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 All laws, rules, regulations, or orders in conflict with the regulations in this Code Book are hereby repealed by the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission.

30.05 Illegal Commercial Tackle Prohibited

It is unlawful to use any tackle for commercial purposes other than properly tagged tackle in waters open to commercial fishing as specified below:

A. Slat traps (where permitted by Code 30.14) with maximum slat trap length – 6 feet; maximum round slat trap diameter – 24 inches; maximum square trap width and height – 24 inches; maximum of seven, 1½-inch (width) by 3½-inch (length) unobstructed slots evenly spaced around perimeter of the rear portion of catch area; slat material must be wood or plastic;
B. Hoop nets, leads, or wings with minimum square bar mesh size – 2½ inches when wet and with any nonmetallic thread or filament material of nylon or cotton not less than 15 gauge;
C. Fiddler nets (where permitted by Code 30.14) with minimum square bar mesh size – 1½ inches when wet and with any nonmetallic thread or filament material of nylon or cotton not less than 15 gauge; Wings or leads prohibited;
D. Commercial fish seines with minimum square bar mesh size – 3½ inches;
E. Commercial gill and trammel nets with minimum square bar mesh size – 3½ inches; and
F. Limb lines, set hooks, trotlines, throwlines, and snaglines.

EXCEPTIONS: In compliance with Codes 35.01 and 35.04.

PENALTY: Class 2