

OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE CONSERVATION

2016 RULE CHANGE PROPOSALS

2016 PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA

1. **800:10-1-4. Size Limits on Fish**

- Delete the language associated with the stream enhancement project known as Lost Creek and keep existing restricted size limits in line with the proposed boundary change of a restricted area on the Lower Mountain Fork River Trout stream. Lost creek was destroyed by flooding and is no longer fishable.

2. **800:10-1-5. Bag limits on fish**

- Allow largemouth bass harvest on American Horse Lake, same as statewide season bag limits. American Horse Lake was closed to bass harvest in 2014 due to dam repairs, drought and concerns for overharvest. Increased lake levels have reduced concerns for overharvest of bass.
- Delete the language associated with the stream enhancement project known as Lost Creek and keep existing restricted bag limits in line with the proposed boundary change of a restricted area on the Lower Mountain Fork River Trout stream. Lost Creek was destroyed by flooding and is no longer fishable.
- Establish a statewide bag and size limit for hybrid striped bass of 20 per day with only 5 greater than 20 inches in length. Housekeeping measure to add language resulting from 2015 rule changes.

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

- Allow bowfishing in the tailwater below Heyburn Lake to allow additional fishing opportunities.

4. **800:10-5-3. Designated trout areas**

- Increase the restricted area between the first and second bridges below the spillway of the Lower Mountain Fork Trout Stream and delete the restriction and language regarding Lost Creek. Lost Creek was destroyed by flooding and is no longer fishable. Proposed rule would add approximately 150 ft. of stream to the current restricted area.

5. **800:10-5-6. Lakes, reservoirs, rivers and streams**

- Add the Oklahoma River to Oklahoma City listed waters and clear up confusion for anglers on the Oklahoma River. Rule change will make Wildlife Department rules match the City of Oklahoma City rules.

6. **800:25-1-6. Waterfowl hunting on Foss Lake Recreation Area**

- Housekeeping measure to update the area name from Foss Lake Recreation Area to Foss State Park.

7. **800:25-1-7. Dove and Rabbit Hunting on Foss State Park [NEW]**
 - Add dove (Sept 15-Oct. 31) and rabbit (Oct. 1-Feb.15) hunting on Foss State Park to provide additional hunting opportunities. Restrict to federally approved non-toxic shot.
8. **800:25-7-81. Altus-Lugert WMA**
 - Change spring turkey hunting hours to close at 7:00 p.m. daily to reduce disturbance near turkey roost sites.
9. **800:25-7-83. Beaver River WMA**
 - Change spring turkey hunting hours to close at 7:00 p.m. daily to reduce disturbance near turkey roost sites.
10. **800:25-7-83.1. Beaver River WMA – McFarland Unit**
 - Change spring turkey hunting hours to close at 7:00 p.m. daily to reduce disturbance near turkey roost sites.
 - Change pheasant season from controlled hunts to open same as statewide season dates and bag limit, except closed during the first nine days of deer gun season to allow additional hunting opportunity. Hunting hours close at 4:30 p.m. daily.
 - Change quail season from controlled hunts to open same as statewide dates, except close during the first nine days of deer gun season to allow additional hunting opportunity. Hunting hours close at 4:30 p.m. daily.
11. **800:25-7-84. Black Kettle WMA**
 - Change spring turkey hunting hours to close at 7:00 p.m. daily to reduce disturbance near turkey roost sites.
12. **800:25-7-86.1. Camp Gruber Maneuver Training Center (CGMTC)**
 - Change deer-primitive antlerless days from weekends only to same as statewide season dates to allow additional hunting opportunity.
 - Change the name to Camp Gruber Training Center (CGTC) and add 2015 Memorandum of Understanding regulations allowing additional access opportunities. (Currently in Emergency status effective September 2, 2015.). See link for specific wording of regulation changes.
13. **800:25-7-90. Cherokee PHA**
 - Change deer-primitive antlerless days from weekends only to same as statewide season dates to allow additional hunting opportunity.
14. **800:25-7-92.1. Cimarron Bluff Wildlife Management Area**
 - Change spring turkey hunting hours to close at 7:00 p.m. daily to reduce disturbance near turkey roost sites.

- 15. 800:25-7-92.2. Cimarron Hills Wildlife Management Area**
 - Change spring turkey hunting hours to close at 7:00 p.m. daily to reduce disturbance near turkey roost sites.

- 16. 800:25-7-94.1. Cooper WMA**
 - Change spring turkey hunting hours to close at 7:00 p.m. daily to reduce disturbance near turkey roost sites.

- 17. 800:25-7-95. Ellis County WMA**
 - Change spring turkey hunting hours to close at 7:00 p.m. daily to reduce disturbance near turkey roost sites.

- 18. 800:25-7-101. Fort Supply WMA**
 - Change spring turkey hunting hours to close at 7:00 p.m. daily to reduce disturbance near turkey roost sites.

- 19. 800:25-7-115. Kaw WMA**
 - Change trapping to open to water sets, live box traps, and enclosed trigger traps only to make rule consistent with other WMA's.

- 20. 800:25-7-130. Optima WMA**
 - Change spring turkey hunting hours to close at 7:00 p.m. daily to reduce disturbance near turkey roost sites.

- 21. 800:25-7-134. Packsaddle WMA**
 - Change spring turkey hunting hours to close at 7:00 p.m. daily to reduce disturbance near turkey roost sites.

- 22. 800:25-7-137. Rita Blanca WMA**
 - Change spring turkey hunting hours to close at 7:00 p.m. daily to reduce disturbance near turkey roost sites.

- 23. 800:25-7-140. Sandy Sanders WMA**
 - Change spring turkey hunting hours to close at 7:00 p.m. daily to reduce disturbance near turkey roost sites.

- 24. 800:25-7-153. Washita NWR**
 - Change spring turkey from closed season to open for controlled hunts only to allow additional hunting opportunity.
 - Change deer gun from closed season to open for controlled hunts only to allow additional hunting opportunity.

25. 800:30-1-16. Shooting ranges

To address safety concerns for shooting ranges on Wildlife Management Areas.

- Shooting ranges are open year-round, unless specified otherwise in the "Hunting Guide" or signs at the range.
- Shooting hours are official sunrise to official sunset, daily.
- Any person using the shooting range under the age of 16 must be immediately supervised by an adult (18 years old or older).
- All firearms shooting single projectiles or any pellets larger than conventional BB (.180" dia.) must be shot at approved berms and target areas only. Air-borne clay targets may be shot using pellets no larger than conventional BB (.180" dia.).
- All rifle, pistol, shotgun, and muzzleloader targets will consist of paper or clay targets only.
- All paper targets must be removed before leaving the shooting area.
- Centerfire rifles and pistols .50 caliber and larger are prohibited.
- Fully automatic firearms and suppressors are prohibited.
- Fireworks, explosive devices, exploding targets, tracer and incendiary rounds are prohibited.
- Eye and ear protection shall be worn while shooting.
- Shooters, and accompanying adult, must possess a valid Oklahoma hunting license, or combination hunting/fishing license unless exempt.

26. 800:30-3. Mineral Exploration and Production

- Update the rules and regulations pertaining to mineral exploration on Department land to address changing technology in the oil and gas industry. See link for specific wording of regulation changes.