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Ms. Donna K. Davis
Arkansas Bureau of Legislative Research
Administrative Rules Review Section
#1 Capitol Mall, 5th Floor
Little Rock, AR 72201

RE: Arkansas Game and Fish Commission Regulations Adopted on May 16, 2019

Dear Ms. Davis:

Enclosed please find for filing hard copy of the Regulation Amendment to Trout Permit Fee Increase adopted by the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission on May 16, 2019. The Commission requests these become effective August 1, 2019.

Should you have any questions or comments concerning this filing, please do not hesitate to contact me at (501) 223-6327 at your convenience

Sincerely,

James F. Goodhart
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Enclosures
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ARKANSAS GAME AND FISH COMMISSION
Little Rock, Arkansas

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| MINUTE ORDER NO: | 19-031 | SUBJECT: | Regulation Amendments for Trout |
| DATE PASSED: | May 16, 2019 | | Permit Fee Increases |
| PAGE 1 of 2 PAGES | | LOCATION: | Statewide |

WHEREAS, trout fishing in Arkansas represents a major fishery with an estimated economic impact of over \$180 million per year, which is supported by strong programs for trout management, and trout culture and production by the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission; **and**

WHEREAS, the Commission and its Fisheries Division staff have proposed the attached regulation amendments to Code Addendum D1.01 to increase resident and non-resident trout fishing license and permit fees as follows: Arkansas Resident Trout Permit (TPR) from \$5.00 to \$10.00; Non-Resident Trout Permit (TPN) from \$12.00 to \$20.00; Resident Military Retiree Lifetime Trout Permit (MRT) from \$5.00 to \$10.00; Resident 65 Plus Lifetime Trout Permit (PLT) from \$5.00 to \$10.00; and Resident Disabled Military Veteran Lifetime Trout Permit (VLT) from \$5.00 to \$10.00; **and**

WHEREAS, these fee increases are needed to help maintain fish and wildlife programs for sustained fishing use, including: funding the AGFC Jim Hinkle Spring River State Fish Hatchery renovation; trout conservation, management, research, and aquaculture production; and improving trout fishing opportunities throughout the state; **and**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Act 886, which was enacted on April 11, 2019, the Arkansas General Assembly has authorized the amounts of the fee increases for resident trout fishing licenses and permits issued by the Commission; **and**

WHEREAS, after carefully considering the recommendations of Commission staff and the Regulations Committee, as well as comments received from the public, the Commission has determined that addition of these funds is necessary and appropriate, that the attached regulations promote sound wildlife conservation and management and are consistent with Amendment 35 of the Arkansas Constitution, and that these regulations should now be approved for application statewide.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED this 16th day of May 2019, that the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission hereby approves and adopts the attached regulation amendments, which shall become effective on August 1, 2019.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that the Commission staff is authorized to proceed with legally certifying and filing the attached regulations with the Secretary of State, State Library, and Bureau of Legislative Research and incorporating them into the Commission Code Book and Addendum.

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Recommended Trout Permit Fee Increases:

| Permit Name | Permit Code | Current Fee | Proposed Fee |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| Arkansas Trout Permit | TPR | \$5.00 | \$10.00 |
| Resident Military Retiree Lifetime Trout Permit | MRT | \$5.00 | \$10.00 |
| Resident 65 Plus Lifetime Trout Permit | PLT | \$5.00 | \$10.00 |
| Resident Disabled Military Veteran Lifetime Trout Permit | VLT | \$5.00 | \$10.00 |
| Non-Resident Trout Permit | TPN | \$12.00 | \$20.00 |

CHAPTER D1.00 - LICENSE

D1.01 Licenses, Permits, Stamps, Tags, Costs, and Expiration Dates

D1.02 Application Requirements for AGFC License Dealer Permits

D1.03 AGFC License Dealer Permit Transfer, Renewal, Suspension and Revocation

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D1.01 LICENSES, PERMITS, STAMPS, TAGS, COSTS AND EXPIRATION DATES

SPORT FISHING: CODE COST EXP. DATE

Alligator Gar Fishing Permit AGP Free Dec. 31

Resident Fisheries Conservation License FSH \$10.50 **

Resident 3-Day Trip License RT3 \$6.50 *

Resident Disabled Fishing 3-Yr License RDF \$10.50 +

Resident Disabled Combination 3-Yr License RDC \$35.50 +

Non-Resident Annual Fishing License NRF \$50.00 **

Non-Resident 7-Day Trip Fishing License NT7 \$25.00 *

Non-Resident 3-Day Trip Fishing License NT3 \$16.00 *

Arkansas Trout Permit TPR \$10.00**

Non-Resident Trout Permit TPN \$20.00 **

White River Border Lakes License WRL \$10.00 **

Resident Guide License/Fishing GLF \$25.00 **

Non-Resident Guide License/Fishing GNF \$150.00 **

Resident 65 Plus Annual Fishing License PAF \$

LIFETIME LICENSE:

Resident Military Retiree Lifetime Fishing License MRF \$10.50 Non-Expiring

Resident Military Retiree Lifetime Hunting License MRH \$25.00 Non-Expiring

Resident Military Retiree Lifetime Combination License MRC \$35.50 Non-Expiring

Resident Military Retiree Lifetime Waterfowl Permit MRD \$ 7.00 Non-Expiring

Resident Military retiree Lifetime Trout Permit MRT \$10.00 Non-Expiring

Resident 65 Plus Lifetime Fishing License PLF \$10.50 Non-Expiring

Resident 65 Plus Lifetime Sportsman's Hunting License and Permit PLH \$25.00 Non-Expiring

Resident 65 Plus Lifetime Combination License PLC \$35.50 Non-Expiring

Resident 65 Plus Lifetime Waterfowl Permit PLD \$7.00 Non-Expiring

Resident 65 Plus Lifetime Trout Permit PLT \$10.00 Non-Expiring

Non-Expiring Lifetime Resident Hunting & Fishing Sportsman's Permit Fishing License LSP
\$1,000.00 Non-Expiring

Fishing License VLF \$1.50 Non-Expiring

Resident Disabled Military Veteran Lifetime Hunting License VLH \$1.50 Non-Expiring

Resident Disabled Military Veteran Lifetime Combination License VLC \$3.00 Non-Expiring

Resident Disabled Military Veteran Lifetime Waterfowl Permit VLD \$ 7.00 Non-Expiring

Resident Disabled Military Veteran Lifetime Trout Permit VLT \$10.00Non-Expiring

PLEASE ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS COMPLETELY
(Attach additional pages if needed)

SHORT TITLE OF THIS RULE: 2019 Trout Permit Fee Increases

7. Compare this rule with federal and state counterparts: