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Arkansas Register Arkansas Secretary of State, Rules & Regulation Filing 500 Woodlane Drive, Room 26 Little Rock, AR 72201 Via email only: arkansasregister@sos.arkansas.gov

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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JPM/srm Attachment

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Proposed Rule Cover Sheet

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Name of Department			
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Proposal: Create new turkey zones and dates (including youth start dates) for- inside the Mississippi levee (Zone 3) with a start date of the Monday closest to April 3 for a 21-day season, and no associated youth season. A second zone, using county lines to incorporate the Gulf Coastal Plain and southern Delta ecoregions with a start date of the Monday closest to April 10 for a 21-day season (zone 2) or 9-day season (Zone 2A) based on current turkey zones (currently Zone 1 and 2). Zone 2 and 2A will have an associated special youth season the Saturday and Sunday prior to the Monday closest to April 10. A third zone, using county lines to incorporate the Ouachita, Ozark, and northern Delta ecoregions with a start date of the Monday closest to April 17 for a 21-day season (zone 1) or 9-day season (Zone 1A) current turkey zones (currently Zone 1 and 2). Zone 1 and 1A will have an associated special youth season that is concurrent with Zone 2 and 2A, for the Saturday and Sunday prior to the Monday closest to April 10.

Justification: In an effort to offer more and earlier opportunity for turkey hunters, a motion was made to bring forth recommendations that delineates turkey zones for inside the Mississippi levee that would have a harvest season start date for the Monday closest to April 3rd, for the Gulf Coastal Plain and southern Delta ecoregions that would have a harvest season start date for the Monday closest to April 10th, and for the Ouachita, Ozark and northern Delta ecoregions, that would have a harvest season start date for the Monday closest to April 17th.

Codes affected: A1.02, C1.04, and E1.02

FINANCIAL / ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

PLEASE ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS COMPLETELY

DEPARTMENT: Arkansas Game & Fish Commission

(Attach additional pages if needed)

TELEPHONE #: 501-5	NG THIS STATEMENT 54-5728 FAX #: E	Γ: David Moscicki MAIL: david.moscicki@ag Γurkey Seasons and Limits ο		
1.Does this proposed, am Yes:	nended, or repealed rule o	r regulation have a financial in No: X	mpact?	
2. Do you believe the to be cost prohibitive? Y		financial impact statement is s If "Yes", please explain:	o speculative as	
		a federal rule or regulation, property Please indicate if the cost pro		
		Next Fiscal Year General Revenue Federal Funds Cash Funds Special Revenue Other (Identify) Total ear to any party subject to the les fees, administrative penalt		
record keeping, equipme	nt, construction, labor, pr	ofessional services, revenue loubject to the proposed rule, an	oss, or other costs	
Current Fiscal Year:	\$ 0	Next Fiscal Year:	\$ 0	
Party Subject to Rule: Ve	eterans and active duty m	ilitary duck hunters		
Effect on Party Subject to	o Rule: Adding an additi	onal opportunity for waterfow	l hunting.	
5. What is the total	What is the total estimated cost by fiscal year to the agency to implement this rule?			

Next Fiscal Year: \$

0

Explain the financial benefit to the agency from implementing this rule.

\$ 0

There is no additional cost to implement the rule.

Current Fiscal Year:

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

C1.04 -- Wild Turkey Seasons and Limits on WMAs

In compliance with Addendum A1.02.

Any WMA or NWR not listed is closed to the season.

ALUM FORK NATURAL AREA WMA

- Firearms (youth hunt): Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday closest to of April 10. 1 legal turkey.
- o Firearms: Third Monday closest to in-April 17 for 21 days. 1 legal turkey.

BALD KNOB NWR

- Youth Hunt: Open in accordance with season dates set by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.
- Archery/Firearms: Closed

BAYOU DES ARC WMA

- Firearms (youth hunt): Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday closest toof April 10.
 1 legal turkey.
- o **Firearms: Third** Monday closest toin April 17 for 9 days. 1 legal turkey.

BAYOU METO WMA (SEE GEORGE H. DUNKLIN BAYOU METO WMA)

BEARCAT HOLLOW WMA

- Firearms (youth hunt): Saturday and Sunday prior to the second-Monday closest toof April 10. 1 legal turkey.
- o **Firearms: Third** Monday closest to in-April 17 for 21 days. 1 legal turkey.

BELL SLOUGH WMA

Firearms (permit hunt): See Camp Robinson WMA (Code 21.07 and Addendum C1.16).

BENSON CREEK NATURAL AREA WMA

- Firearms (youth hunt): Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday closest to of April 10.
 1 legal turkey.
- Firearms: Third Monday closest to in April 17 for 9 days. 1 legal turkey.

BERYL ANTHONY LOWER OUACHITA WMA

- Firearms (youth hunt): Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday closest to of April 10.
 1 legal turkey.
- Firearms (permit hunt): Third Monday closest to in-April 10 for 3 days, Saturday following the third-Monday closest to in-April 10 for 3 days and the second Saturday following the third Monday closest to in-April 10 for 3 days. 1 legal turkey (Code 21.07 and Addendum C1.16).

BIG CREEK WMA

- Firearms (youth hunt): Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday closest to of April 10. 1 legal turkey.
- o Firearms: Third Monday closest to in-April 17 for 9 days. 1 legal turkey.

BIG LAKE NWR

- Youth Hunt: Open in accordance with season dates set by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.
- Archery/Firearms: Closed.

BIG LAKE WMA

Firearms (youth permit hunt): Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday closest to ef-April 10. 1 legal turkey (Codes 20.07, 21.07 and Addendum C1.16).

BIG TIMBER WMA

- Firearms (youth hunt): Saturday and Sunday prior to second-Monday closest to of April 10.
 1 legal turkey.
- Firearms: Third Monday closest to in-April 10 for 21 days. 1 legal turkey (Codes 20.07, 21.07 and Addendum C1.16).

BLEVINS WMA

- Firearms (youth hunt): Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday closest to of April 10. 1 legal turkey.
- Firearms: Third Monday closest to in-April 10 for 21 days. 1 legal turkey.

BLUE MOUNTAIN WMA

- Firearms (youth hunt): Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday closest to of April 10.
 10.
- o Firearms: Third Monday closest to in April 10 for 21 days. 1 legal turkey.

BUCK ISLAND WMA

- Firearms (youth hunt): Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday of April. 1 legal turkey.
- o Firearms: Third Monday closest to in-April 3 for 21 days. 1 legal turkey.

BUFFALO NATIONAL RIVER WMA

- Firearms (youth hunt): Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday closest to of April 10. 1 legal turkey.
- Firearms: Third Monday closest to in-April 17 for 21 days. 1 legal turkey.

CACHE RIVER NWR

o **Firearms (youth hunt):** Open in accordance with season dates set by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on all refuge lands located south of I-40. 1 legal turkey.

- Firearms: Open in accordance with season dates set by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on all refuge lands located south of I-40. 2 legal turkeys.
- Firearms (permit hunt): See Rex Hancock Black Swamp WMA for refuge lands located north of I-40 dates and limits (Code 21.07 and Addendum C1.16).

CAMP ROBINSON SUA

- Firearms (youth permit hunt) (includes Stone Prairie WMA): Saturday and Sunday prior to the second-Monday closest to of April 10. 1 legal turkey.
- Firearms (permit hunt) (includes Stone Prairie WMA): Third Monday closest to in April 17 for 3 days and Saturday following the third Monday closest to in April 17 for 3 days. 1 legal turkey (Code 21.07 and Addendum C1.16).

CAMP ROBINSON WMA

Firearms (permit hunt) (includes Bell Slough WMA): Third Monday closest to in-April 17 for 3 days, Monday following the third-Monday closest to in-April 17 for 3 days, and the second Monday following the third-Monday closest to in-April 17 for 3 days. 1 legal turkey (Code 21.07 and Addendum C1.16).

CANEY CREEK WMA

- Firearms (youth hunt): Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday closest to of April 10. 1 legal turkey.
- o Firearms: Third Monday closest to in-April 17 for 21 days. 1 legal turkey.

CASEY JONES WMA

- Firearms (youth hunt): Saturday and Sunday prior to the Second-Monday closest to of April 10. 1 legal turkey.
- Firearms: Third Monday closest to in-April 10 for 21 days. 1 legal turkey (Codes 20.07, 21.07 and Addendum C1.16).

CATTAIL MARSH WMA

- Firearms (youth hunt): Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday closest to of April 10. 1 legal turkey.
- o Firearms: Third Monday closest to in-April 17 for 9 days. 1 legal turkey.

CEDAR CREEK WMA

- Firearms (youth hunt): Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday closest to of April 10. 1 legal turkey.
- Firearms: Third Monday closest to in-April 17 for 21 days. 1 legal turkey.

CEDAR MOUNTAIN WMA

- Firearms (youth hunt): Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday closest to in April 10. 1 legal turkey.
- Firearms: Third Monday closest to in-April 17 for 21 days. 1 legal turkey.

CHEROKEE WMA

- Firearms (youth hunt): Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday closest to of April 10. 1 legal turkey.
- Firearms: Third Monday closest to in-April 17 for 21 days. 1 legal turkey (Codes 20.07, 21.07 and Addendum C1.16).

COVE CREEK NATURAL AREA WMA

- Firearms (youth hunt): Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday closest to of April 10. 1 legal turkey.
- Firearms: Third Monday closest to in-April 17 for 21 days. 1 legal turkey.

CROSSETT EXPERIMENTAL FOREST WMA

- Firearms (youth hunt): Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday closest to of April 10. 1 legal turkeys.
- Firearms: Third Monday <u>closest to in-April</u> 10 for 21 days. 1 legal turkey.

CUT-OFF CREEK WMA

- Archery: Third Monday <u>closest to in April 10</u> for 21 days. Exception: Closed during firearm permit hunts (Code 20.17). 1 legal turkey.
- Firearms (youth permit hunt): Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday closest to of April 10. 1 legal turkey.
- Firearms (permit hunt): Third Monday closest to in-April 10 for 3 days, Saturday following the third-Monday closest to in-April 10 for 3 days, and the second Saturday following the third Monday closest to in-April 10 for 3 days. 1 legal turkey (Code 21.07 and Addendum C1.16).

CYPRESS BAYOU WMA

- Firearms (youth hunt): Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday closest to of April 10.
 1 legal turkey.
- Firearms (permit hunt): Third Monday closest to in April 17 for 3 days and the Saturday following the third Monday closest to in April 17 for 3 days. 1 legal turkey.

DALE BUMPERS WHITE RIVER NWR

- o **Firearms (youth hunt):** Open in accordance with season dates set by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. 1 legal turkey, no more than 1 jake.
- Firearms: Open in accordance with season dates set by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (both units). 1 legal turkey.

DARDANELLE WMA

- Firearms (youth hunt): Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday closest to of April 10. 1 legal turkey.
- Firearms: Third Monday closest to in-April 17 for 21 days. 1 legal turkey.

DAVE DONALDSON BLACK RIVER WMA

- Firearms (youth hunt): Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday closest to of April 10. 1 legal turkey.
- o **Firearms:** Third Monday closest to in-April 17 for 9 days. 1 legal turkey.

DEGRAY LAKE WMA

- Firearms (youth hunt): Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday closest to of April 10. 1 legal turkey.
- o Firearms: Third Monday closest to in April 10 for 21 days. 1 legal turkey.

DEPARTEE CREEK WMA

- Firearms (youth hunt): Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday closest to of April 10.
 1 legal turkey.
- Firearms: Third Monday closest to in April 17 for 21 days. 1 legal turkey.

DEQUEEN LAKE WMA

- Firearms (youth hunt): Saturday and Sunday prior to the second-Monday closest to of April 10.
 1 legal turkey.
- Firearms: Third Monday closest to in-April 17 for 21 days. 1 legal turkey.

DEVIL'S EYEBROW NATURAL AREA

- Firearms (youth permit hunt): Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday closest to in-April 10. 1 legal turkey.
- Firearms (permit hunt): Third Monday closest to in April 17 for 3 days and the Saturday following the third Monday closest to in April 17 for 3 days. 1 legal turkey.

DEVIL'S KNOB NATURAL AREA WMA

- Firearms (youth hunt): Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday closest to of April 10. 1 legal turkey.
- o **Firearms:** Third Monday closest to in April 17 for 21 days. 1 legal turkey.

DR. LESTER SITZES, III BOIS D'ARC WMA

- Archery: Third Monday <u>closest to in April 10 for 21 days</u>. Exception: Closed during firearms permit hunts (Code 20.17). 1 legal turkey (Code 20.17).
- Firearms: (youth permit hunt): Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday closest to of April 10. 1 legal turkey.
- Firearms: (permit hunt): Third Monday closest to in April 10 for 3 days and Saturday following the third Monday closest to in April 10 for 3 days. 1 legal turkey (Code 21.07 and Addendum C1.16).

ED GORDON POINT REMOVE WMA

Firearms (youth hunt): Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday closest to of April
 10. 1 legal turkey.

Firearms (permit hunt): Third Monday closest to in April 17 for 3 days, Saturday following the third Monday closest to in April 17 for 3 days, and the second Saturday following the third Monday closest to in April 17 for 3 days. 1 legal turkey (Code 21.07 and Addendum C1.16).

ETHEL WMA

- Firearms (youth hunt): Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday closest to of April 10. 1 legal turkey.
- o Firearms: Third Monday closest to in April 10 for 21 days. 1 legal turkey.

FALCON BOTTOMS NATURAL AREA WMA

- Firearms (youth hunt): Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday closest to of April 10. 1 legal turkey.
- Firearms: Third Monday closest to in-April 17 for 21 days. 1 legal turkey.

FELSENTHAL NWR

- Archery: Open in accordance with season dates set by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.Closed during turkey gun permit hunts. 2 legal turkeys.
- Firearms (youth permit hunt): Open in accordance with season dates set by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. 1 legal turkey
- Firearms (permit hunt): Open in accordance with season dates set by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. 1 legal turkey
- o (Code 21.07 and Addendum C1.16)

FORT CHAFFEE WMA

- Firearms (youth hunt): Saturday and Sunday prior to the second-Monday closest to of April 10.
 1 legal turkey.
- Firearms: Third Monday closest to in-April 17 for 21 days. 1 legal turkey.

FOUSHEE CAVE NATURAL AREA WMA

- Firearms (youth hunt): Saturday and Sunday prior to the second-Monday closest to of April 10.
 1 legal turkey.
- o Firearms: Third Monday closest to in-April 17 for 21 days. 1 legal turkey.

FREDDIE BLACK CHOCTAW ISLAND WMA AND DEER RESEARCH AREA

- East Unit
 - Archery: Third Monday <u>closest to in April 3</u> for 21 days. Exception: Closed during firearms permit hunts. 1 legal turkey.
 - Firearms (youth permit hunt): Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday, of April. 1 legal turkey.
 - Firearms (permit hunt): Third Monday closest to in April 3 for 3 days, Saturday following the third Monday closest to in April 3 for 3 days, and the second Saturday following the third Monday closest to in April 3 for 3 days. 1 legal turkey (Code 21.07 and Addendum C1.16).
- West Unit
 - Archery/Firearms: Closed

FRIERSON WMA

- Firearms (youth hunt): Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday closest to of April 10.
 1 legal turkey.
- Firearms: Third Monday closest to in-April 17 for 9 days. 1 legal turkey.

GALLA CREEK WMA

- Firearms (youth hunt): Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday closest to of April 10. 1 legal turkey.
- Firearms (permit hunts): Third Monday closest to in-April 17 for 3 days, Saturday following the third-Monday closest to in-April 17 for 3 days and the second Saturday following the third Monday closest to in-April 17 for 3 days. 1 legal turkey (Code 21.07 and Addendum C1.16).

GARRETT HOLLOW NATURAL AREA WMA

- o **Archery:** Third Monday closest to in-April 17 for 9 days. 1 legal turkey.
- o Firearms: Closed.

GENE RUSH WMA

- Firearms (youth hunt): Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday closest to of April 10. 1 legal turkey.
- Firearms: Third Monday closest to in-April 17 for 21 days. 1 legal turkey.

GEORGE H. DUNKLIN JR. BAYOU METO WMA

- Firearms (youth hunt): Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday closest to of April 10. 1 legal turkey.
- Firearms: Third Monday closest to in-April 10 for 21 days. 1 legal turkey.

GOAT'S BEARD BLUFF NATURAL AREA

- Firearms (youth hunt): Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday closest to of April 10. 1 legal turkey.
- o **Firearms:** Third Monday closest to in April 17 for 21 days. 1 legal turkey.

GREERS FERRY LAKE WMA

- Firearms (youth hunt): Saturday and Sunday prior to the second-Monday closest to of April 10.
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- Firearms: Third Monday closest to in-April 17 for 21 days. 1 legal turkey.

GUM FLATS WMA

- Firearms (youth hunt): Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday closest to of April 10. 1 legal turkey.
- Firearms: Third Monday closest to in April 10 for 9 days. 1 legal turkey (Codes 20.07, 21.07 and Addendum C1.16).

HALL CREEK BARRENS NATURAL AREA WMA

- Firearms (youth hunt): Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday closest to of April 10. 1 legal turkey.
- o Firearms: Third Monday closest to in April 10 for 21 days. 1 legal turkey.

HAROLD E. ALEXANDER SPRING RIVER WMA

- Firearms (youth permit hunt): Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday closest to of April 10. 1 legal turkey.
- Firearms (permit hunt): Third Monday closest to in April 17 for 3 days, Saturday following the third Monday closest to in April 17 for 3 days, and the second Saturday following the third Monday closest to in April 17 for 3 days. 1 legal turkey (Code 21.07 and Addendum C1.16).

HARRIS BRAKE WMA

- Firearms (youth hunt): Saturday and Sunday prior to second Monday closest to of April 10.
 1 legal turkey.
- Firearms: Third Monday closest to in April 17 for 21 days. 1 legal turkey.

HENRY GRAY HURRICANE LAKE WMA

 Firearms (youth hunt): Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday closest to of April 10. 1 legal turkey.

HOLLA BEND NWR

- Archery: Open in accordance with season dates set by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. 2 legal turkeys.
- Firearms (youth permit hunt): Open in accordance with season dates set by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. 1 legal turkey.
- Firearms (youth permit hunt): Open in accordance with season dates set by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. 1 legal turkey.

HOLLAND BOTTOMS WMA

- Firearms (youth permit hunt): Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday closest to of April 10. 1 legal turkey.
- Firearms (permit hunt): Third Monday closest to in-April 17 for 3 days and Saturday following the third-Monday closest to in-April 17 for 3 days. 1 legal turkey (Code 21.07 and Addendum C1.16).

HOPE UPLAND WMA

Firearms (youth hunt): See Rick Evans Grandview Prairie WMA.

HOT SPRINGS STATE FOREST WMA

- Firearms (youth permit hunt): Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday closest to of April 10. 1 legal turkey.
- Firearms (permit hunt): Third Monday closest to in April 17 for 3 days, Saturday following the third Monday closest to in April 17 for 3 days and the second Saturday following the third Monday closest to in April 17 for 3 days. 1 legal turkey. (Code 20.02 and Addendum C1.16).

HOWARD COUNTY WMA

- Firearms (youth hunt): Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday closest to of April 10. 1 legal turkey.
- o Firearms: Third Monday closest to in-April 17 for 21 days. 1 legal turkey (Code 20.07).

HOWARD HENSLEY SEARCY COUNTY WMA

- Firearms (youth hunt): Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday closest to of April 10. 1 legal turkey.
- o Firearms: Third Monday closest to in-April 17 for 21 days. 1 legal turkey.

IRON MOUNTAIN NATURAL AREA WMA

- Firearms (youth hunt): Saturday and Sunday prior to the second-Monday closest to of April 10. 1 legal turkey.
- Firearms: Third Monday closest to in April 17 for 21 days. 1 legal turkey.

J. PERRY MIKLES BLUE MOUNTAIN SUA

- Firearms (youth hunt): Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday closest to of April 10. 1 legal turkey.
- o **Firearms:** Third Monday closest to in April 17 for 21 days. 1 legal turkey.

JACK MOUNTAIN WMA

- Firearms (youth hunt):Saturday and Sunday prior to the second-Monday closest to of April 10. 1 legal turkey.
- Firearms: Third Monday closest to in April 17 for 21 days. 1 legal turkey (Code 21.07 and Addendum C1.16).

JAMESTOWN INDEPENDENCE COUNTY WMA

- Firearms (youth hunt): Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday closest to of April 10. 1 legal turkey.
- o **Firearms:** Third Monday closest to in April 17 for 21 days. 1 legal turkey.

JIM KRESS WMA

- Firearms (youth hunt): Saturday and Sunday prior to the second-Monday closest to of April 10.
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- Firearms: Third Monday closest to in April 17 for 21 days. 1 legal turkey (Codes 20.07, 21.07, and Addendum C1.16).

KINGSLAND PRAIRIE NATURAL AREA WMA

- Firearms (youth hunt): Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday closest to of April
 10. 1 legal turkey.
- o **Firearms: Third** Monday closest to in-April 10 for 21 days. 1 legal turkey.

LAFAYETTE COUNTY WMA

- Firearms (youth permit hunt): Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday closest to of April 10. 1 legal turkey.
- Firearms (permit hunt): Third Monday <u>closest to in-April 10 for 3 days.</u> 1 legal turkey (Codes 20.07, 21.07, and Addendum C1.16).

LAKE GREESON WMA

- Firearms (youth hunt): Saturday and Sunday prior to the second-Monday closest to of April 10. 1 legal turkey.
- o Firearms: Third Monday closest to in-April 17 for 21 days. 1 legal turkey (Code 20.07).

LAKE OVERCUP WMA

- Firearms (youth hunt): Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday closest to of April
 10. 1 legal turkey.
- Firearms: Third Monday closest to in-April 17 for 21 days. 1 legal turkey.

LEE COUNTY WMA

- Firearms (youth hunt): Saturday and Sunday prior to the second-Monday closest to of April 10. 1 legal turkey.
- Firearms: Third Monday closest to in April 17 for 9 days. 1 legal turkey.

LEE CREEK WMA

- Firearms (youth hunt): Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday closest to of April 10.
 1 legal turkey.
- o **Firearms:** Third Monday closest to in April 17 for 21 days. 1 legal turkey.

LITTLE BAYOU WMA

- Firearms (youth hunt): Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday closest to of April 10. 1 legal turkey.
- Firearms: Third Monday closest to in-April 10 for 21 days. 1 legal turkey.

LITTLE RIVER WMA

- Firearms (youth hunt): Saturday and Sunday prior to the second-Monday closest to of April 10.
 1 legal turkey.
- Firearms: Third Monday closest to in-April 10 for 21 days. 1 legal turkey.

LOAFER'S GLORY WMA

- Firearms (youth hunt): Saturday and Sunday prior to the second-Monday closest to of April 10.
 1 legal turkey.
- o **Firearms:** Third Monday closest to in April 17 for 21 days. 1 legal turkey.

LONGVIEW SALINE NATURAL AREA WMA

 Firearms (youth hunt): Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday closest to of April 10. 1 legal turkey.

- o Firearms (permit hunt): Third Monday closest to in-April 10 for 3 days. 1 legal turkey.
- Firearms: Thursday following the third-Monday closest to in April 10 for 18 days. 1 legal turkey.

MCILROY MADISON COUNTY WMA

- Firearms (youth permit hunt): Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday closest to of April 10. 1 legal turkey.
- Firearms (permit hunt): Third Monday closest to in April 17 for 3 days, Saturday following the third Monday closest to in April 17 for 3 days, and the second Saturday following the third Monday closest to in April 17 for 3 days. 1 legal turkey (Code 21.07 and Addendum C1.16).

MIKE FREEZE WATTENSAW WMA

- Firearms (youth permit hunt): Saturday and Sunday prior to the second-Monday closest to ef-April 10. 1 legal turkey.
- Firearms (permit hunt): Third Monday closest to in-April 17 for 3 days and Saturday following the third-Monday closest to in-April 17 for 3 days. 1 legal turkey (Code 21.07 and Addendum C1.16).

MORO BIG PINE NATURAL AREA WMA

- Firearms (youth permit hunt): Saturday and Sunday prior to the second-Monday closest to ef-April 10. 1 legal turkey.
- Firearms (permit hunt): Third Monday closest to in April 10 for 3 days, Saturday following the third Monday closest to in April 10 for 3 days, and the second Saturday following the third Monday closest to in April 10 for 3 days. 1 legal turkey (Code 21.07 and Addendum C1.16).

MT. MAGAZINE WMA

- Firearms (youth hunt): Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday closest to of April 10. 1 legal turkey.
- Firearms: Third Monday closest to in-April 17 for 21 days. 1 legal turkey.

MUDDY CREEK WMA

- Firearms (youth hunt): Saturday and Sunday prior to the second-Monday closest to of April 10. 1 legal turkey.
- Firearms: Third Monday closest to in-April 17 for 21 days. 1 legal turkey.

NACATOCH RAVINES NATURAL AREA WMA

- Firearms (youth hunt): Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday closest to of April 10. 1 legal turkey.
- Firearms: Third Monday closest to in April 10 for 21 days. 1 legal turkey.

NIMROD LLOYD MILLWOOD WMA

- Firearms (youth hunt): Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday closest to of April 10. 1 legal turkey.
- o **Firearms:** Third Monday closest to in April 17 for 21 days. 1 legal turkey.

NORFORK LAKE WMA

- Firearms (youth hunt): Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday closest to of April 10. 1 legal turkey.
- Firearms: Third Monday closest to in-April 17 for 21 days. 1 legal turkey.

OVERFLOW NWR

- Archery/Crossbow: Open in accordance with season dates set by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. 1 legal turkey.
- o **Firearms (youth permit hunt):** Open in accordance with season dates set by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. 1 legal turkey (Code 21.07 and Addendum C1.16).

OZAN WMA

- Firearms (youth hunt): Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday closest to of April 10.
 1 legal turkey.
- Firearms: Third Monday closest to in April 10 for 21 days. 1 legal turkey.

OZARK LAKE WMA

- Firearms (youth hunt): Saturday and Sunday prior to the second-Monday closest to of April 10.
 1 legal turkey.
- Firearms: Third Monday closest to in-April 17 for 21 days. 1 legal turkey.

PETIT JEAN RIVER WMA

- Firearms (youth hunt): Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday closest to of April 10. 1 legal turkey.
- Firearms (permit hunt): Third Monday closest to in April 17 for 3 days, Saturday following the third Monday closest to in April 17 for 3 days, and the second Saturday following the third Monday closest to in April 17 for 3 days. 1 legal turkey (Code 21.07 and Addendum C1.16).

PINE CITY NATURAL AREA WMA

- Firearms (youth hunt): Saturday and Sunday prior to the second-Monday closest to of April 10.
 1 legal turkey.
- o Firearms: Third Monday closest to in April 17 for 9 days.1 legal turkey.

PINEY CREEKS WMA

- Firearms (youth hunt): Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday closest to of April 10. 1 legal turkey.
- Firearms: Third Monday closest to in-April 17 for 21 days. 1 legal turkey.

POISON SPRINGS WMA

- Firearms (youth hunt): Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday closest to of April 10. 1 legal turkey.
- o **Firearms: Third** Monday closest to in-April 10 for 21 days. 1 legal turkey.

POND CREEK NWR

- Archery: Open in accordance with season dates set by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. 1 legal turkey.
- **Firearms (youth hunt):** Open in accordance with season dates set by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. 1 legal turkey.
- Firearms (permit hunt): Open in accordance with season dates set by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. 1 legal turkey (Code 21.07 and Addendum C1.16).

PRAIRIE BAYOU WMA

- Firearms: (youth hunt): Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday closest to of April 10. 1 legal turkey.
- Firearms: Third Monday closest to of April 17 for 9 days. 1 legal turkey.

PROVO WMA

- Firearms (youth hunt): Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday closest to of April 10. 1 legal turkey.
- Firearms: Third Monday closest to in April 17 for 21 days. 1 legal turkey (Codes 20.07, 21.07, and Addendum C1.16).

RAINEY WMA

- Firearms (youth hunt): Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday closest to ef April 10. 1 legal turkey.
- o Firearms: Third Monday closest to in-April 17 for 21 days. 1 legal turkey.

REX HANCOCK BLACK SWAMP WMA

- Firearms (youth hunt): Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday closest to of April 10.
 1 legal turkey.
- Firearms (permit hunt): Third Monday closest to in-April 17 for 2 days and Saturday following the third-Monday closest to in-April 17 for 2 days. 1 legal turkey (Code 21.07 and Addendum C1.16).
- (all hunts includes Cache River NWR Unit 2 lands within an area bounded by U.S. Highway
 64 on north, Arkansas Highway
 17 on east, Arkansas Highway
 18 on south and Arkansas Highway
 19 on west

RICK EVANS GRANDVIEW PRAIRIE WMA

 Firearms (youth permit hunt) (includes Hope Upland WMA): Saturday and Sunday prior to the second-Monday closest to of April 10. 1 legal turkey (Code 21.07 and Addendum C1.16).

RING SLOUGH WMA

- Firearms (youth hunt): Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday closest to of April 10.
 1 legal turkey.
- Firearms: Third Monday closest to in-April 17 for 9 days. 1 legal turkey.

RIVER BEND WMA

- Firearms (youth hunt): Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday closest to of April 10. 1 legal turkey.
- o Firearms: Third Monday closest to in-April 17 for 21 days. 1 legal turkey.

ROBERT L. HANKINS MUD CREEK WMA

- Firearms (youth hunt): Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday closest to of April 10. 1 legal turkey.
- o Firearms (permit hunt): Third Monday closest to in April 17 for 3 days. 1 legal turkey.
- Firearms: Thursday following the third-Monday closest to in April 17 for 18 days. 1 legal turkey.

ST. FRANCIS NATIONAL FOREST WMA

- Firearms (youth hunt): Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday closest to of April 10. 1 legal turkey.
- Firearms: Third Monday closest to in-April 17 for 9 days. 1 legal turkey.

ST. FRANCIS SUNKEN LANDS WMA

- Firearms (youth hunt): Saturday and Sunday prior to the second-Monday closest to of April 10. 1 legal turkey.
- o Firearms: Third Monday closest to in-April 17 for 9 days.1 legal turkey.

SANDHILLS NATURAL AREA WMA

- Firearms (youth hunt): Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday closest to of April 10. 1 legal turkey.
- o Firearms: Third Monday closest to in April 10 for 9 days. 1 legal turkey.

SCOTT HENDERSON GULF MOUNTAIN WMA

- Archery: Third Monday <u>closest to in-April 17</u> for 21 days. Exception: Closed during firearms permit hunts. 1 legal turkey.
- Firearms (youth hunt): Saturday and Sunday prior to the second-Monday closest to of April 10. 1 legal turkey.
- Firearms (permit hunt): Third Monday closest to in April 17 for 3 days, Saturday following the third Monday closest to in April 17 for 3 days, and the second Saturday following the third Monday closest to in April 17 for 3 days. 1 legal turkey (Code 21.07 and Addendum C1.16).

SEVEN DEVILS WMA

- Firearms (youth hunt): Saturday and Sunday prior to the second-Monday closest to of April 10. 1 legal turkey.
- Firearms: Third Monday closest to in-April 10 for 21 days. 1 legal turkey.

SHIREY BAY RAINEY BRAKE WMA

- Firearms (youth permit hunt): Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday closest to in-April 10. 1 legal turkey.
- Firearms (permit hunts): Third Monday closest to in April 17 for 3 days, Saturday following the third Monday closest to in April 17 for 3 days, and the second Saturday following the third Monday closest to in April 17 for 3 days. 1 legal turkey (Code 21.07 and Addendum C1.16).

SLIPPERY HOLLOW NATURAL AREA WMA

- Firearms (youth hunt): Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday closest to of April 10. 1 legal turkey.
- o Firearms: Third Monday closest to in-April 17 for 21 days. 1 legal turkey.

SMOKE HOLE NATURAL AREA WMA

- Firearms (youth hunt): Saturday and Sunday prior to the second-Monday closest to of April 10.
 1 legal turkey.
- Firearms: Third Monday closest to in April 17 for 9 days. 1 legal turkey.

SPRING BANK WMA

- Firearms (youth hunt): Saturday and Sunday prior to the second-Monday closest to of April 10. 1 legal turkey.
- Firearms: Third Monday closest to in-April 10 for 21 days. 1 legal turkey.

STATELINE SANDPONDS NATURAL AREA WMA

- Firearms (youth hunt): Saturday and Sunday prior to the Second Monday closest to of April 10.
 1 legal turkey.
- Firearms: Third Monday closest to in April 17 for 9 days. 1 legal turkey.

STONE PRAIRIE WMA

- Firearms (youth permit hunt) (includes Camp Robinson SUA): Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday closest to of April 10. 1 legal turkey.
- Firearms (permit hunt) (includes Camp Robinson SUA): Third Monday closest to in April 17 for 3 days and Saturday following the third Monday closest to in April 17 for 3 days. 1 legal turkey (Code 21.07 and Addendum C1.16).

SUGARLOAF MOUNTAINS-MIDLAND PEAK NATURAL AREA WMA

- Firearms (youth hunt): Saturday and Sunday prior to the second-Monday closest to of April 10. 1 legal turkey.
- Firearms: Third Monday closest to in-April 17 for 21 days. 1 legal turkey.

SULPHUR RIVER WMA

- Firearms (youth hunt): Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday closest to of April 10.
 10.
- Firearms (permit hunt): Third Monday closest to in April 10 for 3 days and Saturday following the third Monday closest to in April 10 for 3 days. 1 legal turkey (Code 21.07 and Addendum C1.16).

SYLAMORE WMA

- North and South Units
 - Firearms (youth hunt): Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday closest to of April 10. 1 legal turkey.
 - Firearms (permit hunt): Third Monday closest to in April 17 for 3 days. 1 legal turkey (Code 21.07 and Addendum C1.16).
 - Firearms: Thursday following the third Monday closest to in April 17 for 18 days. 1 legal turkey.

TRUSTEN HOLDER WMA

- Firearms (youth hunt): Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday closest to of April 10. 1 legal turkey.
- o Firearms (permit hunt): Third Monday closest to in-April 10 for 3 days. 1 legal turkey.
- Firearms: Thursday following the third Monday closest to in April 10 for 18 days. 1 legal turkey.

TWO BAYOU CREEK WMA

- Firearms (youth hunt): Saturday and Sunday prior to the second-Monday closest to of April 10. 1 legal turkey.
- o **Firearms: Third** Monday closest to in-April 10 for 21 days. 1 legal turkey.

U OF A PINE TREE EXPERIMENTAL STATION WDA

- Firearms (youth permit hunt): Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday closest to ef April 10. 1 legal turkey.
- Firearms (permit hunt): Saturday following the third-Monday closest to in-April 17 for 3 days.

VILLAGE CREEK WMA

- Firearms (youth hunt): Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday closest to of April 10.
 1 legal turkey.
- o **Firearms:** Third Monday closest to in-April 17 for 9 days. 1 legal turkey.

WARREN PRAIRIE NATURAL AREA WMA

- Firearms (youth hunt): Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday closest to of April 10. 1 legal turkey.
- Firearms (permit hunt): Third Monday closest to in April 10 for 3 days. 1 legal turkey.
- Firearms: Thursday following the third-Monday closest to in-April 10 for 18 days. 1 legal turkey.

WHITE CLIFFS NATURAL AREA WMA

- Firearms (youth hunt): Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday closest to of April 10. 1 legal turkey.
- Firearms: Third Monday closest to in April 10 for 9 days. 1 legal turkey.

WHITEHALL WMA

- Firearms (youth hunt): Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday closest to of April
 10. 1 legal turkey.
- Firearms: Third Monday closest to in-April 17 for 9 days. 1 legal turkey.

WHITE ROCK WMA

- Firearms (youth hunt): Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday closest to of April 10. 1 legal turkey.
- o Firearms: Third Monday closest to in April 17 for 21 days. 1 legal turkey.

W.E. BREWER SCATTER CREEK WMA

- Firearms (youth permit hunt): Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday closest to of April 10. 1 legal turkey.
- Firearms (permit hunt): Third Monday closest to in April 17 for 3 days and Saturday following the third Monday closest to in April 17 for 3 days. 1 legal turkey (Code 21.07 and Addendum C1.16).

WINONA WMA

- 4.o Firearms (youth hunt): Saturday and Sunday prior to the second Monday closest to of April 10. 1 legal turkey.
- 2. Firearms: Third Monday closest to in-April 17 for 21 days. 1 legal turkey.

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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