

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

SUBCHAPTER 3. FUNCTION, ORGANIZATION, POWERS AND DUTIES

800:1-3-3. Function, organization, powers and duties

The following describes the function, organization, powers and duties of the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation and Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission.

(1) **Creation and Composition of the Commission, Director and Department.**

(A) **Commission:** The Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation and Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission were created by Section 1, Article XXVI of the Constitution of Oklahoma in 1956. See also 29 O.S. Section 3-101 et seq.

(B) **Director:** A Director of Wildlife Conservation was created by Section 3, Article XXVI of the Constitution of Oklahoma in 1956. See also 29 O.S., Section 3-104.

(C) **Department:** The Department includes assistants and employees appointed by the Director with the approval of the Commission. The Department is organized in divisions such as Administration, Fisheries, Wildlife, Law Enforcement, and Information & Education.

(2) **Commission organization.**

The Commission may establish ad hoc committees to assist the Commission for any lawful purpose. See 29 O.S., Section 3-103.

(3) **Powers, authority and duties.** The powers, authority and duties of the Department and Commission are generally set forth in Article XXVI of the Oklahoma Constitution, 29 O.S., Sections 3-101 et seq., and 27A O.S., Section 1-3-101 .

(4) **Vehicle policy.** The Commission adopts and approves the Department's vehicle use policy, which is incorporated in the ODWC employee handbook, as required by 29 O.S. Section 3-103.