

TITLE 800. DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE CONSERVATION

AGENDA 2027 PERMANENT RULE CHANGE PROPOSALS

TITLE 800: CHAPTER 1. OPERATIONS AND PROCEDURES.

1. SUBCHAPTER 13. HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSE DEALERS.

800:1-13-14 Resident lifetime fishing license upgrade to lifetime fishing and hunting combination license

- This rule change would allow resident lifetime fishing license holders to upgrade their license to a combination fishing and hunting license with the amount previously paid for the lifetime fishing license deducted from the current cost of a lifetime combination fishing and hunting license.

COMMENTS:

TITLE 800: CHAPTER 10. SPORT FISHING RULES.

2. **800:10-1-4** Size and bag limits on fish.

- This rule change provides for unlimited harvest of crappie on “Close to Home” waters and allows for crappie size, bag limits to be adjusted through Commission resolution, removes the special walleye, saugeye, and sauger length limit for Sooner Lake, and adjusts regulation of striped bass and hybrid striped bass on Lake Thunderbird.

COMMENTS:

3. **800:10-1-7 Possession limit**

- These rule change proposals remove outdated reference to legal labeling of fishing equipment

COMMENTS:

4. SUBCHAPTER 3. METHODS OF TAKING

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

800:10-3-6 Use of trotline, throwlines, limblines, juglines, and yo-yo’s

800:10-3-8 Harvest tagging and reporting

- These rule change proposals remove outdated reference to legal labeling of fishing equipment.
- These rule change proposals remove a redundant clause on the nighttime closure of snagging in the Grand River below Lake Hudson.

COMMENTS:

5. SUBCHAPTER 5. AREA RESTRICTIONS AND SPECIAL FEES

800:10-5-2 Department fishing areas.

- Provides for additional legal methods of take to enhance hunting opportunities at Department owned lakes.

COMMENTS:

6. 800:10-5-3 Designated trout areas.

- These rule change proposals remove outdated reference to legal labeling of fishing equipment

COMMENTS:

7. 800:10-5-5 Tailwaters.

- These rule change proposals remove outdated reference to legal labeling of fishing equipment.

COMMENTS:

TITLE 800: CHAPTER 20. RESTRICTION ON AQUATIC SPECIES INTRODUCTION.

8. SUBCHAPTER 2. INTRODUCTIONS OF FISH AND AQUATIC ORGANISMS

800:20-2-3 Introductions of fish and aquatic organisms.

- Requires watercraft and associated equipment be drained upon departure of any Oklahoma waterbodies. This includes the removal of drain plugs from bilges and the draining of live wells, ballast tanks, and other water-containing compartments.

COMMENTS:

TITLE 800: CHAPTER 25. WILDLIFE RULES.

9. 800:25-1-9 Deer and Waterfowl hunting on Ft. Cobb State Park

- Opens archery in designated areas Dec. 15 – Jan. 15.

COMMENTS:

10. 800:25-1-13 Deer hunting on Arrowhead State Park

- Provides for controlled deer hunts.

COMMENTS:

11. SUBCHAPTER 7. GENERAL HUNTING SEASONS

Part 1. General Provisions

800:25-7-3 General provisions

- Adds certain exemptions to possession of wildlife. Clarifies pursuit of and taking of bear, deer, elk, antelope, and turkey. Removes license requirement for youth trapping and hunting furbearers.

COMMENTS:

12. PART 7. FALCONRY

800:25-7-31 Taking provisions

- This rule change proposal will add opportunity for falconers to trap and train passage birds during a more malleable age.

COMMENTS:

13. PART 13. DEER

800:25-7-50 General provisions for deer

- Adds 2-day waiting period for nonresidents purchasing a deer license after the season opens.

COMMENTS:

14. PART 15. FURBEARERS

800:25-7-60 General provisions for furbearers

800:25-7-61 Dates, open areas, bag limits, and legal means of taking

- Clarifies language and adjusts date for CITES tag.
- Adds opossum to list of species with a year-round take.

COMMENTS:

15. PART 16. BLACK BEAR

800:25-7-66 General provisions for black bears

800:25-7-67 Dates, open areas, bag limits, hunting hours, legal means of take, quotas, prohibited activities.

- Exempts lifetime license holders from purchase of bear license and simplifies wording in list of prohibited activities.

COMMENTS:

16. PART 19. SEASONS ON AREAS OWNED OR MANAGED BY THE OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AND THE U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE.

800:25-7-81.2 Arbuckle Springs WMA

800:25-7-86.1 Camp Gruber Training Center (CGTC)

800:25-7-87.1 Candy Creek WMA

800:25-7-94.1.1 Cross Timbers WMA

800:25-7-94.4 Deep Fork NWR

800:25-7-97. Fobb Bottom WMA

800:25-7-98 Fort Cobb WMA

800:25-7-100 Fort Gibson WRP

800:25-7-102.1.1 Grady County WMA

800:25-7-108 Hickory Creek WMA

800:25-7-117 Lexington WMA

800:25-7-118 Little River NWR

800:25-7-120 Love Valley WMA

800:25-7-131 Optima NWR

800:25-7-133.2 Ozark Plateau NWR

800:25-7-139 Salt Plains NWR

800:25-7-142 Sequoyah NWR

800:25-7-142.1 Shorb WMA

800:25-7-143 Skiatook WMA

800:25-7-149 Texoma/Washita Arm WMA

800:25-7-151.1 Tishomingo NWR

800:25-7-153 Washita NWR

800:25-7-154.1 Wichita Mountains NWR

- Opens leg hold trapping methods on Arbuckle Springs, Candy Creek, Cross Timbers, Lexington, Grady County, Hickory Creek, Love Valley, Skiatook, and Texoma/Washita Arm WMAs. Removes outdated language to a webpage that no longer exists on all NWRs. Opens small game hunting opportunity on Wichita Mountains NWR. Updates season dates on Camp Gruber Training Center to be consistent with statewide regulations. Provides for additional

means of take on Fort Cobb WMA for small game. Opens trapping opportunities on Fort Gibson WRP and aligns waterfowl season on Shorb WMA to be consistent with all Northwest region WMAs.

COMMENTS:

17. SUBCHAPTER 19. OKLAHOMA ENDANGERED SPECIES

800:25-19-6 Species listing

- Adds American eel to list of Species of Special Concern Category II.

COMMENTS:

18. SUBCHAPTER 37. NUISANCE WILDLIFE CONTROL OPERATORS PROGRAM

PART 1. NUISANCE WILDLIFE CONTROL OPERATORS PROGRAM

800:25-37-1 Purpose

800:25-37-2 Permit Requirements

800:25-37-4 Reporting Procedures

800:25-37-5 Procedures and guidelines

PART. 2 SPECIAL CANADA GOOSE PERMIT AGENTS PROGRAM

800:25-37-7 Permit Requirements

800:25-37-9 Procedures and guidelines

- This rule change has significant clean up language to match Nuisance Wildlife Control Operator (NWCO) requirement with what is now required of hunters and trappers in Oklahoma. Clarifies when an NWCO permit is and isn't required. Corrects report deadlines and license renewals. Expands the Special Canada Goose Permit program to allow licensed NWCO persons to recruit non-licensed helpers to assist in trapping and relocation efforts.

COMMENTS:

19. SUBCHAPTER 38. WILDLIFE REHABILITATION LICENSE AND RULES

800:25-38-1 Purpose

- Prohibits rehabilitation of cervids without Director approval.

COMMENTS:

20. SUBCHAPTER 42. CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE GENETIC IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM RULES

800:25-42 Chronic Wasting Disease Genetic Improvement Program – Rules for release on private property

- This rule change proposal as authorized by HB3462 specifies the conditions under which private landowners can release deer on private property.

COMMENTS:

21. SUBCHAPTER 7. GENERAL HUNTING SEASONS

PART 9 MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS

800:25-7-42 Waterfowl and Crane Outfitter and Guide License

800:25-42-1 Purpose

800:25-42-2 License and fee requirements

- Establishes rules for waterfowl and crane outfitter and guide licenses as authorized by SB2095.

COMMENTS:

TITLE 800: CHAPTER 30. DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE LANDS MANAGEMENT

22. SUBCHAPTER 1. USE OF DEPARTMENT MANAGED LANDS

800:30-1-2 Use Restrictions

800:30-1-5 Vehicles

800:30-1-7 Livestock and feral hogs

- Closes prairie dog hunting on Cimarron Hills and Cimarron Bluff WMAs and removes outdated restrictions. Allows for personal watercraft on Ft. Gibson WMA. Require individuals operating motor vehicles on WMAs and Department managed land be licensed. WMAs with a hog hunting restriction will be allowed incidental take of feral hog during open deer seasons using methods, hunting hours, and weapons authorized for that open deer season. Adds three additional WMAs to the existing list of those with a seasonal feral hog shooting restriction.

COMMENTS: