

# **OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE CONSERVATION**

## **2015 PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA 2015 RULE CHANGE PROPOSALS**

### **1. 800:10-1-3. Additional definitions**

- Add Doc Hollis Lake to Department Fishing Areas

### **2. 800:10-1-4 Size limit on fish**

- Decrease the walleye, saugeye, sauger minimum length limit from 18 (16 or 14 in some cases) to 14 inches statewide, except Great Salt Plains Reservoir and tailwater where the size limit does not apply, and the Arkansas River and tributaries from Keystone Dam downstream to the Oklahoma state line where all walleye, sauger, and saugeye less than 16 inches total length must be returned to the water unharmed immediately, and at Atoka Bluestem, Bluestem, Carl Blackwell, Healdton, Ponca City, Shell, Sooner, and Thunderbirds Reservoirs and the respective tailwater where all walleye, sauger, and saugeye less than 18 inches total length must be returned to the water unharmed immediately.
- Add fishing regulations for Doc Hollis Lake
- Remove American Horse from no size limit on largemouth bass.

### **3. 800:10-1-5 Bag limits on fish**

- Eliminate the noodling bag limit so it is the same as all other methods as determined by species. Standardize the bag limit regardless of angling method.
- Reduce limit of flathead catfish from 10 to 5.
- Add Doc Hollis Lake and American Horse Lake to catch and release only for largemouth bass.
- Restrict tiger muskie harvest to catch and release only at Lake Carl Etling.

### **4. 800:10-1-7. Possession limits**

- You may not possess a fish that has been filleted or had its head or tail removed while actively engaged in fishing.

### **5. 800:10-3-3. Additional definitions**

- Simplify bowfishing rules relating to arrow points by removing point and barb restriction.
- Give a definition to 'Fish Remains'. Fish Remains means any fish that has been filleted or has had the entrails removed.

6. **800:10-3-5. Use of bow and arrow, grabhooks, gigs, spears and spearguns, snagging, noodling and netting**
  - This rule would prohibit noodling and snagging below Wister dam down to the power-line at the confluence of the old and new river channels.
  - Clarify special tailwater regulation for Wister from a specified distance to a geographical marker.
  - Prohibit bowfishing for tiger muskie at Lake Carl Etling.
7. **800:10-5-1.1. Definitions**
  - Further define fishing tackle approved for use in the ‘red zone’ of the Lower Mountain Fork Trout stream.
8. **800:10-5-2. Department fishing areas**
  - Restrict boats and motors on Doc Hollis Lake and American Horse Lake.
  - Allow hunting around Doc Hollis Lake (same as Sandy Sanders WMA)
9. **800:10-5-3. Designated trout areas**
  - Remove Lake Pawhuska from the Designated Trout Areas and add Perry CCC Lake. (currently in emergency status effective 8-25-14)
10. **800:10-5-5. Tailwaters**
  - Each angler must keep their fish separate, marked with their name and license number, when fishing in tailwaters which is first 1,000 feet below dam.
  - Clarify special tailwater regulation for Wister from a specified distance to a geographical marker.
11. **800:25-3-2. Areas open to archery equipment and shotguns with pellets only**
  - Due to safety concerns, limit the method of harvest on 186-acre unit south of Camp McFadden and north of a housing edition – Kaw Lake.
  - Remove the 50 acre Arrowhead Park area. Restriction is no longer needed and will be open same as the rest of surrounding Corps property– Webbers Falls Lock and Dam 16.
  - Remove the 400 acre unit in the Three Forks Area. Area is rezoned and no longer exists- Webbers Falls Lock and Dam 16.
  - Restrict the 65 acre Pecan Park on Chouteau Lock & Dam 17 to archery equipment only.
12. **800:25-3-3. Areas open to archery equipment only**
  - Clarify description of 320 acre North Bay unit on Fort Gibson.
  - Clarify location and increase acreage of Long Bay unit to 320 acres on Fort Gibson.
  - Correct the acreage and the description to the 100 acre Snug Harbor unit on Fort Gibson.

13. **800:25-3-5. Areas open to archery equipment and all legal firearms other than centerfire rifles and handguns**
  - Remove Carter's Landing Park unit from Robert S. Kerr Lock and Dam 15. Carter's Landing is on Tenkiller Lake.
  - Add the 240 acre Carters Landing Park hunting area – Tenkiller Lake.
  - Add the 145 acre unit south of Cowlington Point Public Use Area – Robert S. Kerr Lock and Dam 15.
14. **800:25-7-86.1. Camp Gruber Maneuver Training Center (CGMTC)**
  - Standardize regulations for quail, common snipe, woodcock, and trapping: Same as statewide season dates except closed from opening day of deer archery season through deer gun season. Correct typos and simplify wording for Pursuit with Hounds, Waterfowl and Predator/Furbearer Calling.
15. **800:25-7-90. Cherokee PHA**
  - Change Trapping to same as statewide season dates, except closed from the opening day of deer archery season through deer gun season so consistent with other seasons on PHA. Correct typos on Squirrel, Rabbit, Crow, Dove, Rail and Gallinule, Pursuit with Hounds, Predator/Furbearer Calling and Waterfowl.
16. **800:25-21-1. Purpose**  
**800:25-21-2. Contest rules for Oklahoma Waterfowl Stamp Design Competition**
  - Remove contest rules for Oklahoma Waterfowl Stamp Design Competition. Delete the two sections listed. There will no longer be duck stamp art on the waterfowl license.
17. **800:25-37-1. Purpose**  
**800:25-37-2. Permit requirements**  
**800:25-37-3. Exemptions**  
**800:25-37-4. Reporting procedures**  
**800:25-37-5. Procedures and guidelines**
  - House Bill 2618, effective November 1, 2014, creates a Nuisance Wildlife Control Operator (NWCO) permit. The rules regarding permitting, reporting, procedures and certification are being amended to coincide with the new permit. Clarify certain language to help make the rules more understandable.
18. **800:30-1-7. Livestock and feral hogs**
  - Make it illegal to remove live feral hogs from a Wildlife Management Area.