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Proposed Rule Cover Sheet



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Final Date for Public Comment _____

Location and Time of Public Meeting _____

Fisheries Regulation Proposals for 2025

GENERAL FISHING REGULATION

Proposal: Create a resident combination guide license.

Justification: Pursuant to code 3.14, any resident must be in possession of a hunting and/or fishing guide licenses to guide, aid or assist another person, for pay or other consideration, in the taking of any species of wildlife by any means in Arkansas. To reduce the number of licenses required by individuals that guide hunting and fishing trips, the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission is creating a Combination Guide License. This license would allow individuals to guide both hunting and fishing trips. The list of licenses and permits will require an update to include the new product in code D1.01.

Code Change: 03.14 and D1.01

FINANCIAL / ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

PLEASE ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS COMPLETELY

(Attach additional pages if needed)

DEPARTMENT: Arkansas Game & Fish Commission

DIVISION: Fisheries Division

PERSON COMPLETING THIS STATEMENT: Vic DiCenzo

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SHORT TITLE OF THIS RULE: D1.01 License, Permits, Stamps, Tags, Costs, And Expiration Dates

1. Does this proposed, amended, or repealed rule or regulation have a financial impact?

Yes: **X**

No:

2. Do you believe that the development of a financial impact statement is so speculative as to be cost prohibitive? Yes: No: **X** 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	\$	N/A
Special Revenue	\$	
Other (Identify)	\$	
Total	\$	

Next Fiscal Year

General Revenue	\$	
Federal Funds	\$	
Cash Funds	\$	N/A
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 What is the total estimated cost by fiscal year to any **party** subject to the proposed, amended, or repealed rule?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: Guides that hunt and fish in Arkansas

Effect on Party Subject to Rule: This regulation creates a resident combination guide license (\$350) for those who guide for hunting and fishing (D1.01). Previously, a resident guide would have to purchase a resident guide license/hunting (\$250) and a resident guide license/fishing (\$250).

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.

There is no additional cost to implement the rule.

Current Fiscal Year: \$ N/A

Next Fiscal Year: \$ N/A

Financial Benefit to Agency: N/A

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

D1.01 Licenses, Permits, Stamps, Tags, Costs, And Expiration Dates

SPORT FISHING:

NAME	CODE	COST	EXP. DATE
Resident Fisheries Conservation License	FSH	\$10.50	**
Resident 3-Day Trip License	RT3	\$6.50	*
Resident Disabled Fishing 3-Yr License	RDF	\$10.50	+
Resident Disabled Combination 3-Yr License	RDC	\$35.50	+
Resident Recreational Netting Permit	RNP	\$25	**
Non-Resident Annual Fishing License	NRF	\$60	**
Non-Resident 3-Day Trip Fishing License	NT3	\$30	*
Arkansas Trout Permit	TPR	\$10	**
Non-Resident Trout Permit	TPN	\$20	**
White River Border Lakes License	WRL	\$10	**
Resident Guide License/Fishing	GLF	\$250	**
Non-Resident Guide License/Fishing	GNF	\$500	**
Resident 65 Plus Annual Fishing License	PAF	\$3.50	**

SPECIAL AND COMMERCIAL FISHING:

NAME	CODE	COST	EXP. DATE
Universal Commercial Tackle (per 100 yds. or fractional part thereof per tag)	UCT	\$10	Dec. 31
Resident Commercial Fish Dealers Permit	CFD	\$150	Dec. 31
Resident Commercial Fishing Permit	CFS	\$300	Dec. 31
Resident Commercial Fishing Helper's Permit	CFH	\$50	Dec. 31
Alligator Tags		\$4	June 30
Alligator Snapping Turtle Breeder/Dealer Permit	AST	\$100	June 30
Aquatic Turtle Harvest Permit	THP	\$100	Dec. 31
Aquatic Turtle Harvest Helper Permit	TH	\$50	Dec. 31
Aquatic Turtle Farmer/Dealer Permit	TDR	\$250	Dec. 31
Resident Shell Taker and Seller	STS	\$100	Dec. 31
Shell Taker Helper Permit	SH	\$100	Dec. 31
Shell Buyer	SBR	\$1,000	Dec. 31
Non-Resident Shell Buyer	SBN	\$2,000	Dec. 31
Shell Buyer's Agent Permit	SA	\$100	Dec. 31
Retail Bait Fish Dealer	MD	\$10	Dec. 31
Minnow Dealer Tackle (Minnow, Seine, Traps or Lifts)	MS	\$5	Dec. 31
Fish Farm Health Inspection Permit	VHS	\$200	+++
Resident Fish Farmer (Aquaculturist) Permit	RFF	\$25	Dec. 31
Non-Resident Fish Farmer (Aquaculturist) Permit	NFF	\$100	Dec. 31
Resident Fish Dealer/Independent Hauler Permit	DHR	\$25	Dec. 31
Non-Resident Fish Dealer/Independent Hauler Permit	DHN	\$100	Dec. 31
Research/Educational/Exhibition/State and Federal Culture Facility Permit	AQU	Free	Dec. 31
Bull Frog Permit (Must have valid Fish Farmer Permit)	BP	\$25	Dec. 31
Resident Roe Taker/Seller Permit	RTS	\$500	Dec. 31
Resident Roe Taker/Helper Permit	RH	\$100	Dec. 31
Resident Roe Buyer/Exporter Permit	RBE	\$1,000	Dec. 31
Non-Resident Roe Buyer Permit	RBN	\$2,000	Dec. 31
Commercial Facility Operator's Permit	BDN	\$25	Dec. 31
Private Boat House/Irrigation (Single)	BHS	\$30	Dec. 31
Private Pier/Irrigation	DPS	\$30	Dec. 31

NAME	CODE	COST	EXP. DATE
Irrigation Permit	IP	\$30	Dec. 31
Put and Take Pay Lake	PLO	\$150	Dec. 31
Venomous Reptile Possession Permit	VRP	\$75	June 30
Scientific Collection Permit	SCP	Free	*****
Conservation Education Permit	CEP	Free	June 30
Conditional Species Possession Permit	CSP	Free	Dec. 31
Unlisted Aquaculture Species Permit	UAS	Free	Dec. 31
Trout Importation and Stocking	TIS	Free	++++

HUNTING LICENSE AND PERMITS:

NAME	CODE	COST	EXP. DATE
Deferred Hunter Education	DHE	Free	*
Resident Wildlife Conservation License	HNT	\$10.50	June 30
Resident Sportsman's Permit	RS	\$25	June 30
Resident Disabled Hunting 3-Yr License	RDH	\$25	+
Resident Disabled Combination 3-Yr License	RDC	\$35.50	+
Resident Bear Tag	RBT	Free	June 30
Resident Turkey Tag	RTT	Free	June 30
Non-Resident Annual Hunting License (6 deer)	NBG	\$410	June 30
Non-Resident 5-Day Hunting License (2 deer)	AG5	\$225	*
Non-Resident Annual Turkey Hunting License (1 turkey)	NRTL	\$325	June 30
Non-Resident 3-Day Deer Hunting License (1 deer)	AG3	\$175	*
Non-Resident 1-Day Deer Hunting License (1 deer)	AG1	\$100	*
Non-Resident Annual Small Game Hunting License	NRH	\$110	June 30
Non-Resident 5-Day Small Game Hunting License	SG5	\$80	*
Non-Resident Trappers Permit	NFT	\$125	June 30
Non-Resident Bear Tag (must have NBG)	NRB	\$300	June 30
Non-Resident Turkey Tag (must have NBG)	NRTT	\$100	June 30
Non-Resident Private Lands Elk Permit (must have NBG)	NRE	\$300	June 30
Non-Resident Private Lands Alligator Permit (must have NBG)	NRG	\$300	June 30
Non-Resident Dog Owner's Permit	NDP	\$20	****
Resident Private Lands Elk Permit	PLE	\$5	****
Resident Private Lands Alligator Permit	PLA	\$5	****
Arkansas Resident Waterfowl Stamp	DSR	\$7	June 30
Arkansas Non-Resident Waterfowl Stamp	DSN	\$50	June 30
Arkansas Quail Stamp (Voluntary only)	QS	\$9.50	June 30
Arkansas Turkey Stamp (Voluntary only)	TS	\$9.50	June 30
Resident 65 Plus Annual Sportsman's Hunting License	PAH	\$3.50	June

NAME	CODE	COST	EXP. DATE
WMA General Use Permit	WMP	Free	30 June 30
Harvest Information Program	HIP	Free	30 June 30
Snow Goose Registration	SGR	Free	30 June 30
AGFC Leased Lands Permit (Hunting, Trapping and Camping):			
Casey Jones WMA	LCJ	\$40	30 June
Big Timber WMA	LBT	\$40	**
Cedar Mountain WMA	LCM	\$40	**
Cherokee WMA	LCH	\$40	**
Gum Flats WMA	LGF	\$40	**
Howard County WMA	LHC	\$40	**
Provo WMA	LPR	\$40	**
Lafayette County WMA	LLC	\$40	**
Lake Greeson WMA	LLG	\$40	**
Jack Mountain WMA	LJM	\$40	**
Jim Kress WMA	LJK	\$40	**
Falconry Permit Apprentice	FPA	\$25	30 June 30
Falconry Permit General	FPG	\$25	30 June 30
Falconry Permit Master	FPM	\$25	30 June 30
Resident Guide License/Hunting	GLH	\$250	30 June 30
Non-Resident Guide License/Hunting	GNH	\$500	30 June 30
Resident Special Guide License	GLS	\$150	30 June 30
Non-Resident WMA Waterfowl Hunting Permit (3-day trip) (Code 24.09)	NW3	\$40.00	30 June 30
Non-Resident WMA Waterfowl Hunting Permit (30-days) (Code 24.09)	NW30	\$200.00	30 June 30
WMA Camping Permit (annual permit)	WMC	\$5.00	30 June 30
Camp Robinson SUA (daily permit)	CRD	\$15.00	30 June 30
Deferred Hunter Education	DHE	Free	*
Resident Wildlife Conservation License	HNT	\$10.50	30 June 30
Resident Sportsman's Permit	RS	\$25	30 June 30
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Non-Resident 5-Day Small Game Hunting License	SG5	\$80	*

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Non-Resident Turkey Tag (must have NBG)	NRTT	\$100	June 30
Non-Resident Private Lands Elk Permit (must have NBG)	NRE	\$300	June 30
Non-Resident Private Lands Alligator Permit (must have NBG)	NRG	\$300	June 30
Non-Resident Dog Owner's Permit	NDP	\$20	****
Resident Private Lands Elk Permit	PLE	\$5	****
Resident Private Lands Alligator Permit	PLA	\$5	****
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Resident 65 Plus Annual Sportsman's Hunting License	PAH	\$3.50	June 30
WMA General Use Permit	WMP	Free	June 30
Harvest Information Program	HIP	Free	June 30
Snow Goose Registration	SGR	Free	June 30

HUNTING COMMERCIALIZATION:

NAME	CODE	COST	EXP. DATE
Resident Trappers Permit	TP	Free	June 30
Resident Fur Dealer	FD	\$50	June 30
Non-Resident Fur Dealer	NFD	\$100	June 30
Game Bird Shooting Resort Permit	CSR	\$310	June 30
Commercial Wildlife Hunting Resort Permit	CHR	\$745	June 30
Wildlife Breeder/Dealer Permit	WBD	\$95	June 30
Wildlife Importation Permit	WTP	\$65	June 30
Live Fox and Coyote Permit	FCP	\$25	June 30

LIFETIME LICENSE:

NAME	CODE	COST	EXP. DATE
Resident Military Retiree Lifetime Fishing License	MRF	\$10.50	Non-Expiring
Resident Military Retiree Lifetime Hunting License	MRH	\$25	Non-Expiring
Resident Military Retiree Lifetime Combination License	MRC	\$35.50	Non-Expiring
Resident Military Retiree Lifetime Waterfowl Permit	MRD	\$7	Non-Expiring
Resident Military Retiree Lifetime Trout Permit	MRT	\$10	Non-Expiring
Resident 65 Plus Lifetime Fishing License	PLF	\$10.50	Non-Expiring
Resident 65 Plus Lifetime Hunting License	PLH	\$25	Non-Expiring
Resident 65 Plus Lifetime Combination License	PLC	\$35.50	Non-Expiring
Resident 65 Plus Lifetime Waterfowl Permit	PLD	\$7	Non-Expiring
Resident 65 Plus Lifetime Trout Permit	PLT	\$10	Non-Expiring
Resident Sportsman's Lifetime Combination License and Permit (includes Hunting, Fishing, Trout, and Waterfowl)	LSP	\$1,000	Non-Expiring
Resident Disabled Military Veteran Lifetime Fishing License	VLF	\$1.50	Non-Expiring

NAME	CODE	COST	EXP. DATE
Resident Disabled Military Veteran Lifetime Hunting License	VLH	\$1.50	Non-Expiring
Resident Disabled Military Veteran Lifetime Combination License (includes Hunting and Fishing only)	VLC	\$3	Non-Expiring
Resident Disabled Military Veteran Lifetime Waterfowl Permit	VLD	\$7	Non-Expiring
Resident Disabled Military Veteran Lifetime Trout Permit	VLT	\$10	Non-Expiring
Resident Disabled Military Veteran Lifetime Combination License and Permit (includes Hunting, Fishing, Trout, and Waterfowl)	VLL	\$52.50	Non-Expiring
Resident Natural State Lifetime Combination License and Permit (includes Hunting, Fishing, Trout, and Waterfowl) (Age 10 and under)	NSLL	\$500	Non-Expiring^

COMBINATION LICENSE:

NAME	CODE	COST	EXP. DATE
Resident 65 Plus Annual Combination License	PAC	\$4.50	June 30
Resident Combination License	CS	\$35.50	June 30
Resident Combination Guide License	RSG	\$350	June 30

*Good from requested day of issue for period of license.

**Good for 1 year from date of purchase.

****Expires when the zone quota has been reached (Addendum [A1.09](#)).

*****Good for that season only.

*****Good for 1 year from date of issuance.

+Good for 3 years from date of purchase.

+++Permit is annual permit issued in (2) six-month intervals.

++++Expiration date printed on permit.

^Limited availability not to exceed 1,000 per fiscal year (July 1 through June 30), subject to the Director's discretion, sold on a first-come, first-served basis and only to be issued to an Arkansas resident who either (a) has not attained his or her 11th birthday on the date of purchase or (b) had not attained his or her 11th birthday on August 1, 2023, and the date of purchase is no later than December 31, 2023. All purchases are subject to availability and while quantities last.

LEGAL NOTICE

The regular monthly meeting of the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission will be held beginning at 8:00 a.m. Thursday, June 19, 2025, at the Golden Glo Studio located at 1238 Country Club Road, Camden, AR 71701. 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 18, 2025, beginning at 12:00 p.m. at the Golden Glo Studio located at 1238 Country Club Road, Camden, AR 71701. All interested persons are invited to attend these meetings.

The Commission meeting on June 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 meeting dates draw closer.

Items on the agenda for the June 19, 2025 meeting will include discussion and/or adoption of proposed regulations that previously were considered at the May 14-15, 2025 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:

- Provide that persons convicted of violating Code 05.37 (regarding disorderly conduct while hunting, fishing or trapping) shall not be eligible to have their license suspension term reduced by the Administrative Hearing Officer (Code 01.00-R).
- Permit the Administrative Hearing Officer to modify a person's license suspension to allow hunting if there were no hunting-related offenses, or fishing if there were no fishing-related offenses, provided that the person's hunting and fishing licenses, rights, and privileges have not been suspended or revoked within the previous 15 years (Code 01.00-R).
- Create a resident combination hunting/fishing guide license for \$350 (Code 03.14 & Addendum D1.01).
- Prohibit and penalize harassment and public disorder of hunting, fishing or trapping activities (Code 05.37).
- Modify boating restrictions on certain WMAs and NWRs by increasing the penalties for negligent operation from Class 2 to Class 3 & for reckless or intentional operation from Class 3 to Class 4 (Code 20.27).
- Modify wild turkey season dates (Addendum A1.02).
- Modify wild turkey season dates and limits on WMAs (Addendum C1.04).
- Modify Turkey Zone Descriptions (Addendum E1.02).
- Create an exemption from the 16-inch length restriction for largemouth bass on Lakes Barnett, Brewer, and Poinsett during agency-approved fishing tournaments (Addendum N1.02).
- Discussion of access restrictions during duck season on WMAs.

All persons wishing to be heard on these subjects should submit comments in writing to this office before the start of the June 19, 2025 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 9, 2025. 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.

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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RE: Legal Notice for Proposed Rules or Regulations – May 2025 meetings

Dear Arkansas Register:

Included are nine (9) proposed regulation changes that will be published in the Legal Notice to the Arkansas Democrat Gazette on May 18-20, 2025. Should you have any questions or comments concerning this filing, please do not hesitate to contact Sarah Milligan or me at (501) 382-3807 at your convenience.

Sincerely,

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