

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 All laws, rules, regulations, or orders in conflict with the regulations in this Code Book are hereby repealed by the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission.

38.01 Closure To All Commercial Harvest On Certain Waters

The Arkansas State Board of Health has issued a fish consumption advisory and closed the following bodies of water to commercial harvest and fishing:

- A. Big Bayou Meto and all tributaries extending 5 miles above their confluence with the bayou from the Arkansas Highway 11 bridge at the Jefferson/Arkansas County line to the headwaters of Bayou Meto, and all overflow lakes, sloughs and bayous, including Little Bayou Meto north of Arkansas Highway 88 and all water exchange ditches between Little Bayou Meto and Big Bayou Meto.
- B. Big Creek tributary in Columbia County from the intersection of the tributary with Arkansas Highway 82B and L&NW Railroad in Magnolia downstream to its confluence with Big Creek.
- C. Champagnolle Creek from its mouth to Arkansas Highway 4, including all of Little Champagnolle Creek in Calhoun County.
- D. Moro Bay (Creek) from its mouth to Arkansas Highway 160.
- E. Cut-Off Creek from the Arkansas Highway 35 Bridge in Drew County to the creek's confluence with Bayou Bartholomew in Ashley County.
- F. Bayou Bartholomew between Arkansas Highway 35 in Drew County and Arkansas Highway 82 in Ashley County, including all lakes, bays or other bodies of water, other than tributary streams.
- G. Certain fish in the lower Ouachita River and Saline River as specified below. These waters, including oxbows and overflow lakes when accessible by boat from the main channel, are open to legal commercial tackle as defined in Codes [30.05](#) and [30.15](#). The oxbows and overflow lakes within the Ouachita River floodplain, when not accessible by boat from the main channel, are open from noon September 30 to noon May 1 to legal gill and trammel nets.
 1. Flathead catfish, bowfin, drum and gar may not be taken or possessed by commercial fishermen in the Ouachita River, oxbows, and overflow lakes from Smackover Creek to the northern boundary of Felsenthal NWR.
 2. Flathead catfish, blue catfish, bowfin, drum and gar may not be taken or possessed by commercial fishermen on the Ouachita River, oxbows, and overflow lakes within Felsenthal NWR downstream to the Louisiana state line; any and all waters within Felsenthal NWR; and the Saline River from its mouth within the Felsenthal NWR to the Stillion railroad bridge in Ashley and Bradley Counties.
 3. Flathead catfish, blue catfish, bowfin, drum, gar and redhorse suckers may not be taken or possessed by commercial fishermen on the Saline River from the Stillion railroad bridge upstream to the U.S. Highway 278 Bridge in Bradley County.

PENALTY: Class 1