

AGENDA
Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission
Regular Meeting

Public Meeting: **Monday, February 1, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.**
Quartz Mountain Resort
22469 Lodge Road
Lone Wolf, OK 73655

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 – Chairman John Zelbst
2. Roll Call – Rhonda Hurst
3. Invocation – Bill Hale
4. Pledge of Allegiance – Bill Hale
5. Introduction of Guests
6. Presentation of Awards – Richard Hatcher, Director

7. Consideration and Vote to Approve, Amend, Reject or Take Other Action on Minutes of the January 4, 2016 Wildlife Commission Meeting.

8. Consideration and Vote to Approve, Amend, Reject or Take Other Action on the December 31, 2015 Financial Statement – Melinda Streich, Assistant Director of Administration and Finance

9. Presentation on ODWC's Use of Social media to Inform and Educate Sportsmen and Women, Landowners and Those Interested in Wildlife – Nels Rodefeld, Chief of Information and Education Division and Micah Holmes, Information and Education Supervisor

Social media has replaced paper brochures and fliers. ODWC's total YouTube views have surpassed one million views. Facebook is widely used through a general ODWC account (nearly 100,000 fans) and area or division specific accounts (OK Game Wardens and Blue River Public Fishing and Hunting Area). Twitter and Pintrest also are used.

10. Presentation on Doc Hollis Lake Including an Update on Dam Repair Efforts – Barry Bolton, Chief of Fisheries Division and Ryan Ryswyk, Southwest Region Fisheries Supervisor

11. Presentation on Sandy Sanders Wildlife Management Area – Alan Peoples, Chief of Wildlife Division and Ron Smith, Senior Wildlife Biologist

12. Presentation on Feral Hogs – Alan Peoples and Jeff Pennington, Central Region Wildlife Supervisor and Bill Hale, Assistant Chief of Law Enforcement Division

13. Presentation on the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation/Grand River Dam Authority Interagency Agreement and the Neosho Bottoms Wetlands Restoration Project – Alan Peoples and Craig Endicott, Northeast Region Wildlife Supervisor

14. Consideration and Vote to Approve, Amend, Reject or Take Other Action on a Budget Increase of \$64,266 for Wildlife Division to Accommodate the Interagency Agreement – Alan Peoples

15. Consideration and Vote to Approve, Amend, Reject or Take Other Action on Permanent Rules – Barry Bolton

Title 800. Department of Wildlife Conservation

Chapter 10. Sport Fishing Rules

Subchapter 1. Harvest and Possession Limits

800:10-1-4. Size limits on fish [AMENDED]

800:10-1-5. Bag limits on fish [AMENDED]

Subchapter 3. Methods of Taking

800:10-3-5. Use of bow and arrow, grabhooks, gigs, spears, and spearguns, snagging, noodling and netting [AMENDED]

Subchapter 5. Area Restrictions and Special Fees

800:10-5-3. Designated trout areas [AMENDED]

800:10-5-6. Lakes, reservoirs, rivers and streams [AMENDED]

These proposed rules will delete and/or modify special rules on portions of the lower Mountain Fork River trout fishery, allow bass harvest on American Horse Lake, establish statewide bag and size limits for hybrid striped bass, allow bowfishing in the Heyburn Lake tailwater and simplify fishing rules on certain Oklahoma City waters.

16. Consideration and vote to Approve, Amend, Reject or Take Other Action on Permanent Rules – Alan Peoples

Title 800: Department of Wildlife Conservation

Chapter 25. Wildlife Rules

Subchapter 1. Hunting/Trapping on Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Lands

800:25-1-6. Waterfowl hunting on Foss ~~State Park~~ ~~Lake Recreation Area~~ [AMENDED]

800:25-1-7. Dove and Rabbit Hunting on Foss State Park [NEW]

Subchapter 7. General Hunting Seasons

Part 19. Seasons on Areas Owned or Managed By the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

800:25-7-81. Altus-Lugert WMA [AMENDED]

800:25-7-83. Beaver River WMA [AMENDED]

800:25-7-83.1. Beaver River WMA – McFarland Unit [AMENDED]

800:25-7-84. Black Kettle WMA [AMENDED]

800:25-7-86.1. Camp Gruber ~~Maneuver~~-Training Center (~~CGMTC~~)(CGTC) [AMENDED]

800:25-7-90. Cherokee PHA [AMENDED]

800:25-7-92.1. Cimarron Bluff Wildlife Management Area [AMENDED]

800:25-7-92.2 Cimarron Hills Wildlife Management Area [AMENDED]

800:25-7-94.1. Cooper WMA [AMENDED]

800:25-7-95. Ellis County WMA [AMENDED]

800:25-7-101. Fort Supply WMA [AMENDED]

800:25-7-115. Kaw WMA [AMENDED]

800:25-7-130. Optima WMA [AMENDED]

800:25-7-134. Packsaddle WMA [AMENDED]

800:25-7-137. Rita Blanca WMA [AMENDED]

800:25-7-140. Sandy Sanders WMA [AMENDED]

800:25-7-153. Washita NWR [AMENDED]

The proposed rule amendments are to correct the name of Foss State Park and open rabbit and dove seasons. Close spring turkey hunting at 7pm on several wildlife management areas (WMA) in western Oklahoma to reduce disturbance around roost sites. Change pheasant and quail seasons on Beaver WMA (McFarland Unit) from controlled hunts to same as statewide season dates. Open deer primitive antlerless days on Cherokee PHA to same as statewide season dates. Change trapping on Kaw WMA to waters sets, live box traps and enclosed trigger traps. Open Washita NWR spring turkey and deer gun to controlled hunts. Correct the name of Camp Gruber Training Center and allow additional hunting access per recently signed Memorandum Of Understanding.

Title 800. Department of Wildlife Conservation
Chapter 30. Department of Wildlife Lands Management
Subchapter 1. Use of Department Managed Lands

800:30-1-16. Shooting ranges [AMENDED]

Subchapter 3. Mineral Exploration and Production

800:30-3-2. General provisions [AMENDED]

800:30-3-3. Site development [AMENDED]

800:30-3-5. Regulations for producing wells [AMENDED]

800:30-3-6. Regulations for non-producing wells [AMENDED]

800:30-3-7. Damage and use charges [AMENDED]

The proposed amendments are to clarify rules for using shooting ranges on Wildlife Management Areas and to update mineral exploration rules because of changing technology in the oil and gas industry.

17. Discussion of the Appraisal and/or Purchase of Certain Real Property Located in Cleveland County, Johnson County and Coal County, Which the Commission by Majority Vote May Decide to Discuss in Executive Session Pursuant to 25 O.S. 307(B)(3); With Any Action Thereon to Take Place Through Discussion, Consideration and Vote in Open Session. – Alan Peoples
18. New Business – Discussion of any matter not known about or which could not have been reasonably foreseen 24 hours prior to the scheduled meeting.
19. Consideration and Vote to Approve Amend, Reject or Take other Action to Change the Location of the March 7, 2016 Commission Meeting from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma at 9:00 a.m. to the Oklahoma Aquarium in Jenks, Oklahoma at 9:00 a.m. – Chairman Zelbst

Prior to the March Commission meeting, Commission and Staff will meet on Sunday, March 6 to attend and tour the Bassmaster Classic which is being held at the BOK Center in Tulsa, Oklahoma. A quorum may or may not be present. No official business will be conducted and no action will be taken prior to the Regular Wildlife Conservation Commission meeting March 7, 2016, held at the Oklahoma Aquarium at 9:00 a.m.

20. Adjourn

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