

**AGENDA**  
**Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission**  
**Regular Meeting**

**Public Meeting:**     **Monday, April 4, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.**  
The Coleman Theatre  
103 N. Main St.  
Miami, Oklahoma 74354

The Commission may vote to approve, disapprove or take other action on any of the following items. The Commission may vote to authorize public comment on any agenda item requesting a rule change.

1. Call to Order – Chairwoman Leigh Gaddis
2. Roll Call – Rhonda Hurst
3. Invocation – Bill Dinkines
4. Pledge of Allegiance – Bill Dinkines
5. Introduction of Guests
6. Presentation of Awards

Micah Holmes, Assistant Chief - 20 years  
Lance Meek, Senior Specialist - 20 years  
John Rempe, Wildlife Biologist - 25 years  
Rhonda Hurst, Executive Assistant - 30 years

7. Presentation by Oklahoma Lieutenant Governor Matt Pinnell on the Oklahoma Fishing Trail and recognition of the Oklahoma Fishing Trail Anniversary contest winner, Ricky Turpin.
8. Consideration and vote to approve, amend, reject or take other action on minutes of the March 7, 2022 Commission meeting.
9. Presentation of the February 28, 2022 Financial Statement and consideration and vote to approve, amend or reject miscellaneous donations – Amanda Storck, CFO and Chief of Administration.
10. Director's Report – J.D. Strong
  - a. Federal and Congressional Update
    - Oklahoma Legislative Update – Corey Jager, Legislative Liaison
  - b. Calendar Items – discussion of upcoming department calendar items.
  - c. Agency Update – an update on current activity within each division of the agency.
11. Presentation on ODWC's Boating Access and Shooting Range Programs in Oklahoma – Wade Free, Assistant Director and Nicholas Shenold, Boating Access/Shooting Range Coordinator.
12. Presentation on Wildlife Management Area activities for the Northeast Region – Bill Dinkines, Chief of Wildlife Division and Mike Plunkett, Northeast Region Supervisor.
13. Acknowledgment of a donation for \$25,000 from the National Rifle Association in support of gun range construction on Packsaddle Wildlife Management Area – Nels Rodefild, Chief,

Communication & Education, Lance Meek, Senior Communication & Education Specialist and Peter Churchbourne, Director, Hunter's Leadership Forum, National Rifle Association.

14. Acknowledgment of National Rifle Association's contribution of \$122,720 to the ODWC in the form of state matching funds towards the agency's required share of Wildlife Restoration Program funds – Lance Meek and Peter Churchbourne.
15. Consideration and vote to approve, amend, reject or take other action on proposed changes to the Department's Controlled Hunts Program – Nels Rodefeld.

Staff is recommending a hybrid application system that allows the same hunt choice options as are currently allowed (up to 14 hunt choices for \$5 application) while also allowing hunters extra choices at \$3 per choice). Half of all once-in-a-lifetime permits (elk and antelope) will be drawn from those with 20 preference points or more while everyone who applies will be eligible for the other 50 percent of permits.

16. Presentation and consideration and vote to approve, amend, reject or take other action on the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation's Logo Sharing Policy – Nels Rodefeld.
17. New Business – Discussion of any matter not known about or which could not have been reasonably foreseen 24 hours prior to the scheduled meeting.
18. Announce the May 2, 2022 Wildlife Commission meeting has been cancelled.
19. Adjourn

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## MINUTES

Of the Regular Meeting on March 7, 2022 of the

### OKLAHOMA WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Held at the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation Building, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, March 7, 2022. Commission meeting dates are filed with the Secretary of State, Office of Administrative Rules before December 15, annually. The Agenda is listed on the Department's website and was posted at the entrance of the Wildlife Department Building on March 1, 2022 at 4:50 p.m.

In compliance with the Open Meeting Act, this meeting was streamed live and recorded at [www.youtube.com/user/outdooroklahoma](http://www.youtube.com/user/outdooroklahoma)

Chairwoman Leigh Gaddis called the Commission in session at 9:00 a.m.

Rhonda Hurst, Executive Assistant, called the roll.

MEMBERS PRESENT:      LEIGH A. GADDIS, Chairwoman  
                                 JAMES V. BARWICK, Vice-Chairman  
                                 C. RICK HOLDER, Secretary  
                                 BRUCE MABREY, Member  
                                 D. CHAD DILLINGHAM, Member  
                                 JESS M. KANE, Member

MEMBER ABSENT:      BILL K. BREWSTER, Member  
                                 JOHN P. ZELBST, Member

J.D. Strong, Director, introduced the following guests: Nora Hall, Norman; Louisa Brewer, Norman; Mikel Donahue, Broken Arrow; Laura McIver, James Dietsch, Johnny Hernandez, Kevin Bennet and Troy Ellefson, Quail Forever; Rick Grundman, Executive Director of the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Foundation.

Chairwoman Gaddis announced that #6 on the agenda, recognition of Rod Smith as the 2022 recipient of the National Wildlife Turkey Federation's Henry S. Mosby Award, would be postponed to another meeting.

Bill Dinkines, Chief of Wildlife Division, introduced Laura McIver and Troy Ellefson with Quail Forever who presented a donation of \$6,000 for upland game conservation. Motion was made by Mr. Barwick, seconded by Mr. Holder to accept the donation as presented. Motion carried with Commissioners Barwick, Mabrey, Holder, Dillingham, Kane and Gaddis voting "Yes".

Nels Rodefeld, Chief of Communication & Education Division, introduced Michael Bergin, Senior Communication & Education Specialist. Mr. Bergin gave an overview of the Duck Stamp Art Program and introduced the 2022-23 Oklahoma Waterfowl Stamp Contest winner, Mikel Donahue. Mr. Donahue and two of the honorable mentions, London Peterson and Shae Mayer, are all from Oklahoma. Mr. Barwick emphasized the importance of wildlife art and its value. Chairwoman Gaddis encouraged everyone to admire the original winning print that is on display in the meeting room.

Mr. Bergin also updated the Commission on the License Hard Cards that can be purchased by license holders for \$5. In 2021, 75,507 cards were sold at \$5 each. The money from the hard card sales helps fund the Department's marketing and R3 efforts. Each year, two art prints are selected to represent the cards. Mr. Bergin recognized Carolyn Mock and Nora Hall for their selected art for the 2022 license hard cards. Carolyn Mock was unable to attend the meeting, but she is a neighbor to Commissioner Kane, and he praised her talents and stated that great wildlife art is the next best thing to the real thing.

Amanda Storck, CFO and Chief of Administration introduced David Sawyer with Definiti to give an update on the FY21 Actuarial Valuation Report for the Wildlife Retirement Define Benefit Plan. The valuation report contains important information regarding the funding status of the plan. This year the funded ratio increased from 88% in 2020 to 93% in 2021 and the required annual department contribution decreased from \$2.7 million in 2020 to \$2.2 million in 2021.

Amanda Storck introduced Dan Bledsoe with Finley & Cook PLLC, who presented the FY21 Annual Financial Audit Report. The Department has an annual independent audit of the financial records and federal aid records of the agency. The FY21 audit found no findings on the financial statements and no findings on the grants. The auditor complimented the agency on its staff.

Amanda Storck, CFO and Chief of Administration presented the Financial Statement for January 31, 2021. Motion was made by Mr. Barwick, seconded by Mr. Mabrey to accept the financial statements as presented and approve miscellaneous contributions. Motion carried with Commissioners Barwick, Mabrey, Holder, Dillingham, Kane and Gaddis voting "Yes".

Ms. Stork gave a brief report on current license sales.

Recreational Licenses – Number of licenses sold up 35% from February compared to 2021 sales.

- Resident Fishing – Up 36% (Down 9% YTD)
- Resident Hunting – Up 53% (Up 7% YTD)
- Resident Combo – Up 17% (Down 21% YTD)
- Nonresident Hunting – Down 2% (Up 2% YTD)
- Nonresident Fishing – Up 30% (Down 8% YTD)
- Lifetime Licenses – Up 13%
- Lifetime Combo – Down 6% (Down 17% YTD)
- Lifetime Fishing – Down 8% (Down 31% YTD)
- Seniors – UP 22% (Up 4% YTD)
- February was a better month in 2022 than 2021, which is a positive compared to January. March is off to a similar start.

Motion was made by Mr. Barwick, seconded by Mr. Dillingham to approve the minutes from the February 7, 2022, Commission meeting. Motion carried with Commissioners Barwick, Mabrey, Holder, Dillingham, Kane and Gaddis voting "Yes".

Director Strong gave a brief update and highlighted the Congressional report submitted by Brittnee Preston, the Department's part-time Federal and Congressional Liaison. This report was sent to all Commissioners and will be kept with the minutes of this meeting. Corey Jager, Legislative Liaison, gave a legislative update. The latest and up to date movement of wildlife bills can be found on the Wildlife Tracker [2022 Wildlife-Related Legislation](#)

Mr. Strong gave a Director's Report on calendar items and agency updates. This report was given to the Commission and will be kept with the minutes of this meeting. He mentioned that Brandt provided a 2021 revenue report for efforts including email, push notifications and digital ads. Total revenue generated from marketing efforts was \$3.53 million. He also

announced that Oklahoma was listed as a Top Ten state in the number of hunters per capita (ranked #6) in a recent MSN article entitled: *This state has the most registered hunters in America*, (msn.com).

Micah Holmes, Assistant Chief of Communication & Education updated the Commission on the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation's branding effort and introduced the branding team that worked tirelessly on this project. He also introduced Rick Grundman, Executive Director of the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Foundation. Mr. Grundman stated that the Foundation was a financial backer for this project and has been engaged with the process. The Foundation felt from the beginning that it is very important to co-brand and be closely connected with the Department. Mr. Holmes introduced Matt Whitman with Idea Ranch; the company contracted to lead the Department through the branding process. Mr. Whitman gave a power point presentation about the tedious process of the effort and unveiled the new Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation logo which better represents the Department than the shield logo that has been in use since the 1960's. He also gave each Commissioner a copy of the draft brand book. When the final brand book is printed in hard back, each employee and Commissioner will receive a copy. Chairwoman Gaddis said she had been enlightened by the process and now understands why the change was necessary. Mr. Barwick asked how long it would take to change everything over to the new branding recommendations. Director Strong stated that it could take years, but we are developing a transition timeline which includes immediate changes to the low hanging fruit once the logo is presented to the public (later in March 2022). Mr. Dillingham inquired about copyright and trademark for the new logo. Mr. Holmes said that copyright and trademark applications were part of the branding plan and would be submitted soon. Mr. Holder voiced concern over the arrowhead outline of the logo in terms of trademark problems if anyone else has the arrowhead on their logo such as Highway Patrol and National Parks Service. Mr. Whitman indicated he did not anticipate any trademark issues as the arrowhead used for ODWC was significantly different from other entities. Motion was made by Mr. Barwick, seconded by Mr. Kane to approve the brand book and new logo as presented. Motion carried with Commissioners Barwick, Mabrey, Holder, Dillingham, Kane and Gaddis voting "Yes". Director Strong stated this is a historic event!

Chairman Gaddis announced the next Commission meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 4, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. in Miami, Oklahoma.

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

OKLAHOMA WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Leigh A. Gaddis, CHAIRWOMAN

ATTEST:

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C. Rick Holder, SECRETARY

***Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation  
Financial Statement***

***For the period July 1, 2021 Through February 28, 2022***

**OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE CONSERVATION**  
**Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Accounts Groups**  
**February 28, 2022**

	Governmental Fund Types		Fiduciary Fund Types	Account Groups			
	General	Capital Projects	Trust	General Fixed Assets	General Long-Term Debt	02/28/2022 Totals	02/28/2021 Totals
<b>Assets and Other Debits:</b>							
Cash	14,210,873		3,986,674			18,197,547	17,411,393
Investments	0		274,055,616			274,055,616	263,900,294
Accounts Receivable	3,754,970					3,754,970	3,470,891
Monthly Lifetime License			145,725			145,725	148,600
Legacy Permit / Operation game Thief	3,543,376		7,000			3,550,376.00	4,731,121.00
Fixed Assets				76,844,518		76,844,518	70,003,442
Land				103,565,869		103,565,869	96,610,614
<b>Other Debits:</b>							
Amount To Be Provided For Payment of Compensated Absences					3,506,479	3,506,479	3,373,429
Amount To Be Provided For Payment of Net Pension Obligation					(3,924,890)	(3,924,890)	16,555,543
	21,509,219	0	278,195,015	180,410,387	(418,411)	479,696,210	471,481,206
<b>Liabilities and Fund Balance:</b>							
<b>Liabilities:</b>							
Accounts Payable (accrual)	690,164					690,164	531,229
Due to Other Funds (current month Lifetimes)	145,725					145,725	148,600
Compensated Absences Payable (leave accrual)					3,506,479	3,506,479	3,373,429
Net Pension Obligation					(3,924,890)	(3,924,890)	16,555,543
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>835,889</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(418,411)</b>	<b>417,478</b>	<b>20,608,801</b>
<b>Fund Balance:</b>							
Reserved for Employee Pension Benefits			134,820,062			134,820,062	134,309,932
Reserved for Defined Contribution Benefits (DC)			6,148,218			6,148,218	5,061,804
Investment in General Fixed Assets				180,410,387		180,410,387	166,614,056
<b>Fund Balance</b>	<b>20,673,330</b>		<b>137,226,735</b>			<b>157,900,065</b>	<b>144,886,613</b>
<b>Total Fund Balance</b>	<b>20,673,330</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>278,195,015</b>	<b>180,410,387</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>479,278,732</b>	<b>450,872,405</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balance</b>	<b>21,509,219</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>278,195,015</b>	<b>180,410,387</b>	<b>(418,411)</b>	<b>479,696,210</b>	<b>471,481,206</b>

**OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE CONSERVATION**  
**Trust Funds**

**Combining Balance Sheets**  
**February 28, 2022**

	Expendable Trust	Nonexpendable Trust	Pension Trust	DC Trust	02/28/2022 Totals	02/28/2021 Totals
<b>Assets:</b>						
Cash (Wildlife Heritage)	407,901	3,578,773			3,986,674	3,733,826
Investments	37,949,896	95,137,440	134,820,062	6,148,218	274,055,616	268,962,098
Due From Other Funds		145,725			145,725	148,600
Restricted Assets (OP. Game Thief)		7,000			7,000	7,000
	<b>38,357,797</b>	<b>98,868,938</b>	<b>134,820,062</b>	<b>6,148,218</b>	<b>278,195,015</b>	<b>272,851,524</b>
<b>Fund Balance:</b>						
Fund Balance Reserved for Employee Pension Benefits			134,820,062	6,148,218	140,968,280	139,371,736
Fund Balance	38,357,797	98,868,938			137,226,735	133,479,788
Total Fund Balance	38,357,797	98,868,938	134,820,062	6,148,218	278,195,015	272,851,524



**OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE CONSERVATION**  
**Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances**  
**All Governmental Fund Types and Expendable Trust Fund**  
**For the Period July 1, 2021 Through February 28, 2022**

	Governmental Fund Types		Fiduciary Fund Type	02/28/2022	02/28/2021	Percent of Inc. or Dec.
	General	Capital Projects	Expendable Trust	Totals	Totals	
<b>Revenues:</b>						
Licenses (without Lifetimes)	14,984,907			14,984,907	14,331,598	4.56%
Other Wildlife Sales	1,957,408			1,957,408	1,971,395	-0.71%
Agriculture and Oil Lease	705,859			705,859	449,594	57.00%
Grant Revenue	19,652,655			19,652,655	16,462,708	19.38%
Investment Income	123,353		27,585	150,938	238,994	-36.84%
Miscellaneous	1,007,402			1,007,402	2,912,506	-65.41%
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>38,431,584</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>27,585</b>	<b>38,459,169</b>	<b>36,366,795</b>	<b>5.75%</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>						
Administration	4,860,184			4,860,184	4,619,980	5.20%
Wildlife	9,282,942			9,282,942	9,025,945	2.85%
Fish	7,109,096			7,109,096	6,597,420	7.76%
Law Enforcement	7,980,305			7,980,305	7,532,570	5.94%
Information and Education	2,015,968			2,015,968	1,953,783	3.18%
Capital Improvements	4,450,113			4,450,113	5,520,870	-19.39%
Land Acquisitions		6,955,255		6,955,255	1,201,917	478.68%
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>35,698,608</b>	<b>6,955,255</b>		<b>42,653,863</b>	<b>36,452,485</b>	<b>17.01%</b>
Excess(deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	2,732,976	(6,955,255)	27,585	(4,194,694)	(85,690)	4,795.20%
<b>Other Financing Sources(uses):</b>						
Sale of General Fixed Assets	0			0	2,178,565	-100.00%
Operating Transfers In	1,666,398	6,955,255	(2,273,995)	6,347,658	18,128,726	-64.99%
Operating Transfers Out	(6,955,255)		(1,666,398)	(8,621,653)	(1,348,837)	539.19%
Operating Transfers Out (215)			0	0	0	0.00%
<b>Total Other Financing Sources(uses)</b>	<b>(5,288,857)</b>	<b>6,955,255</b>	<b>(3,940,393)</b>	<b>(2,273,995)</b>	<b>18,958,454</b>	<b>-111.99%</b>
Excess of revenues & other financing sources over expenditures & other financing uses	(2,555,881)	0	(3,912,808)	(6,468,689)	18,872,764	-134.28%
Fund Balances, Beginning of Year:	23,229,211	0	42,270,605	65,499,816	35,306,282	85.52%
<b>Fund Balances February 28, 2022:</b>	<b>20,673,330</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>38,357,797</b>	<b>59,031,127</b>	<b>54,179,046</b>	<b>8.96%</b>

**OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE CONSERVATION**  
**Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances**  
**Trust Funds**  
**For the Period July 1, 2021 Through February 28, 2022**

	Fiduciary Fund Types			02/28/2022 Totals	02/28/2021 Totals
	Nonexpendable Trust	Pension Trust	DC Trust		
Operating Revenues:					
Licenses (Lifetime)	2,210,875			2,210,875	2,356,300
Other Sales (Senior Citizen Licenses)	116,380			116,380	124,615
Interest and Investment Income	0	(2,660,725)	(243,519)	-2,904,244	18,659,382
Employer Contributions		1,250,000	382,388	1,632,388	3,770,770
Employee Contributions		375,300	277,100	652,400	600,252
<b>Total Operating Revenues</b>	<b>2,327,255</b>	<b>(1,035,425)</b>	<b>415,969</b>	<b>1,707,799</b>	<b>25,511,319</b>
Operating Expenses:					
Administration		216,579	3,900	220,479	208,000
Benefits and Participant Refunds	0	5,668,413	57,123	5,725,536	5,625,459
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5,884,992</b>	<b>61,023</b>	<b>5,946,015</b>	<b>5,833,459</b>
<b>Operating Income</b>	<b>2,327,255</b>	<b>(6,920,417)</b>	<b>354,946</b>	<b>(4,238,216)</b>	<b>19,677,860</b>
Nonoperating Expenses:					
Transfers Out	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Nonoperating Expenses</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>2,327,255</b>	<b>(6,920,417)</b>	<b>354,946</b>	<b>(4,238,216)</b>	<b>19,677,860</b>
<b>Fund Balances, Beginning</b>	<b>96,541,683</b>	<b>141,740,479</b>	<b>5,793,272</b>	<b>244,075,434</b>	<b>215,125,564</b>
<b>Fund Balances, February 28, 2022</b>	<b>98,868,938</b>	<b>134,820,062</b>	<b>6,148,218</b>	<b>239,837,218</b>	<b>234,803,424</b>



# Wildlife Contributions Report

Feb-22

<b>Order ID</b>	<b>Total Payment Amount</b>	<b>Name Of Individual Or Business</b>	<b>Description Of Contribution</b>
21034515	\$8.00	Ira Little	General Contribution
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8.00</b>		

# April 2022 DIRECTOR'S REPORT



OKLAHOMA  
DEPARTMENT OF  
**WILDLIFE  
CONSERVATION**

## CALENDAR ITEMS:

Apr 1-3	Total Archery Challenge, Beaver's Bend State Park
Apr 3-4	Commission meeting/tour Paddlefish Research Center, Miami
Apr 5	OKSSSP Shoot, Enid
Apr 8-10	Ducks Unlimited Expo, Texas Motor Speedway
Apr 13	OKSSSP State Shoot, El Reno/Banner
Apr 20-22	Lt. Governor's Turkey Hunt, statewide
Apr 27	Legislative Fish Fry, State Capitol
May 3-4	National R3 Symposium, Broken Arrow (no May Commission Meeting)
May 27	Legislature adjourns Sine Die
June 6	Monthly Commission Meeting, OKC Headquarters

## AGENCY UPDATE

### **LEGISLATURE:**

- The second legislative deadline has passed. Bills that did not receive a floor hearing in their chamber of origin are now dead. An updated tracking list is attached.
- The next legislative deadline is April 14th. Bills must receive a committee hearing in the opposite chamber to remain active after this date.
- Seven legislators participated in the annual bear den research projects in SE Oklahoma: Sen. Blake Stephens, Sen. George Burns, Sen. David Bullard, Rep. John Talley, Rep. Kevin Wallace, Rep. Eddy Dempsey, and Rep. Brian Hill. The den visits were successful, with all legislators being afforded the opportunity to learn about ODWC's bear research project, and see the bear dens, the adult bear and her cubs in person.
- ODWC will host their annual Fish Fry at the Capitol on Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 - 1. All Commissioners are invited to attend.

### **HUMAN DIMENSIONS**

- We finished up data collection for the 2021 Game Harvest Survey. We received over 2,000 responses with over 400 of those being from nonresidents. A report should be completed by late May.
- A report is being drafted on the women and hunting survey and focus groups and will be circulated in April.
- Betsey was invited to be one of 8 human dimensions professionals on the AFWA Social Science Steering Committee and also attended a committee meeting for the WAFWA Human Dimensions committee. Plans are underway for a gathering of human dimensions professionals at the WAFWA meeting in July.

- Two presentations were given to classes at Oklahoma State (undergraduate game management and graduate fisheries management) on how ODWC uses human dimensions data for decision making.

## ADMINISTRATION

- Accounting
  - Number of Claims Audited and Paid - 378
  - Total Dollar Amount of Claims Paid - \$1,428,001.16
  - Total # Agency Cardholders - 191 (20 approving officials)
  - Total Agency Spending Limit - \$416,500
  - Number of P/Card Transactions Processed -554
  - Number of In-depth Audited Transactions - 185
  - Total Dollar Amount of P/Card Purchases - \$161,023.76
  - Number of PCard Spending Limit Increase Requests Approved - 32
  - OMES documentation requests for PCard transactions - 0
  - New and Refresher PCard-holder and Approver Training Completed 2 Sent
  - Number of Purchase Orders/CO issued - 27
  - IT Acquisitions Processed - 21
  - OMES Surveys Completed -
  - Vehicle incidents reported - 1
  - Pending Incidents - 2
- Human Resources
  - Open Full-time Positions, January - 15
  - Positions Interviewed, 3 Candidates interviewed, 11
  - Positions Announced, 2
  - See included personnel report that shows personnel actions for the month.
  - Temporary Employees Processed (Interns & Aids), 5
  - End of employment, 1
  - 2 – ODWC Biweekly Computer Trainings
  - 1 – MINRC Meeting
  - 4 - weekly meetings with OMES payroll dept.
  - Participating in Workday Parallel Payroll Testing/Meetings (4 weeks, 9-5 daily)
  - Supervise 4 Cristo Rey interns
- IT
  - IT took 135 inbound tickets and closed 127.
  - We rebounded through some unforeseen circumstances this moth. Starting with an extended power outage that caused a cascading server failure. I.T. worked overnight to get all systems back online.
  - We had multiple meetings with Oklahoma's cyber security team on the current state of cyber attacks. Due to network port scanning from the Russians, OMES disabled around 20 of our Office 365 accounts to get them inline with new hardened security policies.

Other on going projects:

- Refining a retirement calculator to give better results and saving us around \$350 per query
- Updating the webserver to accept new fonts
- Updated the paddlefish program with new email protocols for added security
- Continued work with OMES on getting Workday fitted to our needs
- Assisted HR with Payroll reports
- Delivered the last of the Law Enforcement Toughbooks
- Finished the list of the next available upgrades for the next laptop refresh cycle
- License
  - Processed over 500 orders, including 511 licenses and 336 hard card orders (mail and walk-in orders) - \$58,193 in revenue
  - Shipped over 260 merchandise items (hats, books, etc), totaling almost \$3,000 in revenue.
  - Processed almost \$283,000 in miscellaneous revenue, such lease payments, fines restitution, etc.
- Property
  - Ordered 8 replacement/ lost Comdata cards for Law, Wildlife and Fish Division.
  - Purple Wave Sale closed on February 22. Assisted with auction item pick up. Trucks/boats/ four wheelers and misc. items. Proceeds \$874,655.
  - Harrison/Orr plumbers installed new hot water tank.
  - Carrier came in and put in new circuit board and flow switch on #1 boiler.
  - Registered and titled 2 new boat and boat motors.
  - Met with Greg Herring @ Bill Knight Ford. We talked about 2022 truck delivery and that we will be adding \$8000.00 to laws purchase order due to the increase cost of materials and up-fitting the Law trucks.
  - Vehicle exchange for M. Thibodeau & Leah Lowe
  - Radio exchange and reprogramming for Bailey Johnson & Ben Radke
  - Went to Copart salvage in Del City, remove law equipment from Mike Baker's wrecked truck
  - Deliver Max Crocker's truck to Dana safety for warranty work
  - Did inventory and ordered antennas & parts for 2022 new vehicles ordered
  - Receive & restock radio installation parts and supplies
  - Worked with Kenwood representative to get new model hand held radios programmed

**FISHERIES DIVISION**

**February**

Statewide Fish Stockings

<b>Species</b>	<b>Number Fish</b>	<b>Size</b>	<b>Number Locations</b>
Rainbow trout	21,973	9-11"	10
Rainbow trout	744	14-24"	9

Meeting attended

- Attended the Mid-Continent Warmwater Fish Culture workshop, February 7-9 in Ashland, NE.

- Attended MICRA Executive Board meeting, February 8-9, Mountain Home, AR.
- Participated in monthly AFWA fisheries chief's video conference calls.

#### Activities

- Winter gillnetting surveys on Lake Texoma were completed and striped bass otoliths were collected for age and growth analysis.
- Alligator Gar mark recapture surveys are ongoing when weather permits.
- Mark recapture surveys of large Blue Catfish (>30") continues at Wiley Post Reservoir; to-date 292 individuals have been tagged.
- Creel surveys of trout anglers at Rt. 66 and Edwards CTHFP's are ongoing. Staff conducted several mark recapture sampling events with OKC staff to determine the trout harvest rates. Creel surveys are also ongoing at Robbers Cave State Park and Holdenville Lake.
- Smallmouth bass otoliths were aged as part of an ongoing smallmouth bass genetics project.
- Analysis of abundance and diet data collected from Neosho smallmouth bass in Spavinaw Creek was completed.
- Staff continues to work with Brandt in preparation for the upcoming tournament exemption and reporting program.
- Hatchery maintenance included the following.
  - Durant SFH winter projects continued including constructing a new burn bin, remodeling the old feed/fertilizer building into a wood shop and prep work to remodel the shop interior layout.
  - Holdenville SFH staff built new work benches for woodshop area and placed protective barriers at door entrances of newer shop building to prevent damage.
  - Byron SFH staff completed east side (Hubbard House, pond, and drainage ditch) tear down and renovation project and completed tank construction to assist OFRL in a fish marking study.
  - Manning SFH staff attended pay meeting for the pump station project, provided oversight on the project, and worked with construction and properties and engineering staff to resolve construction issues.
- At all hatcheries, dry ponds were partially rotovated to prepare them for spring production. Supplies were ordered, and staff assisted with walleye and sauger broodstock collections.
- A prescribed burn was conducted at Blue River PFHA and included 250 acres.
- Grounds maintenance, including access improvements, mowing and picking up trash, continues at all Department lakes and fishing areas.
- Meetings were held with all staff that use the Ponca City Office compound to coordinate moving back into the newly renovated shop and the plan forward for the new office and storage space.
- Staff responded to a fish kill below Kaw Dam and communicated results of investigation to all interested parties.

- Staff met with Skiatook Nursery Pond cooperators to discuss plans for the upcoming production season.
- Fish attractor sites at Ft. Supply were refurbished with 75 cedar trees.
- Presented local data and lectured on Crappie Biology and Management for The Crappie University, and was the guest expert on two podcast/web shows- "Creek Adventures" and "The Crappie Connection."

## C&E DIVISION

- The Outdoor Oklahoma YouTube has reached more than 5 million total views and more importantly has swelled to 20,000 subscribers. New content is added to the channel each week.
- Division staff have been busy rolling out the new brand across each of the agency communication outlets. The response to the new brand has been overwhelmingly positive.
- Skylar St. Yves has established a partnership with [Urban Bridge \(Bridge Impact Center\)](#), located in NE Oklahoma City. It will serve as a prototype for the "Learn to Fish" initiative. It will be a four-part series. The first three courses will be at the center and the fourth will be actual fishing at [Edwards Park Pond](#). This will become an annual series for the center and hopefully serve as a home base for the first [Outdoor Afro](#) chapter in Oklahoma
- As fishing season warms there are 10 different virtual Ask an Angler courses happening March through May (1-3 p.m.)
  - [March 11 – White Bass](#)
  - [March 14 – Crappie](#)
  - [March 18 – Walleye/Saugeye](#)
  - March 25 – Paddlefish
  - April 8 – Largemouth Bass
  - April 25 – Pond Fishing
  - May 9 – Catfish
  - May 13 – Sunfish
  - May 23 – Nongame Species
  - May 27 – River/Creek Bass
- There are several fishing clinics planned over the coming months. These are designed for families to come learn how to fish together.

### May-Oct Close To Home Fishing clinics

- May 6 – Wildhorse Park
- May 7 – Veteran's Park (Newcastle)
- June 4 – NE Lions Park
- June 4 – Battey-Mulhousen Pond
- June 11 – Southern Hills N&S
- June 11 – Heritage Park Pond
- June 12 – Mulvey Pond



- June 18 – Crystal Lake
- July 23 – Little River Park
- September 10 – Joe Barners Regional Park
- September 18 – Ten Acre Park
- October 8 – Langston University Scholars Inn

ODWC Zebco Pond Clinics (6-7:30 p.m.)

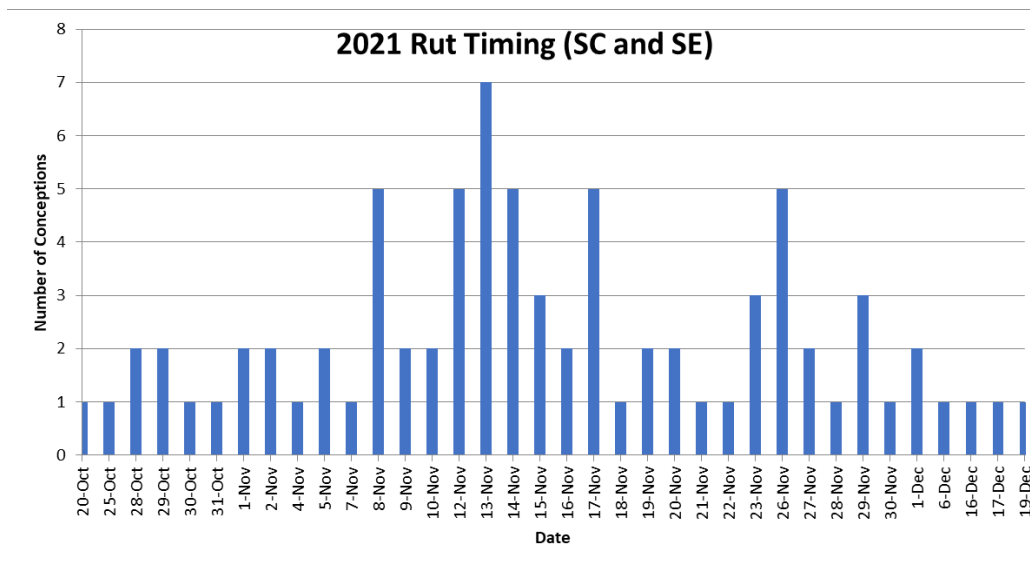
- May 17, 19, 24, 26 & 31
- June 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28 & 30
- July 12, 19 & 26
- Through coordination with Fisheries Division, staff produced an extensive white bass angler guide <https://www.wildlifedepartment.com/oj/white-bass-angler-guide-top-tips-area-highlights>
- Staff will meet at the Arcadia Conservation Education Area along with Commissioner Barwick and the City of Edmond to discuss potential partnerships to repair the road and increase education opportunities on the area.
- Three different virtual courses are planned to educate hunters on turkey hunting basics. Staff is also working with Wildlife Division to document the extensive turkey research happening this spring.
- Staff assisted the USFWS in promoting the Oklahoma Junior Duck Stamp Program to increase awareness and participation in the program.
- Oklahoma Scholastic Shotgun Shooting Program is in full swing with shoots scheduled around the state

## 2021-22 OKSSSP Regional Shoots



- Private lands and Programs staff will have a booth at the Woodward Farm Show (April 1-3) to meet with/provide information to our ag constituents/partners, with an emphasis on lesser prairie-chicken, quail, and turkey.
- Aerial surveys to assess Lesser Prairie chicken populations began the third week of March and continue through early April. The surveys are flown throughout the LPC range (5 states = 308 total survey blocks) by West INC who is contracted through WAFWA. The Oklahoma portion of the survey is 40 blocks flown across several northwestern counties. Ground surveys for Lesser Prairie chickens are also now underway through a bid awarded to Sutton Avian Research Center in Bartlesville. The Sutton Center crew will survey a total of 1,400 stopping/listening points across 5 years (2022 - 2026) throughout LPC range in Oklahoma to complement the aerial surveys.
- Winter turkey flock surveys were conducted.
- Several staff and Commissioner Dillingham will be attending a town hall meeting in Drummond on April 2 to discuss Drummond Flats WMA, to gather public input on planned management, renovation, construction and maintenance work to restore natural wetland function within the basin.
- WMA's
  - Dormant season prescribed burning is winding down for this season (over 9000 acres burned during March)
  - Work continues in preparations for upcoming grazing season.
  - Spring habitat management work is well underway, including strip discing, mowing and food plot prep.
  - Cedar cutting and mastication/clearing projects are ongoing or have recently finished on a number of WMA's across the state.
  - Area spruce up and maintenance (mowing, road and parking area maintenance, sign maintenance, and general clean-up) is underway in preparation for the upcoming spring turkey season
  - Construction continues on the new access road for Sans Bois WMA
- Numerous bear dens were worked in eastern Oklahoma as bear research continues.
- Nuisance bear coordinators completed the online portion of the Chemical Immobilization Training, and will participate in a hands-on training later this month
- Several NE region staff scored deer racks for the public at the Grove Boat Show
- On Feb. 11, 12, and 13th, personnel from Wildlife Division (NE Region, SW Region, and Programs), Law Enforcement Division, (C&E Division assisted in initial stages and funding), and USFWS hosted the inaugural Land Trapping Workshop at Cherokee PHA. The workshop focused on informational talks, demonstrations, and hands on learning experiences related to trapping, predator management, fur-handling, and ethics. Plans are underway to offer 2 workshops (eastern and western) for next furbearer season.
- On March 5<sup>th</sup> the annual fur auction hosted by the Oklahoma Furbearers Alliance was held at Okmulgee County Fairgrounds. While the number of pelts that moved through the auction was fewer than in previous years, per pelt price averages were higher in most categories and the total overall sales receipts of the auction were much higher. Last year the average price per bobcat pelt was a mere \$14.59 with 57 pelts sold, compared to this years' auction where 67 pelts were sold at \$56.67 on average with top cat bringing \$165.00.

- The Annual Roadside Furbearer Survey is underway for Wildlife and Law Enforcement Divisions throughout the month of March. This is the 22<sup>nd</sup> consecutive year that the survey has been conducted and it provides data on a statewide and individual zoogeographic region scale. Results of this survey, along with fur harvest and fur sales, will be analyzed and summarized in the 2022 Post-Season Furbearer Report coming out later this year.
- Staff assisted with an Eagle Scout Project at Lake Arcadia. Fifteen spider block fish structures were constructed and placed in the lake.
- The Central Flyway Council meeting was held March 11. Migratory bird issues were discussed, future research needs were identified, and updates were provided by the new USFWS Central Flyway liaison, DU, and other member agencies.
- The annual deer Herd Health Evaluations were completed this year for the south-central and southeast portions of the state. This program collects antlerless deer post season and does a complete health evaluation and necropsy. One of more interesting aspects of the study is back dating deer embryos to determine conception date (seen as the rut). The graphic below shows the estimated date of breeding for the 2021 season.



- Highly Parthenogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) has been reported in both domestic and wild migratory birds in a number of states east of the Mississippi River and we have begun to receive notice of confirmations in neighboring states. We were notified of the first occurrence in a mallard duck in Oklahoma on March 28th. Fortunately, the spring migration is now underway, and hopefully there is only a small window of opportunity remaining for occurrence/spreading of HPAI.
- Waterfowl season has ended. Waterfowl season, overall, was a success, though with much more limited harvest than normal years. Low production due to drought conditions in spring/summer of 2021, along with drought conditions in areas of wintering habitat, contributed to lower harvest rates.
- An initial evaluation of total waterfowl hunting participation is underway. Duck and goose hunter dynamics have yet to be evaluated (the season just recently closed),

but the number of sandhill crane permits issued this season seems to indicate further increased participation this hunting season

- Migratory Bird program staff successfully captured and collared five adult female greater white-fronted geese during the second year of the collaborative (USGS/Central Flyway/University of Saskatoon) white-front project. This research builds on 6 years of data collected and analyzed by Texas A&M University, evaluating white-front wintering movement ecology and breeding distribution dynamics. This project will help better understand habitat selections, wintering habitat fidelity, as well as evaluate the accuracy of the spatial extent surveyed during the summer survey.
- Migratory Bird program staff are currently writing a grant proposal to evaluate temperate breeding Canada geese (resident goose) population dynamics. This project is expected to analyze the state's temperate breeding Canada goose population by providing a population estimate and trajectory, harvest rate dynamics, nuisance goose mortality rates, and movement/resource selection dynamics. The project aims to help better manage harvest and nuisance goose issues.
- Wetland Development projects are making slow, but steady progress.
  - The Coal Creek development project is working through COE 404 application. 50 acres of the proposed project area are causing delays because it is within a jurisdictional wetland (can't mitigate for a wetland in an established wetland). Edits to the proposed area and project have been completed and it appears that the Corps of Engineers is close to issuing the 404 permit.
  - The Neosho Bottoms project has been approved by the Tar Creek Council; however, willing landowners and properties that were once thought to be attainable are now having to be re-evaluated. ODWC is working with Ducks Unlimited and the Tar Creek Council to assess the feasibility of the project as it was originally proposed.

## **LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION**

- The outdoor temperatures are on the rise and with that also comes a rise in fishing pressure. Our Game Wardens have been busy with fishermen across the state.
- Wardens are gearing up for ODWC Youth Camp. Camp is scheduled for June 12-17. Deadline for applications is April 15.
- Lt Chad Strang, GW Kody Moore, and GW Dylan King attended NASBLA (National Association of State Boating Law Administrators) Officer Water Survival Train the Trainer Course in New Jersey March 28-April 1. This course prepares the officer for unexpected immersion into the water. The certification of these three will greatly increase the curriculum and delivery of our current Water Enforcement Training Course.

**OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE CONSERVATION**  
**J.D. Strong, Director**

**Personnel Actions**  
**March 2022**

**New Hires**

Nathanael Hull – Fish Technician, South Central Region, 3/7/22

**Promotions**

Ken Cunningham – Assistant Chief of Fisheries Division to Chief, 3/1/22

Emily Long – Game Warden, Payne County to Wildlife Investigations Specialist,  
3/1/22

**Transfers**

Bailey Johnson – Game Warden, from Dewey County to Creek County, 3/1/22

Ben Radke – Game Warden, from Ellis County to Dewey County, 3/1/22

**Resignations/Terminations**

**Retirements**

## ODWC Logo Sharing Form -- DRAFT

The ODWC is proud to share our logo with our valued partners. Our partnerships will be stronger when the visual representation of our brands is uniformly coordinated, and this procedure outlines when and how the ODWC shares our logo.

- The ODWC logo or other branding elements shall not be used without prior written consent.
- Organizations who wish to use the ODWC logo should contact Communication & Education Supervisor Kelly Adams ([kelly.adams@odwc.ok.gov](mailto:kelly.adams@odwc.ok.gov)) via email to make a request. The request should include a general description of the use requested, specific timeframes being requested, and any other pertinent information.
- The request to use the logo will be based on the following factors:
  - Is the requesting organization's mission compatible with the ODWC mission?
  - Is the ODWC an active participant in the event or program (i.e., will ODWC personnel be on hand, is the agency a funding partner...)?
  - Does this program or event have a direct benefit to the agency (i.e., portion of the proceeds going to agency program....)?
    - If the answer is no to any of the above questions, the approval may be denied.
- Permission is granted for case and/or time specific applications, and permission is needed each time the logo is used.
- The ODWC logo should not be altered in shape or color in any way, and partners will follow the ODWC brand book regarding placement.
- When using the logo, wherever possible there should be a clear and distinct explanation of what roles the ODWC is playing in the event or program.
- A proper, up-to-date version of the logo should be acquired with each use to ensure you are using the correct mark.
- When partnering organizations are working on collaborative promotional material, we require a draft submission for final approval before it is released.
- Logo use must conform to the times, descriptions and terms/conditions as authorized by ODWC.
- The ODWC reserves the right to terminate logo sharing at any time for any reason.

Time Period Requested for ODWC Logo Usage:

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General Description of Logo Use:

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Additional Terms or Conditions:

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I understand the above terms and conditions and agree to follow these for ODWC logo usage:

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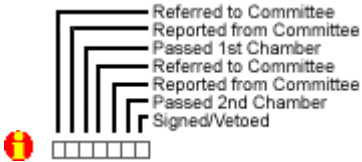
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**HB 1768** Roberts, Eric (F)(R)  
Stephens, Blake (F)(R) Extends the Wildlife Diversity Program income tax checkoff to 2022.



**Remarks:** ODWC request bill to reauthorize the Wildlife Diversity Tax-Checkoff

**Bill History:** 04-20-21 S Removed from the Floor Agenda  
04-22-21 S Dormant pursuant to the rules  
11-22-21 S Carried Over

**HB 1986** Strom, Judd(R)  
Coleman, Bill (F)(R) Makes agencies which own, operate or lease land that is utilized for livestock grazing responsible for enclosing the land in fencing.



**Bill History:** 02-28-22 S Meeting set for 10:00 a.m., Room 535, Senate Agriculture & Wildlife  
02-28-22 S Voted from committee - Do Pass Senate Agriculture & Wildlife  
02-28-22 S Referred to Senate Committee Senate Appropriations

**HB 3196** Williams, Danny (F)(R)  
Daniels, Julie(R) Creates the Burt Holmes Fee Structure Policy Act and adjusts several fees and fines related court costs, trials, and proceedings.



**Bill History:** 03-03-22 H Title stricken in committee House Appropriations & Budget  
03-03-22 H Voted from committee - Do Pass as substituted House Appropriations & Budget  
03-10-22 H Set on the House Floor Agenda

**HB 3280** Humphrey, Justin J.J.(R)  
Bullard, David (F)(R) Requires that state holdings of public land account for no more than ten percent of the total area of the state and prohibits any state or federal holding of easements for longer than 30 years.



**Bill History:** 02-04-22 H Referred to House Committee on House State

Powers  
02-09-22 H Meeting set for 9:00 a.m., Room 5S.2, House State Powers  
02-09-22 H Voted from committee - Do Pass House State Powers

HB 3639 Dempsey Eddy (F)(R)  
David, Kim(R)



Adjusts fees on various youth nonresident hunting licenses; EMERGENCY.

**Bill History:** 03-10-22 H Passed/Adopted (Vote Y: 89/N: 0)  
03-10-22 H Emergency Passed (Vote Y: 89/N: 0)  
03-14-22 S Received in the Senate

HB 3640 Dempsey Eddy (F)(R)  
Murdock, Casey(R)



Increases penalties on certain hunting and trapping violations, including the potential suspension of hunting privileges; EMERGENCY.

**Bill History:** 03-10-22 H Passed/Adopted (Vote Y: 75/N: 15)  
03-10-22 H Emergency Passed (Vote Y: 75/N: 15)  
03-14-22 S Received in the Senate

HB 4281 Dempsey Eddy (F)(R)  
Murdock, Casey(R)



Permits hunters to use night vision equipment to hunt, capture, or kill coyotes.

**Bill History:** 03-15-22 Laid out for consideration in the House 9:47am  
03-15-22 H Floor amendment(s) adopted: 1 by Newton  
03-15-22 H Passed/Adopted (Vote Y: 85/N: 1)

SB 47 Coleman, Bill (F)(R)  
Pfeiffer, John(R)



Includes wildlife investigations among the types of cases for which physical records may be destroyed by district attorneys' offices and makes mandatory certain standards for digitization prior to such destruction.

**Bill History:** 04-22-21 H Removed from the Floor Agenda  
04-22-21 H Dormant pursuant to the rules  
11-22-21 H Carried Over

SB 769 Murdock, Casey(R)



Authorizes the Dept. of Wildlife Conservation to declare an open mountain lion season lottery.

**Bill History:** 02-08-21 S Voted from committee - Do Pass as amended  
Senate Agriculture & Wildlife  
03-11-21 S Dormant pursuant to the rules  
11-22-21 S Carried Over

SB 772 Murdock, Casey(R)  
Dempsey Eddy (F)(R)



Allows permits to be issued to landowners, lessees, or their agents to control nuisance animals with no permit needed during deer gun season allows nonambulatory persons to hunt from motor driven conveyance and raises poaching penalties.

**Bill History:** 04-08-21 H Voted from committee - Do Pass as substituted  
House Wildlife  
04-22-21 H Dormant pursuant to the rules  
11-22-21 H Carried Over

SB 773 Murdock, Casey(R)  
Dempsey Eddy (F)(R)



Allows landowners and certain designated persons to kill prairie dogs on private land without a permit.



**Bill History:** 04-22-21 H Removed from the Floor Agenda  
04-22-21 H Dormant pursuant to the rules  
11-22-21 H Carried Over

SB 774

Murdock, Casey(R)  
McDugle, Kevin(R)

Regulates the hunting or taking certain wild animals from land under the control of the Dept. of Wildlife without a permit, prohibits the breeding of wild animals, and grants the Commission to prescribe related licensing provisions.



**Remarks:** ODWC request bill to overhaul licensing.

**Bill History:** 04-22-21 H Removed from the Floor Agenda  
04-22-21 H Dormant pursuant to the rules  
11-22-21 H Carried Over

SB 776

Murdock, Casey(R)  
Newton, Carl(R)

Permits the Wildlife Conservation Commission to purchase land at a cost of no more than the appraised value and only after the land has been publicly offered for sale for a period of six months.



**Bill History:** 04-08-21 H Voted from committee - Do Pass as substituted House Wildlife  
04-22-21 H Dormant pursuant to the rules  
11-22-21 H Carried Over

SB 1458

Thompson, Roger(R)  
Hilbert, Kyle(R)

Provides that any unincumbered monies from various revolving funds are to be deposited into the General Revenue Fund, with the various revolving funds stricken and repealed from statutes.



**Bill History:** 03-14-22 Laid out for consideration in the Senate 2:50pm  
03-14-22 S Passed/Adopted (Vote Y: 46/N: 0)  
03-15-22 H Received in the House

SB 1546

McCortney, Greg(R)  
McCall, Charles(R)

Adjusts the reporting deadlines for the Red River Boundary Commission to January 15, 2023 for the first report and July 30, 2026 for the final report.



**Bill History:** 02-25-22 S Referred to Senate Committee Senate Rules  
03-02-22 S Meeting set for At Adj. I, Room 535, Senate Rules  
03-02-22 S Voted from committee - Do Pass Senate Rules

SB 1571

Allen, Mark(R)  
West, Rick (F)(R)

Permits the use of pneumatic airbows for hunting during any open season where longbows are a legal weapon.



**Bill History:** 03-08-22 S Floor amendment(s) adopted: 1 by Allen  
03-08-22 S Passed/Adopted (Vote Y: 45/N: 1)  
03-09-22 H Received in the House

SB 1646

Rader, Dave(R)

Provides for the broad reclassification of felony criminal offenses into new categories.



**Bill History:** 03-02-22 S Not heard in committee Senate Appropriations  
03-03-22 S Meeting set for 1:00 p.m., Room 535, Senate Appropriations  
03-03-22 S Voted from committee - Do Pass as substituted Senate Appropriations

SB 1657 Dahm, Nathan(R)  
Roberts, Sean(R)



Removes certain affirmative action programs from the Dept. of Wildlife Conservation and removes provisions permitting the Dept. to prosecute certain violations of laws related to wildlife.

**Bill History:** 01-25-22 S Referred to Senate Committee Senate Agriculture & Wildlife  
02-14-22 S Meeting set for 10:00 a.m., Room 535, Senate Agriculture & Wildlife  
02-14-22 S Voted from committee - Do Pass as amended Senate Agriculture & Wildlife

SB 1696 Treat, Greg(R)  
McCall, Charles(R)



Adjusts certain annual hunting and fishing licenses to expire one year after issuance rather than on December 31 of the issued year.

**Bill History:** 01-25-22 S Referred to Senate Committee Senate Agriculture & Wildlife  
02-14-22 S Meeting set for 10:00 a.m., Room 535, Senate Agriculture & Wildlife  
02-14-22 S Voted from committee - Do Pass as substituted Senate Agriculture & Wildlife

SB 1745 Murdock, Casey(R)  
Newton, Carl(R)



Increases penalties on poaching violations in state Wildlife Management Areas, including the suspension of hunting licenses and requires electronic notice to be given by persons entering such areas with the intent to hunt, kill or trap wildlife.

**Bill History:** 03-15-22 S Set on the Senate Floor Agenda  
03-15-22 Laid out for consideration in the Senate 10:05am  
03-15-22 S Passed/Adopted (Vote Y: 41/N: 2)

SB 1771 Dahm, Nathan(R)  
Roberts, Sean(R)



Exempts the removal of feral swine from certain hunting license and permitting requirements and allows the use of motor vehicles, spotlights and thermal imaging technology for the pursuit and removal of feral swine.

**Bill History:** 01-25-22 S Referred to Senate Committee Senate Agriculture & Wildlife  
02-21-22 S Meeting set for 10:00 a.m., Room 535, Senate Agriculture & Wildlife  
02-21-22 S Voted from committee - Do Pass as amended Senate Agriculture & Wildlife

SB 1809 Garvin, Jessica (F)(R)  
Boles, Brad(R)



Declares that landowners may hunt predators at night on their own property without the need for a permit and provides punishments for certain violations.

**Bill History:** 03-08-22 Laid out for consideration in the Senate 9:56am  
03-08-22 S Passed/Adopted (Vote Y: 45/N: 1)  
03-09-22 H Received in the House

SB 1828 Bullard, David (F)(R)  
Dempsey Eddy (F)(R)



Allows the Wildlife Conservation Commission to declare an open season on velvet bucks during the last week of August in places where the population of deer is sufficient to justify such an open season; EMERGENCY.

**Bill History:** 03-14-22 S Passed/Adopted (Vote Y: 35/N: 11)  
03-14-22 S Emergency Passed (Vote Y: 35/N: 11)  
03-15-22 H Received in the House

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<b>Total Bills:</b>	23	23

Track(s): (Master List Only)   
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