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 All laws, rules, regulations, or orders in conflict with the regulations in this Code Book are hereby repealed by the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission.

09.05 Commercial Wildlife Hunting Resort Permit Required

It is unlawful to operate or maintain a commercial wildlife hunting resort without first obtaining a valid Commercial Wildlife Hunting Resort Permit from the Commission. Commercial Wildlife Hunting Resort Permits for new facilities for the hunting of any member of the Family Cervidae shall not be issued after June 30, 2006 (Addendum F1.01). For the purposes of this regulation, “new facility” means a facility that did not exist or was not initially permitted prior to July 1, 2006, or that has not been continuously permitted and operated since that date. No existing permit can be transferred to another person, firm or corporation rearing, breeding, propagating, producing or distributing any member of the Cervidae family.

EXCEPTION:
A Commercial Wildlife Hunting Resort Permit is not required for pens in which only red fox, gray fox or coyote are pursued (fox pens) unless the facility is also a high-fence enclosure in which other native game species are hunted as part of a commercial operation.

PENALTY: Class 3

A. Any person convicted of violating this regulation shall be liable for the costs accrued in the storage, care and maintenance of any equipment and/or wildlife seized in connection with the violation.

B. Any person convicted of violating this regulation shall be liable for the costs of any and all tests and/or examinations of the illegal wildlife, and also shall be liable for the costs of destruction and/or disposal of the illegal wildlife, as deemed necessary by the Commission for the protection of native wildlife.