

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 All laws, rules, regulations, or orders in conflict with the regulations in this Code Book are hereby repealed by the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission.

12.01 Taking Of Alligator Prohibited

It is unlawful to hunt, buy, sell or possess an American alligator (*Alligator mississippiensis*) or other crocodylian species, or any part, nest or eggs.

EXCEPTIONS:

- A. Any alligator or other crocodylian species seized or otherwise acquired by the Commission may be sold.
- B. Any cured and mounted trophies and articles manufactured from the lawfully acquired skins or hides or other parts of any alligator or other crocodylian species.
- C. An alligator may be possessed for display and educational purposes in compliance with a written permit issued by the Chief of Fisheries. Only established facilities such as state and federal parks, zoos, aquariums, commercial or privately operated nature centers or similar entities may possess alligators or other crocodylian species for public display or bona fide educational purposes in compliance with a letter of authorization issued by the Chief of Fisheries (facilities accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums are exempt).
- D. Personnel authorized by the Commission and engaged in the removal of nuisance alligators in compliance with the current AGFC Nuisance Alligator Procedure.
- E. In compliance with Codes [05.01](#), [12.03](#), Chapter [33.00](#), and Addendum [A1.10](#).

PENALTY: Class 3