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 All laws, rules, regulations, or orders in conflict with the regulations in this Code Book are hereby repealed by the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission.

39.01 Crayfish Harvest Restricted

It is unlawful for a person to:

A. Harvest crayfish (crawdads, mudbugs, crawfish) without a valid fishing license as required in Code 03.02;
B. Fish more than 10 crayfish traps simultaneously;
C. Fail to check crayfish trap(s) and remove any catch within 24 hours of setting trap(s);
D. Fail to remove crayfish trap(s) when no longer in use for fishing (not baited for more than 24 hours);
E. Sell Arkansas wild-caught crayfish;
F. Retain any species taken with crayfish tackle other than crayfish and baitfish. All other species must be immediately returned to the waters where taken; or
G. Move crayfish unless in compliance with Code 26.27.

PENALTY: Class 1