

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 All laws, rules, regulations, or orders in conflict with the regulations in this Code Book are hereby repealed by the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission.

26.17 Snagging Game Fish Prohibited

It is unlawful to snag game fish or to possess game fish when snagging.

EXCEPTIONS:

- A. From the bank within 100 yards below a dam (prohibited below the Upper White Oak Lake Dam)
- B. From a boat from 100 yards below all locks and dams on the Arkansas River to the downstream entrance point of the lock structure, and from 100 yards below Dam No. 2 to the boat-launching ramps immediately below the dam
- C. From the bank below Beaver Dam, from the Corps of Engineers "No Fishing Beyond This Point" sign, downstream to the first Corps of Engineers boat ramp on the left descending bank April 15 - June 15.
- D. Paddlefish can be snagged from a boat or bank on the White River below the Houseman Access Boat Ramp downstream to the Missouri state line (Table Rock Lake) April 15 - June 15. All other sportfish snagged must be immediately released.
- E. Paddlefish can be snagged from a boat or bank on the White River above the Highway 45 bridge (Twin Bridges Access) upstream to the Lake Sequoyah dam above Bever Lake April 15 - June 15. All other sportfish snagged must be immediately released.
- F. Daily limit: With the exception of catfish and paddlefish, no more than half the daily game fish limit may be taken by snagging, or the lesser whole number nearest half the limit, when the limit is an odd number
- G. Where it is legal to snag game fish as described in this code, those game fish snagged must be retained for personal use and applied to the daily limit
- H. Snagging must be discontinued once the daily limit of any species of game fish has been harvested
- I. Catfish and paddlefish may be snagged January 1-February 15 on the Black River from the Missouri state line to the Spring River confluence and on the St. Francis River from the Missouri state line to the Payneway Structure, with a daily limit of 1 paddlefish and 5 catfish (no more than 2 of which may be flathead catfish). It is not legal to possess any other gamefish while snagging these waters

PENALTY: Class 1