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 All laws, rules, regulations, or orders in conflict with the regulations in this Code Book are hereby repealed by the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission.

31.02 Mussel Shell Size Restrictions

It is unlawful to take, attempt to take, sell, or offer for sale mussels or mussel shells of sizes less than minimum diameter or length as follows:

A. Mussel shells shall be measured by minimum diameter except for elongated shells.
B. The minimum diameter shall be 4 inches for washboards, 2¾ inches for mapleleaf and threeridge, 2¼ inches for hickorynut, threehorn wartyback and monkeyface, and 2½ inches for all other round shells. Minimum length shall be 4 inches for bleufers, yellow sandshell, muckets, pistolgrip, spike, Ouachita kidneyshell and bankclimber.
C. All undersized shells, western fanshell, black sandshell, and rabbitsfoot must be immediately returned to the water.

PENALTY: Class 1