

As of March 14, 2024

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 All laws, rules, regulations, or orders in conflict with the regulations in this Code Book are hereby repealed by the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission.

F1.09 Scientific Collection Permit Requirements

- A. Permit Requirements: A Scientific Collection Permit may be issued to applicants complying with the following requirements:
 - 1. The applicant must be at least 18 years old and shall not have been convicted of, or entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere for, violating any federal, state or municipal law governing captive wildlife, illegal appropriation or commercialization of wildlife, or cruelty to animals within 5 years of the application date.
 - 2. The applicant shall complete and submit a written application form provided by the Commission.
 - 3. Special conditions may be applied to the Scientific Collection Permit as deemed necessary by Commission staff.
- B. The requested permit shall be denied if:
 - 1. The applicant fails to meet any of the issuance criteria set forth in this Addendum chapter;
 - 2. The applicant fails to disclose material information required, or makes false statements as to any material fact in connection with the application, or supplies false information or makes a false statement on the application;
 - 3. The Commission finds, through further inquiry or investigation, the issuance of the permit may pose a significant risk to human health and safety, native fish and wildlife health or populations, or agriculture, or the proposed species cannot be safely confined in a humane manner; or
 - 4. The applicant fails to provide a report for a previously issued permit.
- C. The requested permit may be denied if the Commission finds through further inquiry or investigation that the proposed methods are not consistent with generally accepted scientific research practices or the proposed research would not significantly contribute to scientific knowledge.
- D. Caging and Facility Requirements: All Scientific Collection Permittees shall provide secure housing of all wildlife removed from the wild as defined herein:
 - 1. All wildlife possessed in captivity shall be maintained in enclosures, pens, or cages that are sufficiently strong to prevent escape of the wildlife and that will protect the wildlife from injury.

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2. All native medically significant venomous reptiles must be kept in accordance with Addendum [F1.08\(C\)](#) and (F).
 3. It is unlawful for anyone to keep animals under inhumane or unhealthy conditions.
- E. Reporting: Holders of the Scientific Collection Permit shall submit legible, complete annual reports on forms provided by the Commission.
- F. Renewal, Transfer, Suspension and Revocation:
1. Permits may be revoked or suspended for failure to comply with the terms of the permit or with the terms of this Addendum Chapter.
 2. Persons in violation of the terms of this permit, violation of the Commission Addendum, or upon conviction of associated regulations of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, shall be notified in writing of such violations and shall have 20 days to respond.
 3. If, at the end of 20 days, just cause has not been given, the Commission may revoke any existing permit and refuse to issue any future permit. Permit suspension, revocation or refusal shall be in addition to any criminal charges that may be filed.
 4. Upon revocation, permit holder must legally remove all captive wildlife within the time designated in the revocation, not to exceed 60 days, and failure to do so shall result in the Commission taking action, per Commission policy, at the permit holder's expense.