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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.

## 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. Nonresident (adults and youth) may take no more than 1 legal turkey. No jakes (sub-adult male turkeys) may be taken, except youth, including nonresident 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. (nonresident youth are limited to 1 adult gobbler)

Special Youth Turkey Season: 1 legal turkey. Youth hunters, including nonresident youth, may only take 1 jake.

Firearms and Archery/Crossbow: Statewide seasonal limit of 2 legal gobblers with nonresident youth restricted to a seasonal limit of 1 legal gobbler.

Youth hunters, including nonresident youth, 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: 24 - 015 SUBJECT: Regulation Amendments -  
DATE PASSED: June 20, 2024 Nonresident Youth Turkey Bag Limit  
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WHEREAS, the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission and its staff have proposed the attached amended regulations for the purpose of changing certain provisions of AGFC Code 11.03 "Special Youth Turkey Hunt Restrictions" and Addendum A1.02 "Wild Turkey Season and Limits" to restrict nonresident youth to harvesting one turkey; and

WHEREAS, the attached regulations, as amended, has 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 the Director, 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 20<sup>th</sup> day of June 2024, that the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission hereby approves and adopts the attached regulations, as amended, which shall become effective immediately upon public filing or as soon thereafter as possible.

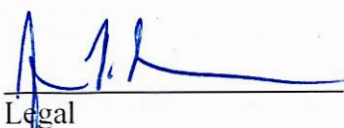
BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that the Commission staff is authorized to proceed with legally certifying and filing the attached regulations with the Secretary of State, State Library, and Bureau of Legislative Research and incorporating them into the Commission Code Book and Addendum.

STAFF APPROVALSubmitted by: 

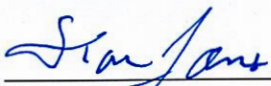
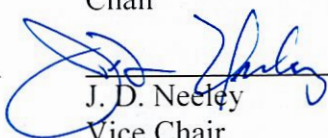
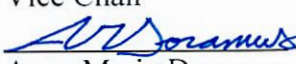
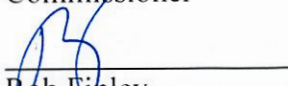


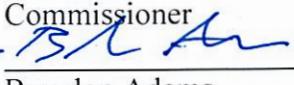
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## FINANCIAL / ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

PLEASE ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS COMPLETELY

(Attach additional pages if needed)

**DEPARTMENT:** Arkansas Game & Fish Commission

**DIVISION:** Wildlife Management Division

**PERSON COMPLETING THIS STATEMENT:** Sandee Schultz

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**SHORT TITLE OF THIS RULE:** A1.02 Wild Turkey Season and Limits

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: N/A 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.

### Current Fiscal Year

General Revenue	\$
Federal Funds	\$
Cash Funds	\$
Special Revenue	\$
Other (Identify)	\$
Total	\$

### Next Fiscal Year

General Revenue	\$
Federal Funds	\$
Cash Funds	\$
Special Revenue	\$
Other (Identify)	\$
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:** \$ 0

**Next Fiscal Year:** \$ 0

Party Subject to Rule: N/A

Effect on Party Subject to Rule: N/A

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:** \$ 0

**Next Fiscal Year:** \$ 0

Financial Benefit to Agency: None

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

Why were such alternatives not proposed:

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

## LEGAL NOTICE

The regular monthly meeting of the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission will be held beginning at 9:00 a.m. Thursday, June 20, 2024, at the Arkansas Game & Fish Headquarters located at 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, June 19, 2024, beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Arkansas Game & Fish Headquarters located at 2 Natural Resources Drive, Little Rock, AR 72205. All interested persons are invited to attend these meetings.

The Commission meeting on June 20<sup>th</sup> 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 meeting dates draw closer.

Items on the agenda for the June 20, 2024 meeting will include discussion and/or adoption of proposed regulations that previously were considered at the May 15-16, 2024 Commission Meetings, plus 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:

1. **General Hunting Regulations** – Adopt general hunting regulations for 2024-2025 and 2025-2026. Changes to regulations include, but are not limited to:
  - Modifying the existing codes to reduce the bag limit to one turkey for nonresident youth.
  - Modify the existing code that prohibits possession of a firearm while archery or crossbow hunting bear, deer, or turkey, to allow legally possessed handguns.
  - Modify the existing code that prohibits possession of a firearm while archery or crossbow hunting bear, deer, or turkey, to allow person tracking wounded big game to possess a firearm legal for the hunting season.

All persons wishing to be heard on these subjects should submit comments in writing to this office before the start of the June 20, 2024 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 June 10, 2024. Copies of any proposed rules or regulations may be obtained at the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission main office and at [www.agfc.com](http://www.agfc.com), or through a written request mailed to the address below.

If you need assistance to participate in this public meeting due to a disability as defined under the Americans with Disabilities Act, please contact AGFC's ADA Coordinator in Human Resources at 501-382-3813 at least three (3) business days prior to the scheduled meeting to request an accommodation. Every reasonable effort will be made to meet your request.

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