating the name and permit number of the authorizing resident buyer/exporter and including the species, number of pounds of roe or meat per species, and if being sold, the name of the purchaser. A true bill of lading or bill of sale must accompany the shipment to the final destination.
- E. Paddlefish, sturgeon, or their meat (excluding eggs or roe), may be purchased for personal use without purchasing either a Resident Roe Buyer/Exporter Permit or Nonresident Roe Buyer Permit in compliance with this code.

**PENALTY:** Class 3



**ARKANSAS GAME AND FISH COMMISSION**  
Little Rock, Arkansas

MINUTE ORDER NO: 20-053 SUBJECT: 2021 Commercial Fishing  
DATE PASSED: October 15, 2020 Regulations  
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**WHEREAS,** the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission and its staff have proposed the attached 2021 commercial fishing 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 on January 1, 2021, with the exception of the changes to 30.03 Commercial Fishing Reporting Requirements which will take effect on January 1, 2022.

**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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