

**TITLE 800. DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE CONSERVATION  
CHAPTER 20. RESTRICTIONS ON AQUATIC SPECIES INTRODUCTION**

**RULEMAKING ACTION:**

Notice of proposed PERMANENT rulemaking

**PROPOSED RULES:**

Chapter 20. Restrictions on Aquatic Species Introduction [AMENDED]

**SUMMARY:**

Re-name Subchapter 2 to be more general for the introduction of aquatic organisms into the Waters of the State and add new section making it illegal to stock any aquatic organisms into Waters of the State without ODWC permission.

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY:**

Title 29 O.S., Section 3-103, 5-401, 6-504, 7-801(A); Article XXVI, Section 1 and 3 of the Constitution of Oklahoma; Department of Wildlife Conservation Commission.

**COMMENT PERIOD:**

Persons wishing to present their views in writing may do so on or before 4:30 p.m., January 12, 2017, at the following address: Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation, 2145 NE 36<sup>th</sup> Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73111 or online at [www.wildlifedepartment.com](http://www.wildlifedepartment.com).

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

Date: January 5, 2017

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Oklahoma City - OK Department of Wildlife Conservation, 2145 NE 36<sup>th</sup> Street,  
Oklahoma City, OK 73111

Date: January 10, 2017

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Northeast Technology Center Auditorium  
Afton Campus  
19901 US-69  
Afton, OK 74331

**REQUEST FOR COMMENTS FROM BUSINESS ENTITIES:**

N/A

**COPIES OF PROPOSED RULES:**

Copies of the proposed rules will be available to the public at 2145 NE 36<sup>th</sup> Street, Oklahoma City, OK, 73111, Room 115.

**RULE IMPACT STATEMENT:**

Pursuant to 75 O.S., 303(D), a rule impact statement is being prepared and will be available for review after December 8, 2016 at the above address for the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation.

**CONTACT PERSON:**

Barry Bolton, Chief of Fisheries Division, 405/521-3721 or Rhonda Hurst, APA Liaison, 405/522-6279.

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SUBCHAPTER 2. ~~FISH~~ INTRODUCTIONS OF AQUATIC ORGANISMS IN WATERS OF THE  
STATE**

**800:20-2-3. Introduction of Aquatic Organisms**

No person shall release, deposit, place or permit to be released, fish, crayfish, mussels, other aquatic organisms, or non-native plant species in waters of the state whose stocking is controlled by and so designated by the Wildlife Conservation Commission without the consent of the Wildlife Conservation Director.