

CHAPTER 10. SPORT FISHING RULES

SUBCHAPTER 1. HARVEST AND POSSESSION LIMITS

800:10-1-4. Size and bag limits on fish

There are no length or bag (harvest) limit restrictions on any game or nongame fish taken from waters of this state, except as follows:

- (1) General provisions for size limits and bag limits- All fish not kept must be returned to the water unharmed immediately.
 - (A) Size limits (measured as total length, unless specified) are minimum limits unless specified.
 - (B) Release of striped bass, striped bass hybrids, trout, paddlefish, or alligator gar caught and placed on a stringer, in a live well or otherwise held in possession is prohibited statewide (no culling).
 - (C) Persons fishing trotlines or throwlines must release all fish on their lines except those held in possession for their daily limit, before leaving the trotline or throwline.
 - (D) Fish taken by bow and arrow, gig, spear, or speargun shall count towards the daily bag limit, and any carcasses or remains shall be properly disposed of (OAC 800:10-5-6p and 29 O.S. 7-205, 7-403).
 - (E) Bag limits for fish can be superseded and set by Commission resolution 29 O.S. 6-302(B) and will be published in the Oklahoma Fishing and Hunting Regulations.
 - (F) "Close To Home" waters have an aggregate bag limit of three (3) combined of all panfish species and their hybrids, trout species, and/or channel catfish. Crappie are excluded from the aggregate limit and harvest is unlimited. Other species are subject to statewide limits.
- (2) Largemouth bass and smallmouth bass statewide bag limit is six (6) in aggregate, of which only one (1) may exceed sixteen (16) inches, except
 - (A) Waters where harvest of largemouth bass is prohibited include: Doc Hollis Lake.
 - (B) Waters with a fourteen (14) inch minimum size limit for spotted bass include: Blue River Public Fishing Area.
 - (C) Waters with a fourteen (14) inch minimum size limit on largemouth bass and smallmouth bass and a bag limit of six (6) largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, and/or spotted bass (in aggregate), of which only one (1) may be a smallmouth bass include: rivers and streams statewide.
 - (D) Waters with a fourteen (14) inch minimum size limit and a bag limit of five (5) largemouth bass and/or smallmouth bass (in aggregate) include: Lake Texoma.
 - (E) When an individual angler possesses a tournament exemption authorized by the Department, daily bag and size limits may deviate from those listed here. Instructions for the tournament exemption application process will be provided in the Oklahoma Fishing and Hunting Regulations and on the Department website.
- (3) Crappie (black crappie and/or white crappie, in aggregate) ~~statewide bag and size limits limit is thirty-seven (37); except will be set and may be amended annually by Wildlife Conservation Commission resolution and will be listed in the Oklahoma Fishing and Hunting Regulations.~~
 - ~~(A) Waters with a ten (10) inch minimum size limit on crappie include: Arbuckle, Tenkiller, Hudson, Texoma, Ft. Gibson (including all tributaries and upstream to Markham Ferry Dam), and Grand Lake (including all tributaries to the state line).~~
 - ~~(B) Waters with a bag limit of six (6) crappie include: Blue River Public Fishing Area.~~
 - ~~(C) Waters with a bag limit of fifteen (15) crappie include: Arbuckle, Tenkiller, Hudson, Ft. Gibson (including all tributaries and upstream to Markham Ferry Dam), and Grand Lake (including all tributaries to the state line).~~
- (4) Forked tail catfish (blue catfish and/or channel catfish, in aggregate) statewide bag limit is fifteen (15) with only one (1) blue catfish greater than thirty (30) inches, except waters with a bag limit of six (6) forked tail catfish include: all U.S. Forest Service and State Park lakes (except Lake Murray) as well as the Fourche Maline River within the boundaries of Robbers Cave State Park from Carlton Lake Dam downstream to the southern park boundary, all Department Management Area ponds and fishing areas, and all waters within the Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge.
- (5) Flathead catfish statewide bag limit is five (5).
- (6) Walleye, sauger, and/or saugeye (in aggregate) statewide minimum size limit is fourteen (14) inches and bag limit is six (6), except
 - (A) Waters with no walleye, sauger, or saugeye size limit include: Great Salt Plains Reservoir (and tailwater).
 - (B) Waters with a sixteen (16) inch minimum size limit for walleye, sauger, and/or saugeye include: the Arkansas River, including all reservoirs and unimpounded tributaries from Keystone Dam downstream to the Oklahoma state line.
 - (C) Waters with an eighteen (18) inch minimum size limit for walleye, sauger, and/or saugeye include: Atoka Bluestem, Bluestem, Carl Blackwell, Haldton, Ponca City, Shell, ~~Sooner~~, and Thunderbird Reservoirs (and their respective tailwaters).
- (7) Rainbow trout, brown trout, and/or other trout species (in aggregate) statewide bag limit is three (3), except
 - (A) Waters where the daily bag limit may include only one (1) rainbow trout greater than twenty-five (25) inches and one (1) brown trout which must be greater than thirty (30) inches include: the lower Mountain Fork River

trout area. Waters where the daily bag limit is one (1) rainbow trout which must be greater than twenty-five (25) inches and one brown trout which must be greater than thirty (30) inches include: the lower Mountain Fork trout area downstream of the State Park Dam. Fish kept from these waters count towards the bag limit for the entire lower Mountain Fork trout area.

(B) Waters where the daily bag limit is one (1) rainbow trout greater than twenty (20) inches include: the lower Illinois River trout area from the USGS stream gauge downstream to the gravel pit county road.

(C) Waters where the daily bag limit may include only one (1) brown trout greater than twenty (20) inches include: the lower Illinois River trout area.

(D) Waters where harvest of rainbow trout is prohibited from November 1 to March 1 include: the Blue River from its entry onto the Plaster Wildlife Management Unit/Landrum Wilderness downstream approximately ½ mile to a marker cable.

(8) Striped bass statewide bag limit is five (5), except as designated in OAC 800:10-1-4(9). Waters with a twenty (20) inch minimum size limit on striped bass include: Sooner Reservoir.

(9) Striped bass hybrid statewide bag limit is twenty (20), of which only five (5) may be greater than twenty (20) inches, except

(A) Waters where the bag limit is ten (10) striped bass and/or striped bass hybrids (in aggregate), of which only two (2) may be greater than twenty (20) inches include: Lake Texoma.

(B) Waters where the bag limit is five (5) striped bass and/or striped bass hybrids (in aggregate), of which only two (2) may be greater than twenty (20) inches include: Arcadia Lake, Lake Thunderbird, and Skiatook Lake.

(10) White bass bag limit is twenty-five (25) in Lake Texoma.

(11) The statewide daily bag limit for paddlefish is one (1) per day, statewide. The catch and release of paddlefish is permitted by use of rod and reel, trotline and throwlines.

(A) Individual annual harvest limit- An individual harvest limit for paddlefish may be set or amended annually by the Wildlife Conservation Commission and will be listed in the Oklahoma Fishing and Hunting Regulations. Special area (or management unit) paddlefish harvest caps, a general statewide paddlefish harvest cap, and the total number of paddlefish permits issued may be set or amended annually by the Wildlife Conservation Commission for use in determining the individual annual harvest limit. Once an individual angler has reached their annual harvest limit, continued catch and release is permitted.

(B) Paddlefish permit- An annual paddlefish permit issued by the Department is required to fish for paddlefish by any method or be in possession of paddlefish or paddlefish parts. This permit must be carried on their person while fishing and/or in possession of paddlefish or parts and be produced for inspection upon the demand of any Oklahoma citizen or game warden.

(C) Harvest Tagging- Paddlefish caught and held in possession must be tagged OAC 800:10-3-8a. All paddlefish must have all viscera (internal organs) removed before leaving the state. Anglers must cease snagging for the day when they have taken their daily limit of paddlefish into possession.

(D) Reporting- Harvest of paddlefish must be reported OAC 800:10-3-8b.

(12) The statewide daily bag limit for alligator gar is one (1) per day, except during the period of May 1 through May 31 when angling for alligator gar by all angling methods and possession are prohibited. The catch and release of alligator gar is permitted year round, except during the closure referenced above, by use of rod and reel only. Anglers must cease snagging for the day when they have taken their daily limit of alligator gar into possession. Harvest of alligator gar must be reported OAC 800:10-3-8b.

(13) A statewide daily bag limit of one (1) applies to any fish species classified as those of Special Concern Category I or Category II (OAC 800:25-19-6). Such harvest must be reported by phone or email to the Department Fisheries Division.

800:10-1-7. Possession limit

(a) No resident or nonresident shall have in their possession, in the field, more than one (1) daily bag limit listed in 800:10-1-4 and 800:10-1-6. Nonresidents shall not have more than two (2) daily bag limits in their possession at any time other than in the field, except for paddlefish which shall not exceed the individual annual harvest limit as listed in the Oklahoma Fishing and Hunting Regulations.

(b) No person may possess with intent to transport or transport via land based transportation more than 200 shad, for personal use as bait. The sale, offer for sale, transport from Oklahoma with intent to sell or offer to sell shad taken from waters of this state is prohibited 800:15-5-2.

(c) No person shall transport shad from waters infested with Bighead or Silver Carp. A list of these waters shall be provided in the Oklahoma Fishing and Hunting Regulations or on the Department website. If shad are collected from these listed waters for use as bait, they may only be used in the water body from which they were collected.

(d) Fish cleaning - Any species of fish that are subject to size limits (800:10-1-4) must remain intact (head, tail, and skin/scales not removed) while actively engaged in fishing.

(e) Fish storage in possession - When fishing in waters of this state, all unattended baskets or containers used to store live fish in the field (both caught fish and fish used as bait) must be labeled with the angler's customer identification number ~~and/or until December 31, 2024 such equipment may be labeled with a name and address.~~ Storage equipment must be attended at least once every 24 hours. These rules do not supersede the labeling requirement for trout areas (800:10-5-3) or tailwaters (800:10-5-5).

SUBCHAPTER 3. METHODS OF TAKING

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

(a) **Bow and arrow.** The use of bow and arrows in bowfishing shall be lawful for taking nongame fish only in all waters of the state throughout the year, except:

- (1) Illinois River and its tributaries shall be closed at all times to such fishing except, those portions above the Horseshoe Bend boat ramp on Tenkiller Reservoir which is open from December 1 through March 31 annually. Tenkiller Reservoir below Horseshoe Bend boat ramp is open to bowfishing.
- (2) Reservoir tailwaters, other than Eufaula, Keystone, Wister, Fort Gibson, Thunderbird, Hudson (Markham Ferry), and Heyburn shall be closed to fishing with bow and arrows throughout the year. This does not alter provisions of 29 O.S., Section 7-101, which designates a safety zone of the first 150 feet immediately below the dam on all reservoirs except Tenkiller, Canton, Salt Plains, and Fort Supply.
- (3) All waters defined as "Designated Trout Areas" during open season for taking trout are closed.
- (4) All waters within the boundaries of the Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge are closed.
- (5) Only that section of the Caney River from Hulah Dam downstream approximately 1,200 feet to the re-regulation dam is closed. Fishing with a bow and arrow is lawful in the Caney River below the re-regulation dam.
- (6) The following portions of Grand River:
 - (A) The main river channel of Grand River below the turbine outlets of Pensacola Dam downstream to the State Park Bridge is closed throughout the year.
 - (B) The Grand River occurring below the spillway outlets of Pensacola Dam downstream to the highline crossing (approximately ½ mile) is closed throughout the year with the next ½ mile downstream from the highline crossing closed during periods when the spillway gates are open and discharging water and for seven (7) days following closure of the spillway gates.
- (7) The Little River tributary of Thunderbird Reservoir above Franklin Road in Cleveland County is closed.
- (8) "Close To Home" fishing waters and Lakes Pickens, Carl Albert and Taft and all ponds and lakes in the Ouachita National Forest are closed.
- (9) The taking of paddlefish by bow and arrow is prohibited on the Red River from Denison Dam downstream to the stateline year round.
- (10) Bowfishing may be used at Lakes Hefner, Overholser (including tailwaters and downstream to NW 10th St. bridge) and Draper throughout the year during daylight hours only.
- (11) The Salt Fork of the Arkansas River from the spillway of Great Salt Plains Reservoir downstream to the State Highway 38 Bridge is closed.

(b) **Grabhooks.** Taking fish by use of a grabhook is prohibited in all state waters.

(c) **Gigs, spears and spearguns.** The use of gigs, spears and spearguns containing not more than three (3) points with no more than two (2) barbs on each point shall be lawful for taking nongame fish only, except white bass may be taken by use of a gig. These methods are lawful in all:

- (1) Rivers and streams from December 1 through March 31, except:
 - (A) The taking of paddlefish by use of gig, spear or speargun is prohibited from May 16 through March 14 of the following year, statewide.
 - (B) The Poteau and Fourche Maline Rivers and all their tributaries within LeFlore County are closed throughout the year.
 - (C) All waters designated as "Designated Trout Areas" during the open season for taking trout are closed.
 - (D) The Canadian River from Eufaula Dam downstream for a distance of one (1) mile to be so designated by buoy or other appropriate marker is closed throughout the year.
 - (E) The Caney River from Hulah Dam downstream to the confluence of the old and new river channels is closed.
 - (F) The following portions of Grand River:
 - (i) The main river channel of the Grand River below the turbine outlets of Grand River Dam downstream to State Park Bridge is closed throughout the year.
 - (ii) The Grand River occurring below the spillway outlets of Grand River Dam downstream for a distance of one (1) mile is closed throughout the year.
 - (G) Rivers and streams in Delaware and Mayes counties are open to the use of gigs throughout the year, unless specifically closed in other sections of this chapter.
 - (H) The Little River tributary of Thunderbird Reservoir above Franklin Road in Cleveland County is closed.
 - (I) The Salt Fork of the Arkansas River from the spillway of Great Salt Plains Reservoir downstream to the State Highway 38 bridge.
- (2) Lakes and reservoirs throughout the year, except:
 - (A) Waters within the boundaries of the Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge other than that portion of Lake Elmer Thomas are closed.
 - (B) Tenkiller Reservoir, below the Horseshoe Bend boat ramp, is closed throughout the year except by speargunning when used with a self-contained underwater breathing apparatus which is closed from June 15

through July 15 annually to the taking of flathead catfish only.

(C) All Department Fishing Areas, all "Close To Home" fishing waters and Lakes Carl Albert, Sooner, Lone Chimney and Taft and all ponds and lakes in the Ouachita National Forest are closed. Konawa is closed to gigging.

(D) Lakes Hefner, Overholser (including tailwaters and downstream to NW 10th St. bridge) and Draper are closed.

(3) Reservoir tailwaters other than Hudson (Markham Ferry) shall be closed to fishing with gigs, spears and spearguns throughout the year. This does not alter provisions of 29 O.S., Section 7-101, which designates a safety zone of the first 150 feet immediately below the dam on all reservoirs except Tenkiller, Canton, Salt Plains, and Fort Supply.

(d) **Snagging.** Snagging for nongame fish only shall be lawful in all waters of the State throughout the year, except:

(1) Reservoir tailwaters other than Fort Gibson which is open from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. shall be closed to fishing by snagging throughout the year. This does not alter provisions of 29 O.S., Section 7-101, which designates a safety zone of the first 150 feet immediately below the dam on all reservoirs except Tenkiller, Canton, Salt Plains, and Fort Supply.

(2) Wister tailwater is closed to snagging from below the dam down to the power-line at the confluence of the old and new river channels.

(3) The following rivers, lakes, and streams:

(A) The Illinois River and its tributaries above the Horseshoe Bend boat ramp on Tenkiller Reservoir and below the dam shall be closed at all times to such fishing.

(B) All waters designated as "Designated Trout Areas" during the open season for taking trout are closed.

(C) All waters within the boundaries of the Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge are closed.

(D) The Canadian River from Eufaula Dam tailwater downstream for a distance of one (1) mile to be so designated by buoy or other appropriate marker is closed throughout the year.

(E) The Caney River from the Hulah Dam downstream to the confluence of the old and new river channels is closed.

(F) The following portions of the Grand River:

(i) The main river channel of Grand River below the turbine outlets of Grand River Dam downstream to the State Park Bridge is closed throughout the year.

(ii) That portion of the Grand River occurring below the spillway outlets of Grand River Dam downstream to the highline crossing (a distance of approximately ½ mile) is closed throughout the year with the next ½ mile downstream from the highline crossing closed during periods when the spillway gates are closed.

~~(iii) That portion of the Grand River occurring from the Markham Ferry Dam (Lake Hudson Dam) downstream to the Highway 412 bridge from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. year-round.~~

(G) The Arkansas River from Zink Dam for 800 feet downstream between April 15 – May 15.

(H) The Little River tributary of Thunderbird Reservoir above Franklin Road in Cleveland County is closed.

(I) All Department Fishing Areas, all "Close To Home" fishing waters and Lakes Pickens, Carl Albert, Sooner and Konawa and all ponds and lakes in the Ouachita National Forest are closed.

(J) Lakes Hefner, Overholser (including tailwaters and downstream to NW 10th St. bridge) and Draper are closed.

(4) When snagging for paddlefish the hook must have the barbs removed or completely closed. Only one (1) rod and reel is permitted per angler when snagging.

(5) All snagging shall be closed from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. in the areas east of I-35 and north of I-40 except the Miami City Park from the south boat ramp to the 125 Highway bridge which shall remain open.

(e) **Noodling.** Possession of hooks, gaffs, spears, poles with hooks attached and/or ropes with hooks attached while in the act of noodling, shall be proof of violation of the "hands only" noodling law. Noodling shall be lawful for nongame fish and blue, channel, and flathead catfish; only during daylight hours throughout the year.

(1) Rivers and streams of the state, except:

(A) The Illinois River and its tributaries above Horseshoe Bend boat ramp on Tenkiller Reservoir and below the dam shall be closed at all times to such fishing.

(B) All waters designated as "Designated Trout Areas" during the open season for taking trout are closed.

(C) Kiamichi River from Hugo Dam downstream to the first railroad bridge is closed.

(D) The following portions of the Grand River:

(i) The main river channel of Grand River below the turbine outlets of Grand River Dam downstream to the State Park Bridge is closed throughout the year.

(ii) The Grand River occurring below the spillway outlets of Grand River Dam downstream to the highline crossing is closed throughout the year except the day of and two (2) days following closure of the spillway gates when noodling will be legal.

(E) The Little River tributary of Thunderbird Reservoir above Franklin Road in Cleveland County is closed.

(F) Wister tailwaters is closed to noodling from below the dam down to the power-line at the confluence of the old and new river channels.

(G) The Salt Fork of the Arkansas River from the spillway of Great Salt Plains Reservoir downstream to the State Highway 38 bridge.

(2) Corps of Engineers and Bureau of Reclamation Reservoirs, Grand and Hudson Lakes.

(3) All waters within the boundaries of the Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge are closed.

(4) All Department Fishing Areas, all "Close To Home" fishing waters (except noodling is allowed in the North Canadian River from the NW 10th St. bridge downstream to the MacArthur ~~St~~Bld. bridge in Oklahoma City) and Lakes Pickens, Carl Albert, Taft, and Lone Chimney, Ponca and Carl Blackwell and all ponds and lakes in the Ouachita National Forest are closed.

(5) Lakes Hefner, Overholser (including tailwaters and downstream to NW 10th St. bridge) and Draper are closed.

(f) **Netting (noncommercial).** Netting (noncommercial) is closed statewide.

(g) **Collecting Bait for personal use.** Cast netting, trawl netting, dip netting, minnow traps and seining non-game fish commonly used for bait for personal use is lawful in all waters of this state unless specifically closed under 800:10-5-2, 800:10-5-3 and/or 800:10-5-6. Cast nets and dip nets shall have a mesh size no greater than three-eighths (3/8) inch square mesh. Seines shall not exceed twenty (20) feet in length, and the mesh shall be no larger than one-half (1/2) inch square unless seining for minnows then the mesh shall not exceed one-fourth (1/4) inch. Minnow traps shall have a mesh size no greater than one-half (1/2) inch, shall not be longer than three (3) feet, shall not exceed eighteen (18) inches in diameter on round traps or eighteen (18) inches on a side on square or rectangular traps. The trap entrance (throat) cannot exceed two (2) inches across the opening. No person shall fish with more than 3 minnow traps. All minnow traps must have the owner's customer identification number attached and the traps must be attended once every 24 hours, ~~and/or until December 31, 2024 traps may be labeled with a name and address.~~ All game fish and non-game fish not commonly used for bait must be released immediately. Minnow traps cannot be made with glass.

800:10-3-6. Use of trotlines, throwlines, limblines, juglines and yo-yo's

(a) **General.** Use of metallic and/or glass floating devices on trotlines and throwlines and metallic posts placed in the water as points of attachment for trotlines and throwlines is prohibited. Trotlines and throwlines shall not be set within three (3) feet of the surface at any point beyond six (6) feet from either point of attachment, except in Great Salt Plains and Ft. Supply Reservoir where the water is less than three (3) feet deep. Trotlines and throwlines are restricted to no more than three (3) lines and 100 hooks per person. Trotlines, throwlines, limblines and juglines shall have the owners customer identification number attached and be attended once every 24 hours, ~~and/or until December 31, 2024 trotlines, throwlines, limblines and juglines may be labeled with a name and address.~~

(b) **Closed areas.** The following areas are closed as provided:

(1) The Poteau River downstream from Wister Dam to a point 1/4 mile past the confluence of the old and new river channels is closed throughout the year to trotlines and throwlines throughout the year.

(2) The Kiamichi River from Hugo Dam downstream to the first railroad bridge is closed to fishing with trotlines and throwlines throughout the year.

(3) Trotlines, throwlines, limblines, juglines and yo-yo's are prohibited in:

(A) all Department Fishing Areas, and all "Close To Home" fishing waters..

(B) lakes Sooner, Konowa, Carl Albert, Taft, Lone Chimney, Longmire, Pickens, and in the Black Kettle National Grasslands lakes (Spring Creek, Skipout and Black Kettle, aka Dead Indian).

(C) the Little River below Pine Creek dam for a distance of 2,000 feet.

(D) an area below Webbers Falls Lock and Dam No. 16 downstream for a distance of one mile.

(E) all Designated Trout Areas.

(F) the Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge.

(G) all ponds and lakes in the Ouachita National Forest.

(H) Lakes Hefner, Overholser (including tailwaters and downstream to NW 10th St. bridge) and Draper.

(I) The Salt Fork of the Arkansas River from the spillway of Great Salt Plains Reservoir downstream to the State Highway 38 bridge.

800:10-3-8. Harvest tagging and reporting

(a) Harvest tagging of fish. All fish species subject to harvest tagging, when caught and held in possession must be plainly labeled (tagged) immediately with the angler's customer identification number (as issued by the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation), ~~and/or until December 31, 2024 tags may be labeled with a name and address.~~ Each person must keep their own tagged fish (or its parts) distinctly separate from other tagged fish (or their parts). Tagged fish and their parts must remain tagged until the individual in possession has reached their final destination.

(b) Harvest reporting of fish. All fish species subject to harvest reporting must be reported by the harvesting angler to the Department within 24 hours of harvest. Instructions for reporting harvest will be provided in the Oklahoma Fishing and Hunting Regulations and on the Department website.

SUBCHAPTER 5. AREA RESTRICTIONS AND SPECIAL FEES

800:10-5-2. Department fishing areas

The following rules and restrictions govern public use on all Department Fishing Areas, including:

(1) **Department owned lakes and access areas.** The following rules apply:

- (A) Camping is permitted, but limited to three (3) days duration at all areas, except at the Kiamichi River Access Area and the Lower Illinois River Public Fishing and Hunting Area - Simp and Helen Watts Management Unit where no overnight camping is permitted and at Lakes Watonga, Carl Etling and the Illinois River Access Areas where camping shall be limited to fourteen (14) consecutive days. Camping is permitted only in designated camping areas.
- (B) Boats and motors are permitted. Motors of any kind (electric or combustion) are prohibited at Doc Hollis Lake. All boats and motors must comply with existing state boat regulations and boat operators must obey Oklahoma State Boat Laws. All boats must be operated at no-wake speed (six '6' miles per hour or less) and may not be left on the water or the areas longer than the limit on camping.
- (C) Water skiing is prohibited.
- (D) Disposal of trash, refuse and debris is prohibited, except in designated trash containers. This includes organic and inorganic materials.
- (E) Glass beverage containers are prohibited at Department fishing areas except in designated camping and parking areas.
- (F) Commercial concessions and private developments on Department property are prohibited. Soliciting, advertising or promoting any commercial or private activity is prohibited. The use of these areas for any commercial operation in any way is prohibited.
- (G) Dogs must be kept on a leash at all times, except when used for hunting, during legal open hunting seasons on those areas where hunting is permitted.
- (H) Boat houses, ramps, docks and other facilities may not be constructed on Department property without specific approval of the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission.
- (I) It shall be unlawful to drive, occupy or park any motor driven vehicle, including automobiles, trucks, mini bikes, motorcycles, etc., except on maintained roads, (unless posted as "no parking zones"), designated parking areas, and designated camping areas. It shall be unlawful to operate any vehicle in a manner to create a public nuisance or to park in a "no parking zone." Operators must be licensed drivers.
- (J) Cutting or defacing of trees and vegetation shall be prohibited. Removal of any vegetation, soil, rocks, water or minerals is prohibited except under written approval of the Department Director.
- (K) Vandalism, theft, and damage to State property are prohibited.
- (L) No person shall use threatening, abusive, or indecent language, participate in a disorder assemblage, nor publicly appear nude or intoxicated on any lands owned or managed by the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation.
- (M) After 10:00 p.m., and until 5:00 a.m., all Department fishing areas will be restricted to fishing and fishing related activities only, and hunting if permitted by Commission.
- (N) Swimming is not permitted unless a designated swimming area is established by the Wildlife Conservation Commission.
- (O) Hunting is permitted on the following lakes: Hall, Jap Beaver, Burtschi, Nanih Waiya, Ozzie Cobb, Schooler, Evans-Chambers, American Horse and Vanderwork during the period of September 1 through Spring Turkey Season, including migratory bird seasons. Hunting regulations and restrictions for lakes Dahlgren, and Doc Hollis, and Vincent are the same as those listed for Lexington WMA (Dahlgren), Sandy Sanders WMA (Doc Hollis), and Ellis County WMA (Vincent). The following lakes are closed to hunting or taking of wildlife by any means: Elmer, Etling, Raymond Gary and Watonga. Hunting is restricted to rimfire firearms, shotguns, muzzleloaders or archery only except no muzzleloaders allowed at Schooler, Ozzie Cobb, or Nanih Waiya. Hunting and shooting other than that provided above is prohibited. The Director may designate "closed areas" for purposes of safety and/or security.
- (P) Fishing is permitted in accordance with provisions provided in OAC 800:10, Subchapter 1. The Director may designate "closed areas" for purposes of safety and/or security.
- (Q) No person may fish with more than two (2) poles, except during trout seasons at "Designated Trout Areas" where no person may fish with more than one (1) pole.
- (R) Trotlines, throwlines, limblines, juglines, nets, seines, yo-yo's, spearguns, and the taking of any fish by noodling and the taking of bait minnows by any method is prohibited, except cast nets may be used to take bait for personal use at Lake Carl Etling.
- (S) No person shall possess, consume or use any intoxicating beverage or beer, as defined in Title 37, except in camping and parking areas on any lands or waterways subject to the control of the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation except U.S. Forest Service regulations shall apply to Black Kettle, Ouachita, Rita Blanca and Tiak Wildlife Management Areas.
- (T) No person shall possess, consume, use or manufacture any controlled or dangerous substance, as defined in Title 63 on any lands or waterways subject to the control of the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation.
- (U) All impoundments are catch and release only on the following Department property unless determined otherwise as published in the Oklahoma Fishing and Hunting Regulations: Cimarron Bluff WMA.

(2) Blue River Public Fishing and Hunting Area. The following rules apply:

- (A) Hunting shall be permitted during regular hunting seasons and is restricted to shotgun and archery equipment only. No other use or other firearms are permitted.
- (B) Blue River PFHA is closed to all except emergency traffic from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. throughout the year.
- (C) Glass beverage containers are prohibited at Blue River PFHA except in designated camping and parking areas.
- (D) Fishing is permitted in accordance with provisions provided in OAC 800:10, Subchapter 1.
- (E) Trotlines, throwlines, noodling, limblines, spearguns, juglines, nets, seines, and yo-yo's are prohibited throughout the year.
- (F) No person may fish with more than two (2) poles, except only one (1) pole and line or rod and reel is permitted during the designated trout season.
- (G) The following special rules pertain to the Carl R. and Ruth Walker Landrum Wilderness and Plaster Wildlife Management Unit:
 - (i) no camping
 - (ii) areas closed from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.
 - (iii) no swimming
 - (iv) walk-in access only (except where wheelchair access is provided).
- (H) The Blue River Campground Area is closed to swimming, effective January 1, 1990, unless suitable agreement can be reached between the Department and an acceptable second party who would be responsible for managing a designated swimming area for a three month season, annually. The Department will assume no cost or liability for development and operation of a designated swimming area.
- (I) Effective July 1, 2000 the following rules apply to camping at the Blue River Campground Area:
 - (i) Camping is restricted to 14 days in a 30 consecutive day period. The Area Manager may grant extensions by issuing a permit for camping beyond the 14 day limit. Such extensions shall be based upon degree of area use, anticipated weekend or holiday occupancy and recreation season. Extensions shall be requested 48 hours prior to the requested date of the extension.
 - (ii) Camping is permitted only in designated camping areas.
 - (iii) No person shall leave a vehicle, camper, tent or any personal property unattended for more than a 48-hour period without approval of the Area Manager.
 - (iv) If property must be removed, it will be at owner's expense and liability. The unauthorized placement of camping equipment or other items on a campsite and/or personal appearance without overnight occupancy at a campsite for the purpose of reserving a designated campsite for future occupancy is prohibited.

(3) Arcadia Conservation Education Area

- (A) Walk-in fishing permitted on all parts of the lake shoreline. No fishing in any ponds or wetland areas unless part of an ODWC sanctioned education event.
- (B) Camping prohibited except as authorized by ODWC.

800:10-5-3. Designated trout areas

- (a) **Designated trout areas and seasons.** The following are the designated trout areas and trout seasons at each area:
 - (1) The Illinois River and its tributaries from the Tenkiller Ferry Reservoir Dam downstream to the Highway 64 Bridge near Gore, trout season is year-round.
 - (2) Blue River, within boundaries of the Blue River Public Fishing & Hunting Area (includes Landrum Wilderness Area and Plaster Wildlife Management Unit), trout season is from November 1 through March 31 of the following year; season is annual.
 - (3) Lake Watonga located within the boundaries of Roman Nose State Park, trout season is from the November 1 through March 31 of the following year; season is annual.
 - (4) The lower Mountain Fork River and tributaries below Broken Bow reservoir downstream to U.S. Highway 70 bridge. Trout season is year-round.
 - (5) Medicine Creek from Gondola Lake dam downstream to the State Highway 49 bridge, where trout season is from November 1 through March 15 of the following year; season is annual.
 - (6) Lake Carl Etling located within the boundaries of Black Mesa State Park, trout season is from November 1 through April 30 of the following year; season is annual.
 - (7) The Fourche Maline River from Carlton Lake Dam downstream to the Robbers Cave State Park boundary a distance of approximately one and one-quarter (1¼) miles, trout season is from November 1 through March 15 of the following year; season is annual.
 - (8) Perry CCC Lake trout season is from November 1 through March 31 of the following year; season is annual.
- (b) **General; area restrictions.** The following rules apply to designated trout areas and to specified locations within certain designated trout areas:
 - (1) It shall be unlawful to take or attempt to take fish from these areas during trout seasons except with rod and reel or pole and line, except collecting shad with cast nets is legal from the south boundary of the lower Illinois River Public Fishing

Area - "Simp and Helen Watts Area" downstream to the Highway 64 bridge; only one (1) rod and reel or pole and line per person is allowed.

(2) Glass beverage containers are prohibited at designated trout areas except in designated camping and parking areas.

(3) The following areas are restricted to fishing tackle made by fly-tying or artificial lures made of wood, metal, glass, feathers, hair, synthetic fibers or hard plastic and barbless hooks only with the exception of the lower Illinois trout stream when fishing for species other than Rainbow Trout and Brown Trout with hooks 3/0 or larger. The use of any substance in combination with restricted fishing tackle is prohibited:

(A) Fishing in the lower Illinois River trout stream below Tenkiller dam from the USGS stream gauge downstream to the gravel pit county road is restricted to artificial flies and lures only and barbless hooks only, except that barbed hooks, size 3/0 or larger, may be used in combination with natural or artificial bait, including soft plastics, for species other than Rainbow and Brown Trout.

(B) Fishing in the Blue River from its entry onto the Plaster Wildlife Management Unit/Landrum Wilderness Area downstream approximately ½ mile to a marker cable is restricted to artificial flies and lures only and barbless hooks only during the period November 1 to March 1, annually.

(4) All trout retained in possession must be kept separate from other anglers' fish on a stringer or in a creel that is clearly marked with that ~~anglers~~angler's customer identification number, ~~and/or until December 31, 2024 stringers may be labeled with a name and address.~~

(5) The lower Mountain Fork River trout area is restricted to barbless hooks.

800:10-5-5. Tailwaters

The following rules shall apply to fishing in tailwater areas below any Federal or Grand River Dam Authority (GRDA) dams:

(1) No person may fish with more than two (2) poles (or rods) when fishing within 1,000 feet downstream from any Federal or GRDA dam except at Wister, where no person may fish with more than two (2) poles (or rods) when fishing below the dam down to the power-line at the confluence of the old and new river channels.

(2) Foul hooking (any fish hooked other than inside the mouth) is unlawful in reservoir tailwaters (first 1,000 feet of stream below the base of any Federal or GRDA dam) except, in those tailwaters open to snagging, foul hooking is permitted for taking nongame fish only; foul-hooked game fish must be returned to the water immediately.

(3) Each angler must keep their fish separate, marked with ~~the angler's~~the angler's customer identification number, ~~and/or until December 31, 2024 may be labeled with a name and address,~~ when fishing in tailwaters, which is the first 1,000 feet below dam, except at Wister, where each angler must keep their fish separate, marked with ~~the angler's~~the angler's customer identification number, ~~and/or until December 31, 2024 may be labeled with a name and address~~ when fishing below the dam down to the power-line at the confluence of the old and new river channels.