

As of January 3, 2025

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 All laws, rules, regulations, or orders in conflict with the regulations in this Code Book are hereby repealed by the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission.**

## **05.17 Alligator, Bear, Deer, And Turkey Tagging Requirements**

- A. All licensed hunters, including youth, 65+ lifetime hunting license holders, disability hunting license holders, holders of any permanent license issued by the Commission and those hunting under the Reciprocal Hunting License Agreement must either immediately check their harvest using an AGFC-approved method before moving their harvest from the site of recovery or legibly fill out (in ink) a game tag provided in the current Commission guidebook, or use a piece of paper to make a tag and legibly print (in ink) the hunter's name, date, WMA or zone number, and time of harvest. The tag must be securely fastened to the antler, ear, or leg of a deer or to the leg of a turkey before moving the animal from the site of recovery. The tagged animal must then be checked using an AGFC-approved method within 12 hours of when it was recovered from the site of harvest. A harvested alligator, deer or bear does not need to be tagged when proof of checking is immediately available. SPECIAL NOTE: Harvest information reflecting the name, address, species, sex, date taken and check confirmation number must remain with all portions until reaching the point of final storage.
- B. Immediately after harvesting a bear and before moving it, each hunter must check the bear online or by phone; or each hunter must legibly fill out (in ink) a game tag provided in the current Arkansas Hunting Guidebook, or use a piece of paper to make a tag, and legibly print (in ink) the hunter's name, date, WMA or zone number, and time of harvest. The tag must be securely fastened to the leg or ear of the bear.
- C. Immediately after harvesting an alligator and before moving it, each hunter must check the alligator online and legibly fill out (in ink) a temporary game tag provided in the current Arkansas Hunting Guidebook, or use a piece of paper to make a tag, and legibly print (in ink) the hunter's name, date, alligator management zone number, and time of harvest. The tag must be securely fastened to the leg of the alligator. A US Fish and Wildlife Service CITES tag will be mailed to successful hunters upon verification of online checking. The hunter will attach the CITES tag to the alligator approximately 6 inches from the tip of the tail.
- D. RESERVED.
- E. A hunter who has been issued a Deer Management Assistance Program Management

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Tag, Private Land CWD Management Tag, CWD  
Replacement Tag, or Urban Deer Hunt  
Management Tag may only use such tag in  
compliance with the special terms of the tag.  
Immediately after harvesting a bonus deer  
allowed under the Deer Management Assistance  
Program Management Tags, Private Land CWD  
Management Tags, CWD Replacement Tags, or  
Urban Deer Hunt Management Tags, each  
hunter must physically tag the deer with the  
special AGFC-issued program tag before moving  
the deer. Immediate proof of checking does not  
exempt these deer from being tagged.

**PENALTY:** Class 2