

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 All laws, rules, regulations, or orders in conflict with the regulations in this Code Book are hereby repealed by the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission.

### 19.20 Possession Of Certain Aquatic Plants Prohibited

It is unlawful to possess on properties owned, managed, or controlled by the Commission any plants of the following species: Alligatorweed (*Althernanthera philoxeroides*), Brazilian Waterweed (*Egeria densa*), Common Reed (*Phragmites australis*), Crested Floating Heart (*Nymphoides cristata*), Cuban Bulrush (*Oxycaryum cubense*), Curly Pondweed (*Potamogeton crispus*), Didymo (*Didymosphenia geminata*), Duck Lettuce (*Ottelia alismoides*), Eurasian Watermilfoil (*Myriophyllum spicatum*), Giant Lyngbya (*Lyngbya wollei*), Giant Salvinia (*Salvinia molesta*), Hydrilla (*Hydrilla verticillata*), Parrot Feather (*Myriophyllum aquaticum*), Purple Loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*), Roundleaf Toothcup (*Rotala rotundifolia*), Uruguayan Waterprimrose (*Ludwigia hexapetala*), Water Hyacinth (*Eichhornia crassipes*), Water Lettuce (*Pistis stratiotes*), or Yellow Floating Heart (*Nymphoides pelata*).

**EXCEPTIONS:** The following may possess one or more of these aquatic plant species pursuant to written approval issued by the Chief of Fisheries:

- A. Businesses or individuals under contract with the Commission for mechanical removal of such plants; and
- B. Persons conducting bona fide research on such aquatic plants.

**PENALTY:** Class 2