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Proposed Rule Cover Sheet



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

2023

Fishing Regulations

Summary of Digital Codebook Revisions/Corrections

1. Proposal: Clarify euthanasia requirements regarding Silver Carp, Bighead Carp, and Black Carp.

Justification: Current language implies invasive carp species must be euthanized if captured. However, the intent of this regulation is to require euthanasia if these species will be kept after capture.

Code Change: 26.30

2. Proposal: Correct grammar and punctuation.

Justification: Correct grammar and punctuation.

Code Change: 27.01

3. Proposal: Remove Lake Sylvia from N1.01 EXCEPTION B.2.iv.

Justification: Lake Sylvia was removed from N1.01 EXCEPTION B.2.iv by Commission action prior to 2018, but that change was inadvertently omitted from the version that was codified into the official AGFC Digital Code in 2018.

Code Change: N1.01 EXCEPTION B.2.iv.

4. Proposal: Remove Horseshoe Lake (Crittenden County) from N1.01 EXCEPTION E.2.

Justification: Horseshoe Lake (Crittenden County) was removed from N1.01 EXCEPTION E.2 by Commission action prior to 2018, but that change was inadvertently omitted from the version that was codified into the official AGFC Digital Code in 2018.

Code Change: N1.01 EXCEPTION E.2.

5. Proposal: Remove Lake Austell from N1.02 A.5.

Justification: Lake Austell was removed from N1.02 A.5 by Commission action prior to 2018, but that change was inadvertently omitted from the version that was codified into the official AGFC Digital Code in 2018.

Code Change: N1.02 A.5.

6. Proposal: Remove Lake Greenlee from N1.02 A.9.

Justification: Lake Greenlee was removed from N1.02 A.9 by Commission action prior to 2018, but that change was inadvertently omitted from the version that was codified into the official AGFC Digital Code in 2018.

Code Change: N1.02 A.9.

7. Proposal: Remove Lake Charles from N1.02 B.1.

Justification: Lake Charles was removed from N1.02 B.1 by Commission action prior to 2018, but that change was inadvertently omitted from the version that was codified into the official AGFC Digital Code in 2018.

Code Change: N1.02 B.1.

Why were such alternatives not proposed: N/A

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

27.01 Trout Permit Requirements

It is unlawful for persons 16 or older to keep trout from waters of the state or to fish without a valid trout permit on the following waters:

- A. Beaver Lake Tailwater from Beaver Dam to the boundary signs at Houseman Access;
- B. Lake Greeson Tailwater from Narrows Dam to Muddy Fork Road (low-water bridge);
- C. Little Red River from Greers Ferry Dam to the Arkansas Highway 305 bridge;
- D. North Fork of the White River downstream of Norfork Dam; **and**
- E. White River from Bull Shoals Dam to the Arkansas Highway 58 bridge at Guion; **and**
- F. Spring River from 100 yards below Dam 1 at Mammoth Spring State Park downstream to the mouth of Myatt Creek.

EXCEPTIONS:

- A. In compliance with Chapter [36.00](#).
- B. Persons possessing a Lifetime Resident Combination Sportsman's License and Permit or Resident Disabled Military Veteran Lifetime Combination License and Permit.

PENALTY: Class 1

LEGAL NOTICE

The regular monthly meeting of the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission will be held beginning at 9:00 a.m. Thursday, January 19, 2023, at the Little Rock Office Complex, 2 Natural Resources Drive, Little Rock, AR 72205. 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. Additionally, Committee meetings attended by Commissioners and agency staff members will be held throughout the day on Wednesday, January 18, 2023, beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Little Rock Office Complex, 2 Natural Resources Drive, Little Rock, AR 72205. All interested persons are invited to attend these meetings.

The Commission meeting on January 19th will be live-streamed and a link for easy viewing 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 January meeting dates draw closer.

Items on the agenda for the January 19, 2023 meeting will include consideration of various Hunting and Fishing Regulations and regulations pertaining to the Enforcement Division of the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, including but not limited to:

- Clarify what to do with certain prohibited live carp when caught;
- Clarify list of waters where a trout permit is required to keep trout;
- Remove Lake Sylvia as an exception to the statewide daily limit for largemouth bass;
- Remove Horseshoe Lake (Crittenden County) as an exception to the statewide daily limit for crappie;
- Remove Lake Austell (Cross County) and Lake Greenlee from the length limit restrictions on keeping largemouth bass;
- Remove Lake Charles from the length limit restrictions on keeping crappie;
- Clarify the deer season bag limits for Zone 9;
- Clarify the effective dates of waterfowl hunting restrictions on specific WMAs and lakes; and
- Correct a technical error in the spelling of Dyer Lake regarding waterfowl hunting restrictions on specific WMAs and lakes.

All persons wishing to be heard on these subjects should submit comments in writing to this office before the start of the January 19, 2023 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 January 9, 2023. Copies of any proposed rules or regulations may be obtained at the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission main office and at www.agfc.com, or through a written request mailed to the address below.

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