

AGENDA
Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission
Regular Meeting

Public Meeting: **Monday, October 3, 2022, at 1:00 p.m.**
Medicine Park Music Hall
130 East Lake Drive
Medicine Park, OK 73557

The Commission may vote to approve, disapprove, or take other action on any of the following items. The Commission may vote to authorize public comment on any agenda item requesting a rule change.

1. Call to Order – Chairwoman Gaddis
2. Roll Call – Rhonda Hurst
3. Invocation – Bill Dinkines
4. Pledge of Allegiance – Bill Dinkines
5. Introduction of Guests
6. Presentation of Awards

Bud Cramer, Jr. – Warden Supervisor – 20 years
Paul Welch – Warden Supervisor – 20 years
Cliff Sager – Senior Biologist – 20 years
Todd Tobey – Warden Supervisor – 35 years
7. Consideration and vote to approve, amend, reject, or take other action on minutes of the September 6, 2022, regular Commission meeting.
8. Director's Report – J.D. Strong
 - a. Federal and Congressional Update
 - Oklahoma Legislative Update
 - b. Calendar Items – discussion of upcoming department calendar items.
 - c. Agency Update – an update on current activity within each division of the agency.
9. Presentation of the August 31, 2022, Financial Statements and consideration and vote to approve, amend, or reject miscellaneous donations – Amanda Storck, CFO and Chief of Administration.
10. Overview of fisheries management programs in Southwestern Oklahoma – Ken Cunningham, Chief of Fisheries Division and Ryan Ryswyk, Regional Fisheries Supervisor.
11. Overview of the J.A Manning State Fish Hatchery – Ken Cunningham and Tyler Wright, Hatchery Manager.

12. Presentation and update on Southwest Region management activities and Hackberry Flat Wildlife Management Area – Bill Dinkines, Chief of Wildlife Division, Ron Smith, SW Region Supervisor and Kelvin Schoonover, Hackberry Flat WMA Biologist.
13. Presentation and update on the Wildlife Diversity Program – Bill Dinkines, Kurt Kuklinski, Wildlife Diversity and Research Supervisor and Jena Donnell, Communication & Education Specialist.
14. Consideration and vote to approve, amend, reject, or take other action on emergency rules relating to a Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) surveillance area in the western Oklahoma Panhandle. These rules are necessary, as set forth in our CWD Response Plan, after the confirmation of a CWD positive deer in Texas within 2.5 miles of our state border – Bill Dinkines.

Title 800. Department of Wildlife Conservation

Chapter 25. Wildlife Rules

Subchapter 24. Import of Cervids

800:25-24-3. Requirements [AMENDED]

15. New Business – Discussion of any matter not known about, or which could not have been reasonably foreseen 24 hours prior to the scheduled meeting.
16. Announce the November 7, 2022, Commission meeting will be in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
17. Adjourn

People with disabilities may request accommodations by calling 405-522-6279 at least three days before the meeting.

MINUTES

Of the Regular Meeting on September 6, 2022, of the

OKLAHOMA WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Held at the Forest Heritage Center, 4350 S. St. Hwy 259A, Broken Bow, Oklahoma, on September 6, 2022. Commission meeting dates are filed with the Secretary of State, Office of Administrative Rules before December 15, annually. The agenda is listed on the Department's website and was posted at the entrance of the Wildlife Department Building on September 1, 2022, at 10:09 a.m. and the entrance to the Forest Heritage Center. A notice was also published in the McCurtain Daily Gazette Legal Section on 9/4/2022 and 9/6/2022.

Chairwoman Leigh Gaddis called the Commission in session at 2:00 p.m.

Rhonda Hurst, Executive Assistant, called the roll.

MEMBERS PRESENT: LEIGH A. GADDIS, Chairwoman
 JAMES V. BARWICK, Vice-Chairman
 C. RICK HOLDER, Secretary
 MARK H. MABREY, Member
 D. CHAD DILLINGHAM, Member
 JOHN P. ZELBST, Member
 JESS M. KANE, Member

MEMBERS ABSENT: BILL K. BREWSTER, Member

J.D. Strong, Director, introduced the following guests: Senator George Burns; Shellye Copeland, Hochatown 360; Dian Jordan, Broken Bow, Oklahoma.

Director Strong recognized Leah Campo, Administrative Assistant for 20 years of service and Kyle Johnson, Senior Biologist for 20 years of service.

Motion was made by Mr. Barwick, seconded by Mr. Zelbst to approve the minutes from the August 1, 2022 Commission meeting with one correction. On #20 of the agenda, add 'the Commission Rules Committee met and recommend approval of this proposed emergency rule'. Motion carried with Commissioners Barwick, Mabrey, Holder, Zelbst, Dillingham, Kane, and Gaddis voting "Yes".

Director Strong gave a brief update and highlighted the Congressional report submitted by Brittnee Preston, the Department's part-time Federal and Congressional Liaison. This report was sent to all Commissioners and will be kept with the minutes of this meeting. Mr. Strong gave a Director's Report on calendar items and agency updates. This report was given to the Commission and will be kept with the minutes of this meeting. In addition to the report, Director Strong mentioned the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Foundation Gala that is scheduled for October 6, 2022 at the Omni Hotel in Oklahoma City and September 24, 2022, by Governor Proclamation, has been declared Oklahoma Hunting & Fishing Day. Also, the month of August is Oklahoma Shooting Sports Month. In reference to the Director's report, Commissioner Dillingham inquired about the three new lakes in Oklahoma where zebra mussels have been found and the prevention/eradication procedure. Ken Cunningham, Chief of Fisheries division stated that only \$100,000 a year is available to fund the two positions that work on all issues involving aquatic nuisance species management, including zebra mussel prevention/eradication,

so their work is primarily focused on education. ODWC provides freshwater rinse-off locations at each Department installation. Mr. Cunningham stated that there is really no way to eradicate the mussels from lakes once they become established, so the focus is on preventing the spread of mussels and educating the public on the importance of rinsing off vessels before transporting them from one lake to another.

Amanda Storck, CFO and Chief of Administration presented the Financial Statements for July 31, 2022. Motion was made by Mr. Dillingham, seconded by Mr. Holder to accept the financial statements as presented and approve miscellaneous contributions. Motion carried with Commissioners Barwick, Mabrey, Holder, Zelbst, Dillingham, Kane, and Gaddis voting "Yes".

Ms. Storck also gave an update on the current license data:

Recreational Licenses - Number of licenses up 1.6% for August compared to 2021 sales. (Down 9.6% YTD)

- Resident Fishing - Down 1.6% (Down 12% YTD)
- Resident Hunting - Up 18% (Up 8.5% YTD)
- Resident Combo - Up 21% (Down 11% YTD)
- Nonresident Hunting - Up 10% (Down 13% YTD)
- Nonresident Fishing - Down 15% (Down 13% YTD)

Lifetime Licenses - Up 28% for August

- Lifetime Combo - Up 10% (Down 10% YTD)
- Disabled Vet Combo - Up 75% (Up 12% YTD)
- Seniors - Up 37% (Up 1% YTD)

Commissioner Holder stated that the Finance Committee met and decided that the operating budget to actual reports will be presented quarterly instead of monthly. A more accurate picture of the budget can be seen on a quarterly basis rather than monthly due to annual variances.

Commissioner Zelbst stated that the Department must pull money from the savings account every month to cover expenses. We are scrambling to make ends meet. The Department has not raised license fees in 20 years and the Legislature needs to pass the license package that has been presented. He asked Senator Burns for help in the next Legislative cycle. Senator Burns stated that he understands the need and would be glad to take it to the table.

Commissioner Zelbst thanked the Senator for his commitment.

Bill Dinkines, Chief of Wildlife Division, introduced Eric Suttles, Southeast Region Wildlife Supervisor, who gave an update on all the wildlife management activities in the southeast region. He highlighted all the improvements being made on each individual WMA and featured the properties ODWC manages in partnership with U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Reclamation and Corps of Engineers. He gave an update on the southeast region bear activity. In 2021, there were 21 nuisance bear complaint calls, but in 2022 so far, there have been 41 complaint calls. This is likely due to the drought and the lack of natural foods. In 2021, 66 bears were harvested in archery season and 4 bears harvested during muzzleloader season.

Mr. Suttles turned the presentation over the Chance Phillips, Hugo/Pine Creek/Red Slough WMA Biologist. Mr. Phillips showcased the Red Slough WMA, which will be toured by the Commission the following day. This wetland area is a big non-game draw and is waterfowl focused. A unique feature of this WMA is that the American alligators reside at the Slough. Six alligator nests were found this year.

Mr. Dinkines introduced Alex Cooper, Research Biologist, who gave an overview of the two alligator research projects in southeast Oklahoma funded through the State Wildlife Grant program. Southeastern Oklahoma State University and Southwest Adventist University are partnering with ODWC to conduct this research over the next couple of years.

Motion was made by Mr. Zelbst, seconded by Mr. Barwick to enter into Executive Session to discuss appraisal and/or purchase of certain real properties located in Adair and

Cimarron Counties. Motion carried with Commissioner Barwick, Mabrey Holder, Zelbst, Dillingham, Kane and Gaddis voting “Yes”.

Motion was made by Mr. Barwick, seconded by Mr. Kane to return to Open Session. Motion carried with Commissioner Barwick, Mabrey Holder, Zelbst, Dillingham, Kane, and Gaddis voting “Yes”.

Motion was made Mr. Zelbst, seconded by Mr. Barwick to authorize the Director to pursue the purchase of property in Cimarron County up to appraised value and based on the contingencies discussed. Motion carried with Barwick, Mabrey, Holder, Zelbst, Dillingham and Gaddis voting “Yes”. Commissioner Kane voted “No”.

Motion was made by Mr. Barwick, seconded by Mr. Dillingham to authorize the Director to pursue the purchase of property in Adair County up to appraised value. Motion carried with Barwick, Mabrey, Holder, Zelbst, Dillingham, Kane, and Gaddis voting “Yes”.

Chairwoman Gaddis announce the October 3, 2022 Commission meeting will be held in Lawton, Oklahoma.

The meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

OKLAHOMA WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Leigh A. Gaddis, CHAIRWOMAN

ATTEST:

C. Rick Holder, SECRETARY



J. KEVIN STITT, GOVERNOR

J. D. STRONG, DIRECTOR

Wildlife Conservation Commission

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Vice Chairman

Rick Holder

Secretary

Bill Brewster

D. Chad Dillingham

Jess Kane

Bruce Mabrey

John P. Zelbst

MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 22, 2022

TO: OK Department of Wildlife Commission and Staff

FROM: Brittnee Preston

RE: Report on September Federal and Congressional Issues for September Commission Meeting

State of Play:

President –

- > The White House requested for \$47.1 billion in emergency supplemental funds for COVID and Ukraine aid. While it is expected that some emergency supplemental funds will be included in a funding bill, the exact number is unclear.

Congress:

The House and Senate were in recess for the month of August.

General Congressional actions:

- > Inflation Reduction Act – This bill was signed by the President at the end of August.
- > FY23 Appropriations
 - The House and Senate has crafted their separate versions of the twelve FY 23 appropriations bills.
 - The House has moved a significant number of bills through the Committee process including all the titles covering wildlife issues: Department of Agriculture, Energy and Water, and Interior and Environment bills. The House also passed a six-bill appropriations minibus package towards the end of July, which includes the previously mentioned bills.
 - The Senate has not moved any of their bills, not even through committee, which means a Continuing Resolution (CR) will be needed ahead of the September 30th deadline to keep the government running.
 - A CR is being discussed as a stopgap measure extending funding through December 16th. A rider list is formulating and it is slated to be long.
 - Below are highlights of the relevant bills from both chambers:

HOUSE FY23 APPROPRIATIONS BILLS SUMMARY

AGRICULTURE BILL:

- The bill provides funding of \$27.2 billion– a critical increase of \$2.075 billion, 8 percent– above 2022.
- \$1.16 billion – \$52 million above the FY 2022 enacted level – for the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, which covers funding for plant and animal diseases including CWD.
- Provides \$1 B for the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and affiliated programs.

ENERGY AND WATER BILL:

- The bill provides \$56.275 billion, an increase of \$3.4 billion above the fiscal year 2022 level
- Provides a total of \$8.889 billion, an increase of \$545 million above the fiscal year 2022 level and \$2.288 billion above the request for the Army Corps of Engineers
- Provides a total of \$1.913 billion for the Department of Interior, an increase of \$479.7 million above the request.
- Provides \$1.891 billion for the Bureau of Reclamation, an increase of \$476.7 million above the request.

INTERIOR AND ENVIRONMENT BILL:

- The bill provides a total of \$11.5 billion for EPA – an increase of \$2 billion above the FY 2022 enacted level.
- Provides a total of \$16.6 billion in discretionary appropriations for DOI, an increase of \$2.1 billion above the FY 2022 enacted level.
- \$1.5 billion for the Bureau of Land Management (MLR/O&C), \$135 million above the FY 2022 enacted level. Within this amount, the bill includes:
 - \$81 million for sage-grouse conservation,
 - \$37 million for threatened and endangered species,
 - \$70 million for the National Landscape Conservation System, and
 - \$12 million for National and Scenic Historic Trails consolidated in a new sub-activity in Recreation Management. It also provides \$156 million for the Wild Horse and Burro program which includes \$11 million for research on reversible immunocontraceptive fertility control and its administration.
- \$1.9 billion for U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, \$230 million above the FY 2022 enacted level. Within this amount, the bill includes:
 - \$355 million for Ecological Services, \$77 million above the FY 2022 enacted level.
 - \$574 million for National Wildlife Refuge System, \$55 million above the FY 2022 enacted level.
 - \$25.5 million for Multinational Species Conservation Fund, \$5.5 million above the FY 2022 enacted level.
 - \$24.5 million for the Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund
 - \$74.4 million for the State and Tribal Wildlife Grants
 - \$57.8 million for migratory bird management
 - \$44.7 million for Aquatic Invasive Species, of which \$4,400,000 is for National Invasive Species Act (NISA) activities, as requested, which includes \$2,834,000 for State and Interstate plans and \$1,566,000 is for NISA coordination
- \$3.6 billion for the National Park Service, an increase of \$378 million above the FY 2022 enacted level. Within this amount, the bill includes:
 - \$3.1 billion for the Operation of the National Park System, an increase of \$323 million above the FY 2022 enacted level.
 - \$88 million for National Recreation and Preservation, an increase of \$4 million above the FY 2022 enacted level.
 - \$171 million for the Historic Preservation Fund. Within this amount, the bill includes \$82 million for State and Tribal Historic Preservation Offices, \$38 million for Save America’s Treasures competitive and project grants, \$28 million for competitive grants to preserve the sites and stories of underrepresented community civil rights, and \$10 million for grants to Historically Black Colleges and Universities.
- \$1.6 billion for the U.S. Geological Survey, \$250 million above the FY 2022 enacted level.
 - Provides \$28 million for Cooperative Research Units

SENATE FY23 APPROPRIATIONS BILLS SUMMARY

AGRICULTURE BILL:

- Funds USDA at \$3.9 billion, or a \$248 million increase over fiscal year 2022.
- The bill provides \$1.132 billion for NRCS, an increase of \$126.8 million. This includes \$926.6 million for conservation operations, including an increase of \$20 million for increased conservation technical assistance staffing.

- Provides \$900,000 for research dedicated to the development of a live cervid test for chronic wasting disease.
- provides \$5,000,000 for Agriculture Research Service research teams to support regional Climate Hubs.
- The bill’s explanatory statement contains the following statements about the Lesser-Prairie Chicken conservation efforts:
 - “The Committee recognizes the importance of providing private landowners with ready access to the many Federal, State, and local government and private resources available to support conservation efforts on private lands. The Committee directs NRCS to implement a multi-year cooperative agreement with appropriate funding support to an organization that can make conservation solutions and best practices accessible daily to private landowners. This organization should also support efforts to conserve the lesser-prairie chicken and implement carbon sequestration conservation programs nationwide.”
 - “recognizes the role of the Working Lands for Wildlife model in conservation efforts to enhance both wildlife habitat and productivity on working landscapes. In addition, the Committee is worried about the concerning population figures for the lesser prairie-chicken and the need to protect its habitat, particularly in times of drought. NRCS is directed to make every effort to strengthen and expand the work of the Working Lands for Wildlife model and the Lesser Prairie-Chicken Initiative.”

ENERGY AND WATER BILL:

- The bill provides \$57.54 billion in new discretionary budget authority, \$4.6 billion more than fiscal year 2022.
- Provides \$8.7 billion, an increase of \$414 million over fiscal year 2022
- Provides \$1.928 billion for the Bureau of Reclamation

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INTERIOR AND ENVIRONMENT BILL

- The bill provides a total discretionary funding level of \$42.217 billion, which is \$4.217 billion more than the fiscal year 2022 level.
- The bill provides \$2.55 billion for the Wildfire Suppression Operations Reserve Fund and \$2.282 billion in emergency funding
- In accordance with the Great American Outdoors Act, the bill allocates \$1.9 billion for projects within National Parks and Public Land Legacy Restoration Fund and \$900 million for projects within the Land and Water Conservation Fund.
- The bill provides \$10.6 billion for EPA, an increase of \$1.1 billion to the fiscal year 2022 enacted level.
- Provides a total of \$53.2 billion in discretionary appropriations for DOI,
- \$1.2 billion for the Bureau of Land Management. Within this amount, the bill includes:
 - \$37 million for threatened and endangered species,
 - \$68 million for the National Landscape Conservation System, and
 - provides \$156 million for the Wild Horse and Burro program which includes \$11 million for research on reversible immunocontraceptive fertility control and its administration.
- Provides \$1.8 billion for the Fish and Wildlife Service, an increase of \$264 million (17 percent) to the fiscal year 2022 enacted level. Within this amount, the bill includes:
 - \$313 million for Ecological Services, \$35 million above the FY 2022 enacted level.
 - \$550 million for National Wildlife Refuge System, \$31 million above the FY 2022 enacted level.
 - \$20 million for Multinational Species Conservation Fund, \$5.5 million above the FY 2022 enacted level.
 - \$24.1 million for the Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund
 - \$76.5 million for the State and Tribal Wildlife Grants
 - \$54 million for migratory bird management
 - \$246 million for Fish and Aquatic Conservation
 - \$48.2 million for Aquatic Invasive Species, which includes \$3,500,000 for zebra mussel eradication.

- Provides \$3.578 billion for the National Park Service, \$313 million more than the fiscal year 2022 level, which will restore about half of staffing losses since 2010 and fully fund the request for deferred maintenance and construction.
 - \$85.5 million for National Recreation and Preservation, an increase of \$10.8 million above the FY 2022 enacted level.
 - \$192 million for the Historic Preservation Fund.
- \$1.5 billion for the U.S. Geological Survey.
 - Provides \$30 million for Cooperative Research Units

Recovering America's Wildlife Act –

- > **Senate:** The Senate Environment and Public Works Committee has passed a version of the bill and it awaits floor time. This is expected as early as September. If it does not receive the nod in September, it will likely be after the midterm elections.
- > **House:** The House Natural Resources Committee moved their version of the bill in January of this year. On June 14th, the House passed H.R. 2773, the Recovering America's Wildlife Act, by a vote of 231-190! The Chairman of the House Natural Resources Committee offered an amendment to the bill that aligned the text more closely with the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee passed bill. Both bills offered a ramp up in funding instead of allocating all \$1.4 billion to states and tribes in the first year. The House included a 3 year ramp up while the Senate bill uses a 5 year.

Agencies:

- > U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services (USFWS)
 - The USFWS [announced](#) the rules for the 2022-2023 game bird hunting seasons, hours, areas, and daily bag and possession limits for hunting migratory birds
 - The USFWS [announced](#) a cooperative agreement grant for the FY23 recovery challenge fund. The announcement states, “The Recovery Challenge funding opportunity specifically provides a unique financial assistance opportunity for eligible, non-Federal longstanding and new partners working on high priority recovery actions as identified by the Service for ESA endangered and threatened species.”

Coming up...

- > Continuing Resolution to keep the government funding and running.
- > Potential Senate floor time for Recovering America's Wildlife Act.
- > The Farm Bill expires in 2023 and preliminary discussions on the next bill have begun.

OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE CONSERVATION
J.D. Strong, Director

Personnel Actions
September 2022

New Hires

Chase Waldorf – Wildlife Biologist, Private Lands, 9/1/22

Promotions

Elaine Ewigman – Fish Technician ANS to Fish Biologist ANS, 9/1/22

Ethan Lovelace – Fish Technician, Blue River PFHA to Fish Biologist, Blue River PHFA, 9/1/22

Transfers

Resignations/Terminations

Retirements

Jeff Ford – Senior Wildlife Biologist, 9/30/22

Mike Virgin – Law Enforcement District 3 Captain, 9/30/22

***Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation
Financial Statement***

For the period July 1, 2022 Through August 31, 2022

OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE CONSERVATION
Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Accounts Groups
August 31, 2022

| | Governmental Fund Types | | Fiduciary | Account Groups | | | |
|---|-------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | General | Capital Projects | Fund Types | General Fixed Assets | General Long-Term Debt | 08/31/2022 | 08/31/2021 |
| | | | Trust | | | Totals | Totals |
| Assets and Other Debits: | | | | | | | |
| Cash | 8,935,362 | | 4,128,566 | | | 13,063,928 | 16,794,389 |
| Investments | 0 | | 249,192,776 | | | 249,192,776 | 287,816,423 |
| Accounts Receivable | 2,404,252 | | | | | 2,404,252 | 3,451,466 |
| Monthly Lifetime License | | | 179,550 | | | 179,550 | 171,675 |
| Legacy Permit / Operation game Thief | 4,374,611 | | 7,000 | | | 4,381,611.00 | 4,642,409.00 |
| Fixed Assets | | | | 77,150,379 | | 77,150,379 | 71,140,847 |
| Land | | | | 104,295,709 | | 104,295,709 | 96,610,614 |
| Other Debits: | | | | | | | |
| Amount To Be Provided For Payment of Compensated Absences | | | | | 0 | 0 | 3,445,392 |
| Amount To Be Provided For Payment of Net Pension Obligation | | | | | (3,924,890) | (3,924,890) | 16,555,543 |
| | 15,714,225 | 0 | 253,507,892 | 181,446,088 | (3,924,890) | 446,743,315 | 495,993,349 |
| Liabilities and Fund Balance: | | | | | | | |
| Liabilities: | | | | | | | |
| Accounts Payable (accrual) | 892,676 | | | | | 892,676 | 1,193,252 |
| Due to Other Funds (current month Lifetimes) | 179,550 | | | | | 179,550 | 171,675 |
| Compensated Absences Payable (leave accrual) | | | | | **0 | 0 | 3,445,392 |
| Net Pension Obligation | | | | | (3,924,890) | (3,924,890) | 16,555,543 |
| Total Liabilities | 1,072,226 | 0 | 0 | 0 | (3,924,890) | (2,852,664) | 21,365,862 |
| Fund Balance: | | | | | | | |
| Reserved for Employee Pension Benefits | | | 120,834,407 | | | 120,834,407 | 143,511,347 |
| Reserved for Defined Contribution Benefits (DC) | | | 6,031,113 | | | 6,031,113 | 6,083,101 |
| Investment in General Fixed Assets | | | | 181,446,088 | | 181,446,088 | 167,751,461 |
| Fund Balance | 14,641,999 | | 126,865,520 | | | 141,284,371 | 157,281,578 |
| Total Fund Balance | 14,641,999 | 0 | 253,507,892 | 181,446,088 | 0 | 449,595,979 | 474,627,487 |
| Total Liabilities and Fund Balance | 15,714,225 | 0 | 253,507,892 | 181,446,088 | (3,924,890) | 446,743,315 | 495,993,349 |

**Leave accrual is not included in this financial statement. Due to the transition from PeopleSoft to WorkDay that report is not available as of 09/23/2022. ODWC is working with OMES for a solution.

OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE CONSERVATION
Trust Funds

Combining Balance Sheets
August 31, 2022

| | Expendable Trust | Nonexpendable Trust | Pension Trust | DC Trust | 08/31/2022 Totals | 08/31/2021 Totals |
|--|---------------------|------------------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Assets: | | | | | | |
| Cash (Wildlife Heritage) | 430,028 | 3,698,538 | | | 4,128,566 | 3,875,538 |
| Investments | 26,091,991 | 96,235,265 | 120,834,407 | 6,031,113 | 249,192,776 | 293,899,524 |
| Due From Other Funds | | 179,550 | | | 179,550 | 171,675 |
| Restricted Assets (OP. Game Thief) | | 7,000 | | | 7,000 | 7,000 |
| | 26,522,019 | 100,120,353 | 120,834,407 | 6,031,113 | 253,507,892 | 297,953,737 |
| Fund Balance: | | | | | | |
| Fund Balance Reserved for Employee Pension Benefits | | | 120,834,407 | 6,031,113 | 126,865,520 | 149,594,448 |
| Fund Balance | 26,522,019 | 100,120,353 | | | 126,642,372 | 148,359,289 |
| Total Fund Balance | 26,522,019 | 100,120,353 | 120,834,407 | 6,031,113 | 253,507,892 | 297,953,737 |

OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE CONSERVATION
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
All Governmental Fund Types and Expendable Trust Fund
For the Period July 1, 2022 Through August 31, 2022

| | Governmental Fund Types | | Fiduciary Fund Type | 08/31/2022 | 08/31/2021 | Percent of Inc. or Dec. |
|--|-------------------------|------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| | General | Capital Projects | Expendable Trust | Totals | Totals | |
| Revenues: | | | | | | |
| Licenses (without Lifetimes) | 1,618,006 | | | 1,618,006 | 1,580,644 | 2.36% |
| Other Wildlife Sales | 369,568 | | | 369,568 | 439,144 | -15.84% |
| Agriculture and Oil Lease | 57,967 | | | 57,967 | 208,064 | -72.14% |
| Grant Revenue | 3,864,752 | | | 3,864,752 | 3,840,895 | 0.62% |
| Investment Income | 31,755 | | 8,521 | 40,276 | 44,534 | -9.56% |
| Miscellaneous | 180,134 | | | 180,134 | 209,851 | -14.16% |
| Total Revenues | 6,122,182 | 0 | 8,521 | 6,130,703 | 6,323,132 | -3.04% |
| Expenditures: | | | | | | |
| Administration | 1,006,253 | | | 1,006,253 | 1,148,176 | -12.36% |
| Wildlife | 2,655,751 | | | 2,655,751 | 2,275,833 | 16.69% |
| Fish | 1,673,806 | | | 1,673,806 | 1,983,635 | -15.62% |
| Law Enforcement | 1,898,765 | | | 1,898,765 | 2,213,662 | -14.23% |
| Information and Education | 648,040 | | | 648,040 | 683,158 | -5.14% |
| Capital Improvements | 2,091,190 | | | 2,091,190 | 1,658,865 | 26.06% |
| Land Acquisitions | | 720,420 | | 720,420 | 0 | 0.00% |
| Total Expenditures | 9,973,805 | 720,420 | | 10,694,225 | 9,963,329 | 7.34% |
| Excess(deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures | (3,851,623) | (720,420) | 8,521 | (4,563,522) | (3,640,197) | 25.36% |
| Other Financing Sources(uses): | | | | | | |
| Sale of General Fixed Assets | 0 | | | 0 | 0 | 0.00% |
| Operating Transfers In | 1,049,790 | 720,420 | 2,716,841 | 4,487,051 | 3,252,459 | 37.96% |
| Operating Transfers Out | (720,420) | | (1,049,790) | (1,770,210) | (59,269) | 2,886.74% |
| Operating Transfers Out (215) | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| Total Other Financing Sources(uses) | 329,370 | 720,420 | 1,667,051 | 2,716,841 | 3,193,190 | -14.92% |
| Excess of revenues & other financing sources over expenditures & other financing uses | (3,522,253) | 0 | 1,675,572 | (1,846,681) | (447,007) | 313.12% |
| Fund Balances, Beginning of Year: | 18,164,252 | 0 | 24,846,447 | 43,010,699 | 65,499,816 | -34.33% |
| Fund Balances August 31, 2022: | 14,641,999 | 0 | 26,522,019 | 41,164,018 | 65,052,809 | -36.72% |

OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE CONSERVATION
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
Trust Funds
For the Period July 1, 2022 Through August 31, 2022

| | Fiduciary Fund Types | | | 08/31/2022 Totals | 08/31/2021 Totals |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| | Nonexpendable Trust | Pension Trust | DC Trust | | |
| Operating Revenues: | | | | | |
| Licenses (Lifetime) | 303,425 | | | 303,425 | 297,150 |
| Other Sales (Senior Citizen Licenses) | 28,235 | | | 28,235 | 25,345 |
| Interest and Investment Income | 0 | 2,799,930 | 117,870 | 2,917,800 | 3,296,957 |
| Employer Contributions | | 0 | 126,756 | 126,756 | 92,403 |
| Employee Contributions | | 91,358 | 73,474 | 164,832 | 161,903 |
| Total Operating Revenues | 331,660 | 2,891,288 | 318,100 | 3,541,048 | 3,873,758 |
| Operating Expenses: | | | | | |
| Administration | | 53,663 | 1,310 | 54,973 | 70,215 |
| Benefits and Participant Refunds | 0 | 1,445,750 | 3,148 | 1,448,898 | 1,420,351 |
| Total Operating Expenses | 0 | 1,499,413 | 4,458 | 1,503,871 | 1,490,566 |
| Operating Income | 331,660 | 1,391,875 | 313,642 | 2,037,177 | 2,383,192 |
| Nonoperating Expenses: | | | | | |
| Transfers Out | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total Nonoperating Expenses | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Net Income | 331,660 | 1,391,875 | 313,642 | 2,037,177 | 2,383,192 |
| Fund Balances, Beginning | 99,788,693 | 119,442,532 | 5,717,471 | 224,948,696 | 244,075,434 |
| Fund Balances, August 31, 2022 | 100,120,353 | 120,834,407 | 6,031,113 | 226,985,873 | 246,458,626 |



Wildlife Contributions Report

August 2022

| Total Payment Amount | Name Of Individual Or Business | Description Of Contribution |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| \$3,327.02 | National Wild Turkey Federation | Law Division - Turkey decoy |
| \$3,327.02 | Total | |

2023 Rule Change Proposals AGENDA

Title 800 Chapter 1

1. 800:1-15-2. Hunter education certification requirements
 - Shorten course length from 8 hours to 6 hours.
2. 800:1-15-3. Instructors
 - Clarifying ambiguous language that allows the Hunter Education Coordinator to reinstate Hunter Education instructors.

Title 800 Chapter 25

3. 800:25-1-8. Deer and waterfowl Hunting on Keystone State Park [NEW]
 - Allow controlled waterfowl and muzzleloader deer hunts in Keystone State Park.
4. 800:25-3-2 Areas open to archery equipment and shotguns with pellets only
 - Remove Round Tree Landing area. USACE tract of land has changed in purpose. Area is now leased to Carlton landing for private use.
 - Re-zone two areas on Fort Gibson Lake to allow archery and shotgun with pellets.
 - Re-zone two areas at Webbers Falls Lock and Dam 16 to avoid conflict between trail users and hunters and ensure a safety zone.
5. 800:25-3-3. Areas open to archery equipment only
 - Re-zone two areas on Fort Gibson Lake to allow for both archery and shotgun with pellets.
6. 800:25-5-48. Purpose
800:25-5-49. Permits for seasonal or daily blinds
800:25-5-50. Drawing Process
800:25-5-51. Blind construction
 - Change waterfowl hunting blinds on all reservoirs to daily blinds only.
7. 800:25-7-3. General Provisions
 - Adding permit requirement for the use of air powered air rifles when hunting.
8. 800:25-7-20. Squirrel (fox and gray)
 - Extend squirrel season From May 15 – February 28.
9. 800:25-7-53. Deer-gun
 - Authorize air powered arrow rifles as a legal means of take for deer gun season.
10. 800:25-7-54. Legal firearms and archery specifications
 - Adding the definition of arrow rifles for legal means of take for deer gun season.

11. 800:25-7-124. McClellan-Kerr WRP
 - Eliminate WRP closed seasons and make same as remainder of McClellan-Kerr WMA.
12. 800:25-24-3. Carcass Import Requirements
 - Include Chronic Wasting Disease Selected Surveillance Areas (SSA) as defined by the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation Chronic Wasting Disease Response Plan to carcass transport ban.
13. 800:25-30-2. Procedures
 - Add beehives into the list of agricultural crops under depredation complaints.
14. 800: 25-37-12. General Provisions
 - Add bears into the list of big game species under Nuisance Wildlife Control.

Title 800 Chapter 30

15. 800:30-1-16. Shooting ranges
 - Add archery range rules to shooting range rules and allow use of ranges 30 minutes after sunset.
16. 800:30-1-20. Restricted public use areas
 - Allow fishing and angler camping on Okmulgee WMA during restricted period.

**TITLE 800. DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE CONSERVATION
CHAPTER 1. OPERATIONS AND PROCEDURES**

SUBCHAPTER 15. HUNTER EDUCATION RULES

800:1-15-2. Hunter education certification requirements

- (a) While attending a hunter education course, students are required to meet a set of requirements.
- (1) Students must have a minimum of ~~eight (8)~~six (6) hours of instruction per course, no more than 2 hours of which may be range instruction.
 - (2) Students must score at least 70% on all examinations.
 - (3) Students shall not exhibit disruptive classroom behavior or refuse to abide by hunter education curriculum.
 - (4) The student examination(s) shall be written, except an oral examination may be given to those who have difficulty reading, or are unable to complete the examination due to mental or physical reasons.
 - (5) All students, regardless of age, shall receive their hunter education certification upon completing the course and passing the examination.
 - (6) Replacement or duplicate certification cards shall be issued by the Department.
- (b) The course shall include, but is not limited to, the following topics: basic firearm safety and handling, firearms cleaning and storage, muzzle loading, bowhunting, wildlife management and conservation, hunter responsibility, survival and wilderness first aid, wildlife identification, laws and regulations.
- (c) Requirements for students failing to pass the examination.
- (1) Those students failing to pass the examination with a score of 70% or better or failing to demonstrate an attitude of responsibility toward hunting safety will be required to retake the entire hour course and examination at a later date.
 - (2) However, if the volunteer instructor and/or Oklahoma Game Warden determine that the failing student(s) didn't understand the questions on the examination, the volunteer instructor or the Game Warden may elect to go over missed questions with the student. If the student can correctly answer the question(s) they missed, the student may be issued their student card so long as the total score equals or exceeds 70%.
- (d) Students may participate in a Home Study or internet version of the class. If the student completes the required material at home, they are given ~~four (4)~~two (2) hours credit to apply toward the ~~eight hour~~ six hour minimum certification requirement. For Home Study classes students must complete the remaining of four (4) hours under direct supervision of a certified instructor, and students who score at least 70% on the exam and comply with the requirements of paragraph (a), will receive their student certification. The internet version will be available to students 10 years of age and older and will be available through the Department's Web site.
- (e) State residents who are exempt from hunter education as defined in Title 29, Section 4-112(A) are eligible for proficiency testing only.

800:1-15-3. Instructors

- (a) Game Wardens are the official Department Hunter Education representative in their assigned area. All Wildlife Department employees may serve as instructors and the Department may allow members of the general public to serve as volunteer instructors for the Hunter Education Certification courses at its discretion.
- (b) Game Wardens conduct the Hunter Education courses independently or they may request assistance from other Game Wardens, or a volunteer instructor certified by the Department.
- (c) Volunteer instructors may conduct Hunter Education courses without the assistance of a Game Warden so long as the county Game Warden or Warden Supervisor and the Program Coordinator are notified of the time and location of the course in advance. One Department certified instructor shall be present for the duration of all courses conducted by volunteer instructors.
- (d) Volunteer instructors must be at least 21 years of age, possess a Hunter Education Certificate approved by the Department, be interviewed by a Game Warden or other approved Department employee, and undergo a background investigation.
- (1) The background investigation and interview will be completed within sixty (60).
 - (2) After an interview and investigation is completed, the applicant will be notified of the Department's decision with thirty (30) days.
- (e) Volunteers shall serve at the discretion of the Department.
- (1) Review of complaints shall be handled by the coordinator.
If the complaint warrants review of volunteer status, the accused volunteer will be given notice of the allegation

against him or her and an opportunity to be heard within a reasonable time.

(2) After investigation of a complaint, the coordinator will report findings to the Director. The Director will make the final decision regarding volunteer status.

(f) All volunteer instructors shall comply with the following requirements:

(1) Complete all Departmental report forms prior to conducting a Hunter Education course.

(2) Attend and complete the Orientation/Teaching Methods/Techniques Instructor Workshop or be recommended by a Game Warden or Department employee, who is an instructor, for certification prior to conducting a Hunter Education course.

(3) Report to the Program Coordinator of the Oklahoma Hunter Education Program and the Game Warden or Warden Supervisor in the county where the volunteer is teaching a course.

(4) Follow the procedures outlined in the Instructor's Procedures Manual while conducting a Hunter Education course.

(5) Within a two-year period, either complete additional training through the Department or outside courses approved by the Department or teach a minimum of one class per year or submit a letter of support from a Game Warden.

(A) Volunteers who fail to meet this requirement will be classified as inactive and will be ineligible to conduct Hunter Education courses.

(B) Volunteers may be reactivated by notifying the Program Coordinator.

**TITLE 800. DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE CONSERVATION
CHAPTER 25. WILDLIFE RULES**

**SUBCHAPTER 1. HUNTER/TRAPPING ON OKLAHOMA TOURISM AND RECREATION
LANDS**

800:25-1-8. Deer and Waterfowl Hunting on Keystone State Park [NEW]

The following hunting seasons apply to Keystone State Park:

- (1) Deer - Controlled hunts only
- (2) Waterfowl – Controlled hunts only.

SUBCHAPTER 3. HUNTING ON CORPS OF ENGINEERS LANDS

800:25-3-2. Areas open to archery equipment and shotguns with pellets only

The following Corps of Engineers areas are open to archery equipment and shotguns with pellets only:

- (1) Canton Lake: A 80-acre unit above Highway 58A in the Sandy Cove Area.
- (2) Keystone Lake:
 - (A) A 460-acre unit including land north and south of the Cowskin North Recreation Area.
 - (B) A 200-acre unit on the west side of the north end of the Highway 64 bridge.
 - (C) A 530-acre unit north of the New Mannford Ramp area.
 - (D) A 480-acre unit east of the Cimarron Park area.
 - (E) A 100-acre unit north and south of the Pawnee Cove Access Point.
 - (F) A 200-acre unit in the Old Mannford Ramp area.
 - (G) A 280-acre unit on the south side of the road ending at Washington Irving North.
 - (H) A 120-acre unit west and south of the Sinnett Cemetery and south of the old Keystone road.
 - (I) A 200-acre unit south of Highway 51 on Bakers Branch.
 - (J) A 135-acre area on the west side of Walnut Creek (old Walnut Creek #3).
- (3) Hugo Lake: Except, archery only during all deer seasons.
 - (A) A 2,373-acre unit in the Kiamichi Park Area. Open for hunting for all species that can be legally taken during legal open seasons by archery equipment and shotgun with pellets, except closed the first Tuesday through Sunday in October and the first Tuesday through Sunday in December.
 - (B) A 418-acre unit in the Salt Creek Area.
 - (C) A 478-acre unit in the Wilson Point Area.
 - (D) A 481-acre unit in the Virgil Point Area.
 - (E) A 280-acre unit in the Sawyer Bluff Area.
 - (F) A 60-acre unit in the Rattan Landing Area.
 - (G) A 500-acre unit in the embankment area above Hugo Dam.
 - (H) A 475-acre unit lying South of the physical creek of Salt Creek on Hugo Lake.
- (4) Tenkiller Ferry Lake: A 110-acre unit north of the asphalt road and east of Highway 10A.
- (5) Copan Lake: Except, archery equipment only during all deer seasons.
 - (A) A 650-acre unit below the dam.
 - (B) A 100-acre unit east and southeast of Copan Point Park.
 - (C) Three islands north of Washington Cove Park.
- (6) Fort Gibson Lake:
 - (A) A 300-acre unit on the north side of North Bay.
 - (B) A 800-acre unit on the south side of the Chouteau Creek, starting at Highway 69 and running east and south to Highway 33.

- (C) A 320-acre unit across the lake from the Chouteau Bend Recreation Area.
 - (D) A 480-acre unit on the west side of Mallard Bay.
 - (E) A 103 -acre unit in Section 13 of the Blue Bill Point housing addition.
 - (F) A 160-acre unit west of the town of Murphy.
 - (G) A 650-acre unit on Pryor Creek beginning on the east side of Highway 69 in Sections 29, 30 & 31.
 - (H) A 190-acre unit in the south ½ of Section 12, north of the Blue Bill Recreation Area.
 - (I) A 120-acre unit west of the town of Hulbert.
 - (J) A 515-acre unit on the south side of Mallard Bay.
 - (K) A 488-acre unit on the south side of Whithorn Cove Concession.
- (7) Sardis:
- (A) A 950-acre unit in the Potato Hills Area.
 - (B) A 100-acre unit in the Sardis Cove Area.
- (8) Webbers Falls Lock and Dam 16:
- (A) A 37-acre unit on the peninsula north of the lock and dam.
 - (B) A 150-acre unit in the Hopewell Park Area.
 - (C) A 150-acre unit in the Brewer's Bend Area only open for hunting 1 December through 28 February.
 - (D) A 50-acre unit south of the Spaniard Creek Area.
 - (E) A 60-acre unit off Lock View access road and south of the project office.
 - (F) A 750-acre unit North of Three Forks Harbor to Grand River Bridge.
 - (G) A 265-acre unit from Grand River Bridge to Highway 16 Bridge near Okay.
- (9) Lake Texoma:
- (A) A 380-acre unit below Denison Dam.
 - (B) A 160-acre unit in the Willow Springs Area.
 - (C) A 100-acre unit in the Buncombe Creek West Area
 - (D) A 110-acre unit on the Limestone Creek Area.
 - (E) A 250-acre unit on the Treasure Island, North Island Group.
 - (F) A 512-acre unit in the McLaughlin Creek Southwest Area.
 - (G) A 1,100-acre unit in the Washita Point Area.
 - (H) A 300-acre unit south of the Butcher Pen Area.
 - (I) A 800-acre unit on either side of Highway 70 on the east side of the lake.
 - (J) A 650-acre unit in the Lakeside West and South Area.
 - (K) A 420-acre unit in the Lebanon Area.
 - (L) A 226-acre unit on the west side of Wilson Creek.
 - (M) A 130-acre unit in the Caney Creek Area.
 - (O) A 170-acre unit in the Oakview North Area.
 - (P) A 115-acre unit in the North Platter Flats Area.
 - (Q) A 95-acre unit in the Newberry Creek South Area.
- (10) Kaw Lake:
- (A) A 280-acre unit in the Traders Bend Area.
 - (B) A 320-acre unit in the Sarge Creek Cove Area.
 - (C) A 220-acre unit in the Burbank Landing Area.
 - (D) A 110-acre unit between Sandy Park Swim Beach and Osage Cove.
 - (E) A 100-acre unit in the Bear Creek Cove, open for hunting only from 15 September through 15 February.
 - (F) A 186-acre unit south of Camp McFadden and north of a housing addition.
- (11) Eufaula Lake:
- (A) Open for archery equipment 1 October through 28 February and open for shotguns with pellets from 1 November through 28 February.

- (i) A 165 -acre unit in the Highway 31 Landing Area.
 - (ii) A 128 -acre unit in Holiday Cove Recreation Area.
 - (iii) A 200-acre unit in Hickory Point Recreation Area.
 - (iv) A 90 -acre unit in the Gentry Creek Recreation Area.
- (B) Open for hunting for all species that can be legally taken during legal open seasons by archery equipment and shotguns with pellets.
- (i) A 275-acre unit known as Duchess Creek Island.
 - (ii) A 47-acre unit in Juniper Park.
 - (iii) A 99-acre unit in the Coal Creek area.
 - (iv) A 69-acre unit southwest of the city of Crowder.
 - (v) A 116-acre unit east of the city of Crowder.
 - (vi) A 95-acre unit in the Rock Creek Heights area.
 - (vii) A 63-acre unit around Highway 9 Marina.
 - (viii) A 411-acre unit in the area of Highway 9A.
 - (ix) A 247-acre unit known as Bunny Creek.
 - (x) A 251-acre unit in Sandy Bass Bay.
 - (xi) A 32-acre unit in Dam Site area.
 - (xii) A 95-acre unit below Eufaula Dam, north of the river
 - ~~(xiii) A 443-acre unit in the Longtown Creek area known as Round Tree Landing.~~
- (C) Open for hunting for all species that can be legally taken during legal open seasons by archery equipment and shotguns with pellets, except for the 2nd Friday through Monday in December: A 395-acre unit in the Brooken Cove Recreational Area.
- (D) Open for hunting for all species that can be legally taken during legal open seasons by archery equipment and shotguns with pellets only, except closed the 3rd Friday of October through the 1st weekend of November: A 533-acre unit in the Gaines Creek Recreational Area.
- (12) Chouteau Lock and Dam 17: All lands beginning from the MK&T Railroad below Chouteau Lock and Dam 17 and continuing upstream to Newt Graham Lock and Dam 18, except that Pecan Park is open to hunting with archery equipment only and the Chouteau Lock and Dam 17 has a 600 yard "No Hunting" buffer area around both the lock and dam, and that Coal Creek Access Point and Afton Landing Park are closed to all hunting.
- (13) Hulah Lake:
- (A) A 200-acre unit in the Turkey Creek Point Area.
 - (B) A 60-acre unit below Hulah Dam.
 - (C) A 375-acre unit in the Caney Bend Area.
- (14) Wister Lake: A 400-acre unit east of the uncontrolled spillway and Glendale Dike.
- (15) Oologah Lake:
- (A) A 80-acre unit on the east side of Blue Creek Park.
 - (B) A 180 acre-unit on the south side of Spencer Creek Park.
 - (C) A 120-acre unit east of Double Creek Park.
- (16) Waurika Lake: All lands presently designated as open to public hunting, except fall turkey hunting is archery only.
- (17) Newt Graham Lock and Dam 18: All lands beginning from Newt Graham Lock and Dam 18 and continuing upstream to Interstate 44, except that the Newt Graham Lock and Dam 18 has a 600 yard 'No Hunting' buffer area around it, and that Bluegill Access Point, Highway 33 Access Point and Bluff Landing Public Use Area are closed to all hunting.
- (18) Pine Creek Lake: Except, archery only during all deer seasons.
- (A) A 280-acre unit below Pine Creek Dam.
 - (B) A 225-acre unit within Little River Park open November 1 – January 15.
 - (C) A 190-acre unit within Pine Creek Cove open November 1 – January 15.
 - (D) A 530-acre unit upstream and downstream of the dike, SW of Pine Creek Cove.
 - (E) A 500-acre unit north of Little River Park and South of the old highway.

800:25-3-3. Areas open to archery equipment only

The following Corps of Engineers areas are open to archery equipment only:

- (1) Birch Lake: A 450-acre unit in the Birch cove, Outlet Park and Twin cove areas.
- (2) Kaw Lake:
 - (A) A 400-acre unit in the Washunga Bay Area.
 - (B) A 600-acre unit in the McFadden Cove Area and below the dam embankment access road.
 - (C) A 236-acre unit in the Osage Cove Area open from 1 December to 31 December.
 - (D) A 60-acre unit south of Kaw City and west of Pioneer Park.
- (3) Fort Gibson:
 - ~~(A)~~ ~~A 515-acre unit on the south side of Mallard Bay.~~
 - ~~(B)~~ A 360-acre unit on the north side of the mouth of North Bay.
 - ~~(C)~~ A 50-acre unit south of Jackson Bay Area.
 - ~~(D)~~ A 150-acre area on the northeast end of Ranger Creek.
 - ~~(E)~~ ~~A 488-acre unit on the south side of Whitehorn Cove Concession.~~
 - ~~(F)~~ A 100-acre unit in the Snug Harbor area.
 - ~~(G)~~ A 320-acre unit on the south side of North Bay.
 - ~~(H)~~ A 320-acre unit on the north side of Long Bay.
 - ~~(I)~~ A 70-acre area on the upper end of Pryor Creek adjacent to the east side of Highway 69.
 - ~~(J)~~ A 36-acre area in Section 6, T16N, R20E.
 - ~~(K)~~ A 77-acre area on the north shore of Ranger Creek.
 - ~~(L)~~ A 166-acre area west of Taylor Ferry South Park in Sections 20 & 21, T17N, R19E.
- (4) Copan Lake:
 - (A) A 50-acre unit north of Copan Point Park.
 - (B) A 50-acre unit north of the Post Oak area.
 - (C) A 5-acre unit west of Post Oak Park between the old and new Highway 10.
 - (D) A 340-acre unit north of the Washington Cove Park.
- (5) Heyburn Lake: A 120-acre unit on the south side of the Dam Site Area and west of the outlet channel.
- (6) Skiatook Lake:
 - (A) A 138-acre unit in the Osage Park Area.
 - (B) A 150-acre unit area below Skiatook Dam.
 - (C) A 120-acre unit in Hominy Landing.
- (7) Hulah Lake: A 40-acre unit south of the Hulah State Park office.
- (8) Pine Creek Lake:
 - (A) Open for hunting for all species that can be legally taken during legal open seasons by archery equipment, except for the 2nd Tuesday through Sunday in November; A 200-acre unit north of Highway 3 and south of the old highway.
 - (B) A 120-acre unit west of Little River Park.
- (9) Fort Supply:
 - (A) A 183-acre unit in the south portion of Fort Supply Park.
 - (B) A 46-acre unit in the Project Office Area.
- (10) Arcadia Conservation Education Area: (Open by ODWC sanctioned controlled hunt through the City of Edmond Game and Fish Commission only.)
 - (A) A 500-acre unit ½ mile North of Memorial Road on Midwest Boulevard
 - (B) 230-acre unit at Douglas and 150th street.
- (11) Keystone Lake: A 570-acre area south of the town of Prue (old Walnut Creek #1).

(12) Lake Texoma:

- (A) A 610-acre unit in the Burns Run Area
- (B) A 550-acre unit in the Alberta Creek Area.
- (C) A 60-acre unit in the Colbert Boat Club Area.
- (D) A 40-acre unit in the Oak Hills Area.
- (E) A 100-acre unit in the Willafa Woods Area.
- (F) A 50-acre unit in the Buncombe Creek South Area.

(13) Hugo Lake:

- (A) A 13 acre unit located across from Wilson Point in Section 18, east of Highway 147.
- (B) A 40 acre unit located north of County Road E2040 in Section 6 and east of Highway 147.

SUBCHAPTER 5. MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTING SEASON

PART 11. WATERFOWL HUNTING BLINDS

800:25-5-48. Purpose

~~Waterfowl blinds~~ Only daily blinds may be constructed on Corps of Engineers and Bureau of Reclamation Reservoirs. ~~are classified in two categories: Seasonal blinds which are constructed by a hunter permitted by the Department and at a Department approved designated location and used throughout the current hunting season.~~ Daily blinds – blinds constructed for use on any given day and removed at the end of the day's hunt. Daily blinds would include boat blinds, layout blinds, panel blinds and/or any other blind constructed from natural material that is removed at the end of the day's hunt. This Part establishes the guidelines for blind construction.

800:25-5-49. Permits for seasonal or daily blinds [REVOKED]

- ~~(a) Hunters wishing to construct seasonal blinds for waterfowl hunting in Oklahoma must first obtain a permit for construction of said blind from the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation.~~
- ~~(b) No permit is required for daily blinds.~~
- ~~(c) Seasonal or daily blinds may be constructed or used on the following reservoirs: Eufaula, Fort Gibson, W. D. Mayo (Lock and Dam 14) and Webbers Falls.~~
- ~~(d) Daily blinds only may be constructed or used on all other reservoirs open to waterfowl hunting unless specifically prohibited.~~
- ~~(e) Seasonal blind permits will be issued by a drawing for the following reservoirs: Eufaula, Fort Gibson, W. D. Mayo (Lock and Dam 14) and Webbers Falls.~~
- ~~(f) To obtain a seasonal blind permit after the first day of issuance, the biologist or Game Warden for the area of interest should be contacted.~~

800:25-5-50. Drawing process [REVOKED]

- ~~(a) Applicants for seasonal blind permits must be at least 18 years old on the day of the permit issuance and possess all valid hunting licenses, stamps, and permits as required for hunting waterfowl during the waterfowl season, unless exempt.~~
- ~~(b) Anyone wishing to obtain a seasonal blind permit must appear in person at the appropriate drawings.~~
- ~~(c) No person may obtain a seasonal blind permit for more than one reservoir.~~

800:25-5-51. Blind construction

- ~~(a) Seasonal blinds must be constructed within 25 yards of the location designated by the hunter on the official map approved by the Department. No seasonal blinds shall be constructed within 250 yards of another seasonal blind and no daily blind shall be constructed or used within 250 yards of an occupied seasonal blind.~~
- ~~(b) Permit holders must have their permit number and their first and last name conspicuously displayed in the blind, this information must be clearly legible, throughout the waterfowl season.~~
- ~~(c) Seasonal blinds must be constructed as of two (2) weeks before opening day of waterfowl season, otherwise~~

~~the blind location may be reissued to another licensed hunter on a first come, first serve basis.~~

~~(d) All seasonal blinds must be removed by March 15 of each year. Blinds remaining after this date may become the property of the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation.~~

~~(e) Seasonal blind permit holders will have priority use on said blind each day until 1/2 hour before official sunrise (legal shooting time). Permit holders claiming priority use before this time must be prepared to furnish identification to ensure priority use. After this time, unoccupied blinds will be available to other hunters.~~

~~(f) Blinds must not be locked.~~

~~(g) Failure to comply with regulations may result in forfeiture of privilege to obtain a permit for constructing seasonal blinds during the forthcoming year.~~

Only daily blinds may be constructed on Corps of Engineers and Bureau of Reclamation Reservoirs open to waterfowl hunting unless specifically prohibited.

SUBCHAPTER 7. GENERAL HUNTING SEASONS

PART 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

800:25-7-3. General provisions

(a) Any person hunting any wildlife in open areas during the youth deer gun, bear muzzleloader, deer muzzleloader, deer gun, holiday antlerless deer gun (in open zones), elk gun (in open counties) or September antelope gun (in open areas) seasons with a shotgun and rifled slug, or any rifle or handgun larger than a .22 caliber long rifle, must possess a valid bear, deer, elk, or antelope license, unless otherwise exempt. Any person hunting feral hogs in open areas during the deer gun, deer primitive, elk, bear or antelope season with a shotgun and rifled slug, or any rifle or handgun larger than a .22 caliber rimfire, must possess a filled or unfilled deer, elk, bear, or antelope license appropriate for that season unless otherwise exempt.

(b) No person while in the field may possess or attempt to harvest any wildlife, except waterfowl and crane, with shotgun utilizing shot larger than #4 buckshot. Any person hunting any wildlife with an air powered arrow rifle during any open season when rifles are a legal means of take must possess a valid air powered arrow rifle permit.

(c) Any person participating in primitive firearms season, deer gun seasons, elk season, antelope season and bear gun season must conspicuously wear both a head covering and an outer garment above the waistline, both totaling 500 square inches or more of clothing, both consisting of daylight fluorescent orange color totaling not less than 400 square inches [Title 29 O.S., Section 5-205, Part A]. All other hunters, except those hunting waterfowl, dove, crow or crane, or while hunting furbearing animals at night must wear either a head covering or upper garment of fluorescent orange clothing during the deer primitive firearms season, deer gun seasons, elk season, antelope season and bear primitive firearms season, or bear gun season in zones where these seasons are open.

(d) For purposes of pheasant, turkey, deer, elk, bear and antelope regulations, 'final destination' shall be the hunter's residence or place of consumption.

(e) No person may possess any game bird, animal or other wildlife, or portions thereof that have been taken by another person unless such game bird, animal or other wildlife, contain information giving the taker's name, customer identification number, date taken and the number and kind of game bird, animal or wildlife. In addition, information on deer, elk, antelope, bear and turkey must include the confirmation number as proof that the animal's harvest has been properly reported. The person's name and address receiving said wildlife must also appear on the written information.

(f) No person shall concentrate, drive, molest, hunt, take, capture or kill; or attempt to take any wildlife by the aid of any fire or smoke whether man-made or natural.

(g) No person may hunt, chase, capture, shoot at, wound or kill any moose or Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep, except as otherwise provided by statute or Commission rule.

(h) Private landowner regulations regarding any items covered by these rules may be more restrictive, but not less restrictive than these rules.

(i) Dogs may be used in taking all game species in these rules except bear, deer, elk, antelope and turkey. Exceptions to this rule would be the use of a leashed dog to track downed game after notification to the game warden of location and having no means of take on person while tracking.

(j) Except as otherwise provided for by law or Commission rule, nothing shall prohibit the year-round pursuit of game, which may be lawfully hunted with the use of hunting dogs, for dog training or sport only. However, unless otherwise provided, no person in pursuit of game with hunting dogs outside of the regular harvest season shall have in their possession the means to harvest such game.

(k) Harvest tagging of game – All persons taking a deer, elk, antelope, bear, or turkey must immediately secure their name, customer identification number, date and time of harvest to the carcass.

(l) Harvest reporting of game – All deer, elk, antelope, bear, or turkey taken must be reported by the hunter to the Department within 24 hours of leaving the hunt area. Instructions for reporting of harvest will be provided in the Oklahoma Fishing and Hunting Regulations and on the Department's website. Once reported, a carcass tag or online confirmation number will be issued. This tag or confirmation number must remain with the carcass to its final destination or through processing and/or storage at a commercial processing or storage facility. Evidence of sex must remain naturally attached to the carcass until the harvest has been properly reported.

PART 5. UPLAND GAME

800:25-7-20. Squirrel (fox and gray)

The following hunting dates, bag limits, hunting hours and legal means of taking apply to squirrel:

(1) **Dates and open areas.** The dates for the squirrel season shall be May 15 - ~~January 31~~ February 28 and the season is open statewide.

(2) **Bag limit.** The bag limit shall be 25 daily aggregate, 50 in possession after first day.

(3) **Hunting hours.** The hunting hours shall be one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

(4) **Legal means of taking.** The legal means of taking squirrel shall be shotgun (conventional or muzzleloading), legal raptors, bow and arrow, hand-propelled missile, air-propelled missile, slingshot, handgun or rifle (conventional or muzzleloading), except as otherwise provided.

PART 13. DEER

800:25-7-53. Deer - gun

The following hunting dates, bag limits and legal means of taking apply to hunting deer with gun:

(1) **Dates.** The dates for the deer gun season shall be the Saturday prior to Thanksgiving and run for sixteen (16) consecutive days in management zones as designated by Commission resolution.

(2) **Bag limit.** Up to six (6) deer including no more than one (1) antlered deer. A separate license is required for each deer to be hunted or harvested. All deer taken are included in the combined season statewide bag limit. Individual Management Zone antlerless bag limits and antlerless days will be determined by resolution and published in the Hunting Guide. An unfilled deer gun antlered license may be used to harvest an antlerless deer in designated areas on the last day of the deer gun season.

(3) **Legal means of taking.** The legal means of taking deer with gun shall be as follows:

(A) Rifles (conventional or muzzleloading), handguns, shotguns or bow and arrows, see 800:25-7-54. All public lands within the state are open to rifles, handguns, shotguns or bows unless otherwise specified.

(B) Muzzleloading firearms that are legal for the primitive (muzzleloading) season shall also be legal in all areas open to rifles, except black powder firearms loaded from the breech are also legal. Metallic and/or optical sights may also be used on muzzleloading firearms during the deer gun season. Muzzleloading pistols (single shot or revolver) with characteristics that are described for rifles are permissible.

(C) Hunters choosing to hunt with primitive (muzzleloading) firearms must possess appropriate deer gun license and comply with fluorescent clothing and bag limit requirements as set for the Deer Gun Season.

(D) Laser sights are illegal.

(E) Arrow rifles shall be legal during any open rifle season. No arrow rifle may be transported in a motorized vehicle unless projectile has been removed from the barrel assembly and arrow rifle has been decocked.

(4) **Zone Management Hunts**

(A) Dates and open areas: The Commission may, by resolution, establish an antlerless deer gun season at any time in designated management zones or on designated Wildlife Management Areas, as published in the

current Oklahoma Hunting Guide and Regulations, during any dates as established by the Commission.

(B) Bag Limit: Zone Management Hunt bag limits will be established by resolution. Antlerless deer taken during a Zone Management Hunt are considered bonus deer and do not count against the statewide deer bag limit. Unfilled deer gun licenses for the deer gun season or controlled hunts are not valid for Zone Management Hunts.

(C) Legal means of taking: Same as deer gun season.

(5) **The harvest of antlerless mule deer shall be prohibited during the deer gun seasons.**

800:25-7-54. Legal firearms and archery specifications

The following are the legal firearms specifications for rifles, muzzleloading firearms, shotguns, handguns and bows:

(1) **Rifles.** Centerfire rifles only and firing ammunition with a soft-nosed or hollow point bullet are legal if firing at least a 55-grain weight bullet. ~~Hollow point bullets are legal.~~ Fully automatic firearms are prohibited.

(2) **Muzzleloading firearms.** Muzzleloading rifles and shotguns that are legal for the muzzleloading season shall also be legal in all areas open to rifles, except black powder firearms loaded from the breech are also legal. Muzzleloading pistols (singleshot or revolver) with characteristics that are described for 40 caliber rifles are permissible as a secondary firearms, but may be used only for killing a downed animal.

(3) **Shotguns.** Any centerfire shotgun firing a single rifled slug.

(4) **Handguns.** Any centerfire handgun firing a single soft-nosed or hollow point bullet with at least a 55-grain weight. ~~Minimum barrel length is four inches.~~ Fully automatic firearms are prohibited.

(5) **Bows, arrows, and bolts.** A legal bow is defined as any bow of thirty (30) pounds or more draw weight, any recurve, longbow, or self-bow of forty (40) pounds or more draw weight or any crossbow having a draw weight of 100 pounds or more and being equipped with safety devices. Crossbow bolts must be a minimum of 14 inches in length. Legal arrows and bolts for deer shall be fitted with broadhead hunting type points not less than 7/8 inches wide, including mechanical broadheads meeting these dimensions when fully open. Devices that permit a bow to be held mechanically at full or partial draw are permitted. Laser sights are prohibited. Hand-held releases are permitted.

(6) **Arrow rifle.** A device that fires an arrow or bolt solely by the use of unignited compressed gas as the propellant. Legal arrow rifles will maintain a minimum of 2000psi and have a visible pressure gauge to prove proper pressure. Legal arrows and bolts shall be a minimum of 18 inches in length with fletching for stability and fitted with a broadhead hunting type point not less than 7/8 inches wide, including mechanical broadheads meeting these dimensions when fully open. Arrow rifles are only to be used during open rifle seasons and are not permitted during archery or muzzleloader seasons.

PART 19. SEASONS ON AREAS OWNED OR MANAGED BY THE OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AND THE U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

800:25-7-124. McClellan-Kerr WRP

The following hunting and trapping seasons apply to the McClellan-Kerr WRP: The discharge of firearms for purposes other than hunting is prohibited.

(1) Quail: Same as statewide season dates, except closed ~~October 15-January 31~~. during the first nine days of deer gun season.

(2) Pheasant: Closed season.

(3) Prairie chicken: Closed season.

(4) Turkey -Fall:

(A) Archery: Same as statewide season dates, ~~except closed October 15-January 31~~. 1 tom limit.

(B) Gun: ~~Closed season~~. Same as statewide season dates, 1 tom limit.

(5) Turkey - Spring: Same as statewide season dates.

- (6) Squirrel: Same as statewide season dates, except closed ~~October 15 January 31~~during the first nine days of deer gun season.
- (7) Rabbit: Same as statewide season dates, except closed ~~October 15 January 31~~during first nine days of deer gun season.
- (8) Crow: Same as statewide season dates,~~except closed October 15 January 31.~~
- (9) Dove: Same as statewide season dates,~~except closed October 15 January 31.~~
- (10) Rail and gallinule: Same as statewide season dates,~~except closed October 15 January 31.~~
- (11) Common snipe: Same as statewide season dates, except closed ~~October 15 January 31~~during first nine days of deer gun season.
- (12) Woodcock: Same as statewide season dates, except closed ~~October 15 January 31~~during first nine days of deer gun season.
- (13) Deer - archery: Same as statewide season dates,~~except closed October 15 January 31.~~
- (14) Deer - primitive firearms: ~~Closed season~~Same as statewide season dates.
- (15) Deer - gun: ~~Closed season~~Same as statewide season dates.
- (16) Trapping: Same as statewide season dates,~~except closed October 15 January 31.~~
- (17) Pursuit with hounds: Same as statewide season dates, except closed ~~October 15 January 31~~during first nine days of deer gun season.
- (18) Predator/furbearer calling: Same as statewide season dates, except closed ~~October 15 January 31~~during first nine days of deer gun season.
- (19) Waterfowl: Same as statewide season dates,~~except closed October 15 January 31.~~

SUBCHAPTER 24. IMPORT OF CERVIDS

800:25-24-3. Requirements

- (a) The following relate to the importation of live cervids into Commercial Hunting areas.
 - (1) The import of cervidae for the purpose of deposition in a Commercial Hunting area that are originating in any county or Canadian province where Chronic Wasting Disease exists in free-ranging native herds shall be prohibited, except the State Veterinarian may allow an import from a Canadian province with Chronic Wasting Disease after notification to the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation and based on a review of the following factors:
 - (A) distance of the farmed cervidae facility from the Chronic Wasting Disease area,
 - (B) existence of double fencing between the farmed cervidae facility and free-ranging native herds,
 - (C) farmed cervidae facility biosecurity measures,
 - (D) participation of the farmed cervidae facility in any Canadian Chronic Wasting Disease herd certification programs, and
 - (E) any other relevant factors.
 - (2) All other cervidae imports into Commercial Hunting areas shall only be from a source herd that is in a Chronic Wasting Disease surveillance and certification program for a minimum of five (5) years monitored and the program meets the standards of cervidae importation into Oklahoma;
 - (3) import of cervidae into Commercial Hunting areas shall be accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection and an approved Cervidae Import Permit; and
 - (4) import of cervidae into a Commercial Hunting area shall follow all other disease testing required by the Oklahoma Statutes or rules promulgated by the Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry.
- (b) The following restrictions apply to the statewide importation of cervid carcasses or carcass parts.
 - (1) No person shall import, transport, or possess any cervid carcass or part of a cervid carcass from outside the boundaries of Oklahoma. The following items are the only exceptions:
 - (A) Antlers or antlers attached to clean skull plate or cleaned skulls (all tissue removed);
 - (B) Animal quarters containing no spinal materials or meat with all parts of the spinal column removed;

- (C) Cleaned teeth;
- (D) Finished taxidermy products;
- (E) Hides or tanned products.

(c) Upon detection and confirmation of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) in a free-ranging cervid(s) inside of Oklahoma or within 5 miles of the state's border, the following restrictions apply to the movement of a cervid carcass and cervid carcass parts from within the boundaries of any area designated a Selective Surveillance Area (SSA) as defined in the ODWC and Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry jointly approved 2019 Chronic Wasting Disease Response Strategy ("CWD Strategy") or the most current CWD Strategy update.

(1) No person shall transport any cervid carcass or part of a cervid carcass from within an active SSA to outside of an active SSA. The following items are the only exceptions:

(A) Antlers detached from the skull plate and antlers attached to clean skull plate or cleaned skulls (all tissue removed);

(B) Animal quarters containing no spinal materials or meat with all parts of the spinal column removed;

(C) Cleaned teeth;

(D) Finished taxidermy products;

(E) Hides or tanned products.

(2) The Commission may, by resolution, establish additional CWD response measures at any time with such measures to be published in the current Oklahoma Fishing & Hunting Regulations and/or posted on the Department's website. Response measures may include but are not limited to altering cervid season dates and bag limits, establishing voluntary or mandatory physical cervid checking locations, voluntary or mandatory submission of samples by hunters, and restrictions on feeding or baiting.

SUBCHAPTER 30. WILDLIFE DEPREDATION ON AGRICULTURAL CROPS

800:25-30-2. Procedures

The following are the procedures for handling wildlife depredation complaints on agricultural crops including beehives, fruits, nuts or berries.

(1) All complaints of damage to agricultural crops involving game species will be referred to Wildlife Division in the state headquarters office.

(2) Immediately following receipt of a complaint, the appropriate field level employee will be contacted to investigate the damage. A copy of the completed complaint form will be sent to the regional supervisor.

(3) All requests for assistance in controlling non-game and other wildlife species designated in the current Memorandum of Understanding between the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation and U.S. Department of Agriculture, Animal Damage Control Division (ADC) will continue to be referred to ADC.

(4) In accordance with Federal regulations 50 CFR 21.43 Depredation order for blackbirds, cowbirds, grackles, crows and magpies, a Federal permit shall not be required to control yellow-headed, red-winged, and Brewer's blackbirds, all cowbirds, all grackles, American, fish, and northwestern crows, and all magpies, when found committing or about to commit depredations upon ornamental or shade trees, agricultural crops, livestock, or wildlife, or when concentrated in such numbers and manner as to constitute a health hazard or other nuisance. Provided:

(A) That none of the birds killed pursuant to this section, nor their plumage, shall be sold or offered for sale, but may be possessed, transported, and otherwise disposed of or utilized.

(B) That any person exercising any of the privileges granted by this section shall permit at all reasonable times, any Federal or State game or deputy game agent, warden, protector, or other game law enforcement officer free and unrestricted access over the premises on which such operations have been or are being conducted; and shall furnish promptly to such officer whatever information he may require, concerning said operations.

(C) That nothing in this section shall be construed to authorize the killing of such birds contrary to any State laws or regulations; and that none of the privileges granted under this section shall be expected unless the person possesses whatever permit as may be required for such activities by the State concerned.

SUBCHAPTER 37. NUISANCE WILDLIFE CONTROL PROGRAM

PART 3. WILDLIFE AND FERAL HOG NUISANCE AND DEPREDAATION RULES

800:25-37-12. General Provisions

In addition to the statutory provisions of Title 29 OS 4-135, the following general provisions shall apply to the issuance of a Nuisance and Depredation Permit:

(1) The Department of Wildlife Conservation (Department) shall create a complaint/permit form, which must be completed and signed by the landowner/lessee and an authorizing Department employee before a permit can be issued.

(2) If the complaint form is approved, the Department shall issue a nuisance/depredation permit. A copy of the permit must be kept on the person of the permittee and all individuals authorized in writing to help the permittee while conducting nuisance wildlife control. The permit will detail:

(A) date of complaint received and effective dates of control activities;

(B) location;

(C) method of control;

(D) landowner/lessee information and signature;

(E) name and address of designated agent(s);

(F) the signature of authorizing Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation employee.

(3) Each permit holder shall:

(A) be in possession of a valid Hunting License or proof of exemption, and a valid Fishing & Hunting Legacy permit or proof of exemption and/or a valid Trapping License or proof of exemption. Landowners and/or lessees controlling nuisance wildlife on land owned or leased by them shall be exempt from the Hunting License, Trapping License and the Fishing & Hunting Legacy permit.

(B) be at least 16 years of age for wildlife control at night with firearms.

(C) any person who's hunting or trapping license privileges are revoked and is not legally able to purchase a hunting or trapping license, shall not be allowed to possess, or operate under the authority of a depredation permit.

(4) Big game (deer, antelope, bear, elk) complaints must comply with the provisions of 800:25, Subchapter 30.

**TITLE 800. DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE CONSERVATION
CHAPTER 30. DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE LANDS MANAGEMENT**

SUBCHAPTER 1. USE OF DEPARTMENT MANGED LANDS

800:30-1-16. Shooting ranges

- (a) On all Department owned or managed lands, the discharge of firearms for purposes other than while hunting is restricted to the specific target or shooting ranges provided for public use.
- (1) Shooting ranges are open year-round, unless specified otherwise in the Oklahoma Fishing and Hunting Guide or signs at the range.
 - (2) Shooting hours are official sunrise to thirty minutes after official sunset, daily.
 - (3) Any person using the shooting range under the age of 16 must be immediately supervised by an adult (18 years old or older).
 - (4) All firearms shooting single projectiles or any pellets larger than conventional BB (.180" dia.) must be shot at approved berms and target areas only. Air-borne clay targets may be shot using pellets no larger than conventional BB (.180" dia.).
 - (5) All rifle, pistol, shotgun, and muzzleloader targets will consist of paper or clay targets only.
 - (6) All paper targets must be removed before leaving the shooting area.
 - (7) Centerfire rifles and pistols .50 caliber and larger are prohibited.
 - (8) Fully automatic firearms are prohibited.
 - (9) Fireworks, explosive devices, exploding targets, tracer and incendiary rounds are prohibited.
 - (10) Eye and ear protection shall be worn while shooting.
 - (11) Shooters, and accompanying adult, must possess a valid Oklahoma hunting license, or combination hunting/fishing license unless exempt.
 - (12) Do not shoot while another shooter is down range and/or retrieving targets.
- (b) For Department shooting ranges that include an archery area, the following shall apply:
- (1) Archery range is open year-round, unless specified otherwise in the Oklahoma Fishing and Hunting Guide or signs at the range.
 - (2) Shooting hours are official sunrise to thirty minutes after official sunset, daily.
 - (3) Any person using the archery range under the age of 16 must be immediately supervised by an adult (18 years or older.)
 - (4) Archers using the elevated platform must wear a safety harness and be attached to the platform at all times.
 - (5) Archers may only shoot at stationary targets.
 - (6) Archers must draw and release arrows from the tower or directly below the tower ONLY.
 - (7) All nocked arrows must point down range at all times.
 - (8) The archery tower is limited to 4 shooters at a time, no spectators are allowed on the archery tower.
 - (9) Do not shoot while another archer is retrieving arrows.
 - (10) No broadheads allowed.
 - (11) Shooters and accompanying adults must possess a valid Oklahoma hunting license or combination hunting/fishing license unless exempt.
 - (12) Archery targets designed specifically for archery are allowed on the archery range. Archery targets must be removed after use.
- (~~b~~c) Exemptions to (a) or (b) of this Section may only be granted by the Director of the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation upon prior submission of a written application setting forth the location, date, nature and purpose of such activity.

800:30-1-20. Restricted public use areas

- (a) The following Wildlife Management Areas are closed to all non-hunting activities except hunter camping (areas where camping is allowed) during the period October 1 – February 15: Beaver River, Beaver River – McFarland Unit, and Canton, and Okmulgee. The following Wildlife Management Areas are closed to all non-hunting activities except for hunter and/or angler camping (areas where camping is allowed) and fishing during the period of October 1 – February 15: Arbuckle Springs, Fort Supply, Lexington (Lake Dahlgren), and Okmulgee.
- (b) The following Wildlife Management Areas are closed to all non-hunting activities except hunter camping (on areas where camping is allowed) during the period October 1 - January 31 and spring turkey season: Atoka, Cherokee, Cookson, Cross Timbers, James Collins, McGee Creek, Osage, Pushmataha, Sans Bois and Spavinaw.
- (c) Lake Dahlgren shall be closed to all other activities during Lexington Wildlife Management Area designated controlled hunt dates.
- (d) The following Conservation Education Areas are closed to all non-hunting and non-fishing activities during the period of October 1 - January 15 unless authorized by ODWC; camping and fires of any kind are not permitted unless authorized by ODWC: Arcadia Conservation Education Area.
- (e) The following Wildlife Management Areas are closed to the possession of a dog(s) from 1 hour before official sunrise to 1 hour after official sunset during the deer firearms, primitive, and youth seasons, except under the provision of the Americans with Disabilities Act: Honobia Creek WMA, Pine Creek WMA, and Three Rivers WMA.
- (f) Areas identified as safety zones will have restricted access and use as designated by the signs posted.