

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 All laws, rules, regulations, or orders in conflict with the regulations in this Code Book are hereby repealed by the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission.**

### **30.18 Cutting Or Mutilation Of Paddlefish And Sturgeon Prohibited**

It is unlawful to possess a cut or mutilated paddlefish or sturgeon while on the water unless the eggs have been removed and at least 2 inches of one ovary remains attached to each fish. Mutilation includes tearing or disfiguring of paddlefish in any way near the vent area. A 12-gauge needle may be used to determine the presence of eggs. Eggs must be kept in separate containers, one fish per container.

**EXCEPTION:** Fish may be blocked out but the carcass must be at least the legal minimum length limit for the water being fished.

**PENALTY:** Class 4