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 All laws, rules, regulations, or orders in conflict with the regulations in this Code Book are hereby repealed by the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission.

03.02 Fishing License Requirements

It is unlawful to fish in any manner in Arkansas without possessing on the person the appropriate Arkansas fishing license as provided herein:

A. Arkansas Resident (16 years of age and older) - Resident Fisheries Conservation License; Resident 3-Day Trip Fishing License; Resident Sportsman's Lifetime Combination License and Permit; Resident Natural State Lifetime Combination License and Permit; Resident 65 Plus Lifetime Fishing License (or Resident 65 Plus Lifetime Combination License); Resident 65 Plus Annual Fishing License (or Resident 65 Plus Annual Combination License); Disabled Lifetime Fishing License (or Resident Disabled Lifetime Combination License); Resident Disabled Fishing 3-Year License (or Resident Disabled Combination 3-Year License); or Resident Disabled Military Veteran Lifetime Fishing License (or Resident Disabled Military Veteran Lifetime Combination License or Resident Disabled Military Veteran Lifetime Combination License and Permit).

B. Nonresidents (16 years of age and older) - Non-Resident Annual Fishing License; or Non-Resident 3-Day Trip Fishing License.

C. Persons must possess a valid Commercial Fishing Permit and Sportfishing License (CFS) or Aquatic Turtle Harvest Permit (THP) to purchase tags for commercial tackle or to operate commercial tackle. A CFS or THP holder may purchase a Helper Permit, which will allow the permitted helper to operate the CFS or THP holder’s tackle. Tackle tags may not be purchased with the Helper Permit. Permitted helpers must possess a Resident Fisheries Conservation License. Youths and individuals 65 years of age or older are required to purchase a Junior/Senior Commercial Fishing Permit.

D. In lieu of an Arkansas Nonresident Fishing License, Missouri resident fishing license holders, age 16 or older, are required to purchase a White River Border Lakes License (Addendum H1.04), in compliance with the White River Lakes License Agreement.

EXCEPTION: Persons fishing in put-and-take pay lakes licensed by the Commission.

PENALTY: Class 1