

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 All laws, rules, regulations, or orders in conflict with the regulations in this Code Book are hereby repealed by the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission.

01.00-O Closure Of Public Access And/Or Zones Due To Emergency Condition

Where the Commission finds that an emergency condition (Code [01.00-C](#)) is affecting a designated zone or area within the State, it may, without prior notice or meeting, or with any abbreviated notice and meeting that it chooses, immediately order the closure of any of the following:

- A. Public access to any Commission-owned or controlled property (including without limitation WMAs and lakes) affected by the emergency condition; and
- B. Hunting, fishing, and/or trapping in any zone or zones affected by the emergency condition. The Director of the Commission, in consultation with the Commission Chair, is authorized to immediately order any such emergency closure on behalf of the Commission, provided that the Director promptly reports such closure to all Game and Fish Commissioners prior to the next regular meeting of the Commission. An emergency closure issued by order of the Director may be effective for no longer than 60 days and shall expire at the earliest of the following:
 1. Upon issuance of an order by the Commission or Director finding that need for the emergency closure no longer exists; or
 2. Unless expressly extended by decision of the Commission at its next regular meeting, at 12:00 A.M. on the day immediately following such meeting.

Upon prior public notice and meeting, the Commission may extend any emergency closure due to ongoing emergency conditions (Codes [01.00-C](#), [02.05](#)).