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 All laws, rules, regulations, or orders in conflict with the regulations in this Code Book are hereby repealed by the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission.

05.28 Predator Control Permit Requirement

The Commission has established an optional Predator Control Permit to aid in the management of private land. It shall be unlawful for Predator Control Permit holders to take bobcat, coyote, gray fox, opossum, raccoon, red fox, or striped skunk except in compliance with the following requirements:

A. Predator Control Permits may be issued to applicants complying with the following requirements:
   1. Applicants must be 16 years or older and possess a valid hunting license.
   2. If trapping, resident applicants must possess a Resident Trapper Permit and non-residents applicants must possess a Non-resident Trapper Permit.
   3. Persons having their hunting/trapping privileges revoked are not eligible for a Predator Control Permit.
   4. Applicant must be the owner, immediate family of owner, lessee or have written permission from landowner or lessee of the land upon which the permit will be used.

B. Permit holders must comply with the following requirements:
   1. Permits are valid only on private land outside the limits of incorporated towns.
   2. Permits are valid from July 1 through June 30.
   3. Traps must be used in accordance with Codes 17.01, 17.02, and 17.03.
   4. Firearms of any caliber may be used during day or night to take these species.
   5. Artificial light may be used, except from a public road (ref. Code 05.03), to take these species at night.

Dogs may not be used during daylight hours in turkey season or when a firearms deer season is in progress in a zone where dogs are not allowed to hunt deer. Dogs may be utilized at night to take bobcat, opossum, raccoon, and striped skunk.

PENALTY: Class 1