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Revised 7/2015 to reflect new legislation passed in the 2015 Regular Session (Act 1258). This act changed the effective date from 30 days to 10 days after filing the rule.

As of February 1, 2022

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 All laws, rules, regulations, or orders in conflict with the regulations in this Code Book are hereby repealed by the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission.

### A1.02 Wild Turkey Season and Limits

No more than 1 legal turkey may be taken per day, no more than 1 legal turkey may be taken during the first 7 days of the season, no more than 1 legal turkey may be taken during the youth turkey hunt, and no more than 2 legal turkeys may be taken in any combination of turkey zones. No jakes (sub-adult male turkeys) may be taken, except youth hunters may harvest 1 jake.

#### WILD TURKEY FIREARMS AND ARCHERY/CROSSBOW SEASONS:

Zone 2: Third Monday in April for 21 days.

Zone 1: Third Monday in April for 9 days.

#### EXCEPTIONS:

- A. In compliance with WMA Addendum [C1.04](#).
- B. In compliance with Code [11.03](#).

#### SPECIAL YOUTH TURKEY SEASON:

Zones 1 and 2: Saturday and Sunday prior to second Monday of April.

#### LIMIT:

**Zone 1:** 1 adult gobbler.

**Zone 2:** 2 adult gobblers.

Special Youth Turkey Season: 1 legal turkey. Youth hunter may only take 1 jake.

Firearms and Archery/Crossbow: Statewide seasonal limit of 2 legal gobblers. Youth hunters may take only 1 jake, and no more than the statewide season limit in combination during the youth hunt and wild turkey firearms and archery/crossbow seasons (Addenda A1.02, C1.04).

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

MINUTE ORDER NO: 22-002 SUBJECT: Turkey Hunting Regulations  
 DATE PASSED: January 13, 2022  
 PAGE 1 of 1 PAGES LOCATION: Statewide

**WHEREAS,** the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission and its staff have proposed the attached hunting regulations to amend certain restrictions for Wild Turkey seasons and limits, including season dates for various Wildlife Management Areas, and restrictions applicable to Special Youth Turkey Hunts; **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 13<sup>th</sup> day of January 2022, that the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission hereby approves and adopts the attached regulations, which shall become effective immediately upon public filing or as soon thereafter as possible.

**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.

	<u>STAFF APPROVAL</u>	<u>COMMISSION APPROVAL</u>	
Submitted by:	<u>Brad Carner</u> Brad Carner Chief	<u>Bobby Martin</u> Bobby Martin Chair	<u>Anne Marie Doramus</u> Anne Marie Doramus Commissioner
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## FINANCIAL/ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

### PLEASE ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS COMPLETELY

(Attach additional pages if needed)

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**SHORT TITLE OF THIS RULE:** Turkey season date Corrections.

1. Does this proposed, amended, or repealed rule or regulation have a financial impact?  
Yes: ☒ No: ☐
2. Do you believe that the development of a financial impact statement is so speculative as to be cost prohibitive? Yes: ☐ No: ☒ If "Yes", please explain:
3. If the purpose of this rule is to implement a **federal** rule or regulation, please give the incremental cost for implementing the regulation. Please indicate if the cost provided is the cost of the program.

<u>Current Fiscal Year</u>		<u>Next Fiscal Year</u>	
General Revenue	\$	General Revenue	\$
Federal Funds	\$	Federal Funds	\$
Cash Funds	\$	Cash Funds	\$
Special Revenue	\$	Special Revenue	\$
Other (Identify)	\$	Other (Identify)	\$
Total	\$	Total	\$

4. What is the total estimated cost by fiscal year to any **party** subject to the proposed, amended, or repealed rule? (Estimated cost includes fees, administrative penalties, reporting, record keeping, equipment, construction, labor, professional services, revenue loss, or other costs associated with compliance.) Identify the **party** subject to the proposed rule, and explain how they are impacted.

**Current Fiscal Year:** NA

**Next Fiscal Year:** Unknown

Party Subject to Rule: Hunters

Effect on Party Subject to Rule: Potentially, there could be increased fines.

5. What is the total estimated cost by fiscal year to the **agency** to implement this rule? Explain the financial benefit to the agency from implementing this rule.

**Current Fiscal Year:** \$N/A

**Next Fiscal Year:** \$N/A

Financial Benefit to Agency: Clarification of season dates

6. Do alternative means exist for accomplishing the objectives of the rules that might be less burdensome to small business? Yes: ☐ No: ☒

Why were such alternatives not proposed: N/A

7. Compare this rule with federal and state counterparts: N/A