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Proposed Rule Cover Sheet



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Name of Rule RL01 Unrestricted Captive Wildlife Species List, 20201019

Newspaper Name Arkansas Democrat Gazette

Date of Publishing November 8-10, 2020

Final Date for Public Comment December 10, 2020

Location and Time of Public Meeting J.B and Johnelle Hunt Family Ozark Highlands Nature Center, Spring Creek Room, 3400 North 40th Street, Springdale, AR.

LEGAL NOTICE

The regular monthly meeting of the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission will be held beginning at 9:00 a.m. Thursday, December 10, 2020, at the J. B. and Johnelle Hunt Family Ozark Highlands Nature Center, Spring Creek Room, 3400 North 40th Street, Springdale, AR. At that time, regulations and business pertaining to the operation of the Game and Fish Commission and other fiscal and administrative matters will be considered and acted upon. Committee meetings will not be held on Wednesday, December 9, 2020.

It is important to note that because of the COVID-19 coronavirus public health emergency and depending upon public health conditions in our state at that time, the general public may be unable to gather in the Nature Center meeting room on December 10. In-person attendance at the meeting likely will 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. We anticipate that the meeting on December 10 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 December meeting date draws closer.

Items on the agenda for the December 10, 2020, meeting will include discussion of proposed regulations that previously were considered at the October 14-15, 2020 Commission Meetings, plus consideration of various Hunting and Fishing Regulations, including, but not limited to:

Captive Wildlife Regulations – Amend existing captive wildlife regulations including, but not limited to:

- Add species of snakes and lizards (including Angolan Python, Australo-Asian Pythons, Bornean Shorttail and Red Blood Pythons, Carphodactylid Geckos, Casque-head Iguanian Lizards, Diplodactylid Geckos, Eublepharine Geckos, Gekkonid Geckos, Monitor Lizards, Small Boid Snakes, and Thecadactylus Geckos) to Addendum R1.01 - Unrestricted Captive Wildlife Species list; and
- Add species of lizards and frogs (including Beaded Lizards and Gila Monster, and Poison Dart Frogs) to Addendum R1.02 - Permitted Captive Wildlife Species list.

All persons wishing to be heard on these subjects should submit comments in writing to this office before the start of the December 10, 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 December 1, 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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RE: Legal Notice for Proposed Rules or Regulations – December 2020 meeting

Dear Ms. Franco:

Included in this email, please find for filing and immediate publication on the Secretary of State's website the following:

1. Legal Notice for Commission Meetings to be held on December 10, 2020, which is being published in the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette on November 8, 9, and 10, 2020.
2. Proposed Captive Wildlife regulation changes that are also scheduled for approval and adoption by the Commission at the December 10th meeting.

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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