



Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation

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Commercial Hunt Area License

Important to Remember:

- Commercial Hunt Area License is valid from July 1 to June 30 the following year.
- Big Game Commercial Hunt Area Tags (lock on type) are available from ODWC in lots of 5 @ \$20.00 per tag. These tags must be attached to all deer or elk and proper receipt or invoice must be in possession before animals leave the commercial hunt facility.
- Unless otherwise exempt, hunters are required to have an Oklahoma Lifetime Hunting Or Combination Lifetime License, Annual Resident Hunting, Senior Citizens Lifetime Hunting, Senior Citizens Combination Lifetime License, or Annual Non-Resident Hunting License in order to hunt big game (deer or elk) on commercial hunting areas. The 5-Day Non-Resident Hunting License is **NOT VALID**.
- All other rules that pertain to commercial hunt areas still apply.

CAPTIVE WILDILFE INSPECTION FORM

(This completed form must be included with a new Commercial or Non-Commercial Breeders Application, Commercial Hunt Area Application or if being used for an additional Commercial Hunt location, Rehabilitator Application and license renewals.)

DATE OF INSPECTION _____ TIME _____

TYPE OF LICENSE _____ COUNTY _____

NAME _____ D.O.B _____

BUSINESS NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

BUSINESS PHONE(_____) _____ HOME PHONE(_____) _____

PHYSICAL LOCATION _____

REASON FOR INSPECTION:

Please check all that apply

Initial		Complaint	
Routine		Escapes	
Follow-Up		Injuries	

	Check List	Yes	No	N/A
1	Are records up to date?			
2	Were last years reports sent in?			
3	Do enclosures meet/exceed caging requirements?			
4	Are the doors key locked on required cages?			
5	Is perimeter/barrier fence provided for cats and bears?			
6	Fencing for deer/elk:			
	A. Are any water gap areas to be found?			
	B. Has the fence been broken and repaired?			
	C. Have any wild deer/elk been able to gain access to the area or is there evidence of such a possibility?			
7	Do enclosures and cages appear to be clean?			
8	Are animals provided adequate protection from the weather?			
9	Do the animals appear to be healthy?			
10	WERE DISCREPANCIES EXPLAINED TO RECIPIENT?			
11	WERE APPROPRIATE COPIES OF REGULATIONS GIVEN OR POSSESSED?			

If the animals to be release on a Commercial Hunt Area are whitetail deer, antelope or elk:

A. State the date that the animal drive was conducted for wild deer, elk, etc. _____

B. Name of the warden that assisted in the drive _____

Comments: _____

Game Warden Signature _____ /IBM# _____ Date _____

SUBCHAPTER 13. COMMERCIAL HUNT AREAS

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800:25-13-1. Purpose

This Subchapter establishes requirements for residents of Oklahoma to have a Commercial Hunting Area License.

800:25-13-2. Statutory citations

Citations to statutes in this Subchapter refer to the most recent codification of the statute.

800:25-13-3. General provisions

- (a) No person may propagate or hold in captivity any wildlife or domesticated animals hunted for sport for commercial hunting area purposes without having procured a Commercial Hunting Area license for such from the Director.
- (b) The area to be hunted must be inspected and approved by Department personnel before a license is issued.
- (c) Commercial Hunting Areas shall have year round open season and bag limit on the harvest of any legally acquired wildlife or domestic animal harvested for sport, except:
 - (1) no person may:
 - (A) Kill or attempt to kill, injure or attempt to injure any cat or bear that can grow to a weight of fifty pounds or more that is:
 - (i) In captivity in this state; or
 - (ii) Released from captivity in this state for the purpose of being killed; or
 - (B) Conduct, promote, assist, or advertise an activity prohibited by this section, and
 - (2) no person may:
 - (A) Sell or offer for sale, transport or consign for transportation in this state, including interstate commerce in this state, a cat or bear that can grow to a weight of fifty pounds or more that is to be used for controlled killing prohibited under this section; or
 - (B) Sell or offer for sale a part of a product made from a cat or bear that can grow to a weight of fifty pounds or more that is used or is to be used in a controlled kill prohibited under this section.

[Source: Amended at 16 Ok Reg 1643, eff 5-31-99; Amended at 19 Ok Reg 1526, eff 7-1-02]

800:25-13-4. Application and fees [REVOKED]

[Source: Revoked at 9 Ok Reg 1291, eff 11-15-91 (emergency); Revoked at 9 Ok Reg 3075, eff 7-13-92]

800:25-13-5. Acreage requirements [REVOKED]

[Source: Revoked at 16 Ok Reg 1643, eff 5-31-99]

800:25-13-6. Facility requirements

The facility requirements on a Commercial Hunting Area for wildlife are as follows:

- (1) **Birds only.** The minimum requirement for fencing a bird area is a four strand barb wire fence.
- (2) **Wildlife other than birds hunted for sport.** The minimum requirements for wildlife is at least eight foot of welded or woven wire or cyclone fence and the top two feet of the eight foot fence can be barbed wire, and must be fenced in a way to prevent licensed wildlife from escaping and big game animals belonging to the state from entering and be capable of retaining animals within the specified area, or other similar or suitable approved fence.
- (3) **Type of signs.** The type of signs to be used on a Commercial Hunting Area must be metal signs, or other weather- proof material and these signs must be posted at all corners and entrances and along the boundary at 1/3 mile intervals. If a licensee chooses not to renew their Commercial Hunting Area license, then the signs shall be removed from the area by October 1st of the same year. No person shall post or cause to be posted Commercial Hunting Area signs unless the area posted has been licensed by the Department as a Commercial Hunting Area.
- (4) **Size of signs.** The size of signs to be used on a Commercial Hunting Area should be 24" x 12" and the signs must be placed facing outside on boundary lines.

(5) **Wording of signs.** The signs on a Commercial Hunting Area must contain the wording, "Commercial Hunting Area Licensed by Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation". The signs must also display the Commercial Hunting Area license number for the area on the same side of the sign as the mandated wording.

(6) **Final Enclosure.** Prior to final enclosure of areas for the hunting of wildlife other than birds a drive must be made throughout the area in the presence of designated Department employees to make a reasonable effort to ensure that any wild whitetail or mule deer, elk, antelope, or other big game, are not present on the area. No wild whitetail or mule deer, elk, antelope, or other big game are to be reintroduced into the area after the final enclosure.

(7) **Inspection.** The Commercial Hunting Area to be hunted must be inspected and approved by personnel of the Department and all records, and facilities, of such areas shall be available for inspection at all reasonable times by authorized representatives of the Department, and/or authorized representatives of the Department of Agriculture. The Department of Agriculture may request blood and/or meat samples be collected from all deer and elk killed and sent to their Department.

(8) **Exemptions:** Any area that has been enclosed by a fence deemed suitable for containing big game animals for a minimum of 10 years prior to applying for this license shall be exempt from conducting a drive throughout the area to ensure no wild deer, elk, antelope or other big game are present on the area, as required in paragraph (6) above.

[Source: Amended at 9 Ok Reg 1291, eff 11-15-91 (emergency); Amended at 9 Ok Reg 3075, eff 7-13-92; Amended at 19 Ok Reg 1526, eff 7-1-02; Amended at 22 Ok Reg 1632, eff 7-1-05; Amended at 23 Ok Reg 565, eff 11-16-05 (emergency); Amended at 23 Ok Reg 1583, eff 7-1-06]

800:25-13-7. Signing requirements [REVOKED]

[Source: Revoked at 9 Ok Reg 1291, eff 11-15-91 (emergency); Revoked at 9 Ok Reg 3075, eff 7-13-92]

800:25-13-8. Import requirements [REVOKED]

[Source: Revoked at 9 Ok Reg 3075, eff 7-13-92]

800:25-13-9. Tagging requirements

(a) All wildlife must be tagged with tags available from the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation before being transported from the commercial hunting area [29 O.S., Sections 5-101 through 5-103].

(b) Any elk, mule deer, whitetail deer, pronghorn antelope or turkey must be tagged or otherwise permanently marked with appropriate commercial tags prior to the release and harvest of such animals. However, this tagging requirement does not apply to any elk, mule deer, whitetail deer, pronghorn antelope or turkey harvested during the appropriate regular hunting seasons for such animals for that specific area of the state. After the third consecutive year of being licensed for such animals and inspection by a designated Department employee that wild elk, deer, or antelope are not gaining access to the Commercial Hunting Area the tagging of the licensed elk, deer, or antelope before harvest will not be mandatory.

(c) Licensee must sign a written invoice which shall accompany such wildlife to final destination. These invoices shall be evidence of rightful possession and ownership for a period of twenty days from the date of said invoice. A copy of such invoices must be permanently kept for at least one year from date of expiration of license by the commercial propagator and must also include whether the birds were shipped alive or dead. Such invoice should contain the following:

(1) The propagator's permit number.

(2) The kind and number of each species killed, sold, given away, transported or shipped.

(3) The name and address of the recipient.

(4) The date received from licensee.

(d) Exemptions: Any area that has been enclosed by a fence deemed suitable for containing big game animals for a minimum of 10 years prior to applying for this license shall be exempt from the requirements of paragraph (b) above.

[Source: Amended at 9 Ok Reg 1291, eff 11-15-91 (emergency); Amended at 9 Ok Reg 3075, eff 7-13-92; Amended at 16 Ok Reg 1643, eff 5-31-99; Amended at 19 Ok Reg 1526, eff 7-1-02; Amended at 23 Ok Reg 565, eff 11-16-05 (emergency); Amended at 23 Ok Reg 1583, eff 7-1-06]

800:25-13-10. Records requirements

(a) Each licensee shall maintain daily records of all captive bird releases and a register of hunters signed by the hunters including the number of birds taken by the hunter for each species taken. In addition, the licensee must maintain for inspection, proof of purchase invoices for all birds to be released, or that have been released, giving the name and commercial wildlife breeder license number of the breeder where purchased.

(b) An annual report including the numbers of birds held at the beginning of the year, record of birds obtained from breeders, and record of bird releases and kills shall be submitted to the Department of Department furnished report forms as part of the annual renewal application. The commercial hunt area must submit the annual reports from the previous year by July 31.

[Source: Added at 22 Ok Reg 1632, eff 7-1-05]

800:25-13-11. Trapping and release of birds requirements

If the licensee uses any type of trap to recapture birds that have been released for hunting, the licensee must tag or band all birds that are initially released prior to trapping with metal tags available from the Department. If traps are used to recapture birds the traps must be checked at least once every 24 hours and any untagged birds within the traps at that time must be immediately released back into the wild. If the licensee does not trap birds then the tagging of the birds before release is not required.

[Source: Added at 22 Ok Reg 1632, eff 7-1-05]

OKLAHOMA COMMERCIAL HUNT AREA INVOICE

LICENSED COMMERCIAL HUNT AREA NAME: _____

PERMIT NUMBER: _____

DATE: _____ 20__

NO.	SPECIES KILLED, SOLD, GIVEN AWAY, TRANSPORTED OR SHIPPED.

THIS RECEIPT IS PROOF OF LAWFUL POSSESSION OF THE ABOVE LISTED WILDLIFE RECEIVED BY:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State: _____ Zip: _____



PLEASE NOTE:

THIS IS THE RECOMMENDED TEMPLATE TO USE FOR COMMERCIAL HUNT AREA INVOICES. THE REMPLATE SHOWN ABOVE COMPLIES WITH ALL WILDLIFE STATUTES AND REGULATIONS.

