

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

**Public Meeting:**     **Monday, February 5, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.**  
Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation  
2145 NE 36<sup>th</sup> Street  
Oklahoma City, OK 73111

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 – Chairman John Groendyke
2. Roll Call – Rhonda Hurst
3. Invocation – Nathan Erdman
4. Pledge of Allegiance – Nathan Erdman
5. Introduction of Guests
6. Presentation of Awards – J.D. Strong, Director

Tenure – Charmion Rose, Payroll/Benefits Specialist – 25 years.

7. Consideration and Vote to Approve, Amend, Reject or Take Other Action on Minutes of the January 10, 2018 Regular Commission Meeting.
8. Presentation of the December 31, 2017 Financial Statement and Consideration and Vote to Approve, Amend or Reject Miscellaneous Donations – Melinda Streich, Assistant Director of Administration and Finance.
9. Federal, Congressional and Oklahoma Legislative Update – J.D. Strong, Director and Corey Jager, Legislative Liaison.
10. Update on the Oklahoma Fishing in Schools Program and a Special Project with the (Paul George) PG 13 Foundation and 13 Urban Schools in the OKC Area – Nels Rodefled, Chief of Information & Education Division and Colin Berg, Information and Education Supervisor.
11. Presentation and Consideration and Vote to Approve, Amend, Reject or Take Other Action on a Donation of \$4,200 from the PG 13 Foundation to ODWC in Support of Travel Costs for 13 Schools Involved in the PG 13 and ODWC Special OKFITS in Urban Schools Project – Colin Berg and Myles Williams, PG 13 Foundation
12. Consideration and Vote to Approve, Amend, Reject or Take Other Action on Permanent Rules – Barry Bolton, Chief of Fisheries Division

**Title 800. Department of Wildlife Conservation**

**Chapter 10. Sport Fishing Rules**

**Subchapter 1. Harvest and Possession Limits**

800:10-1-3. Additional definitions [AMENDED]

**Subchapter 3. Methods of Take**

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

These proposed rules will make the pond fishing regulation on Wildlife Management Areas the same as the regulations defined under Department Fishing Areas; change the open hours for snagging to 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. in the reservoir tailwaters at Fort Gibson (currently in effect under emergency rule) and prohibits gigs, spears, spearguns, and noodling on the Salt Fork of the Arkansas River below Great Salt Plains Lake dam to Highway 38.

13. Consideration and Vote to Approve, Amend, Reject or Take Other Action on Permanent Rules – Alan Peoples, Chief of Wildlife Division

**Title 800. Department of Wildlife Conservation**

**Chapter 25. Wildlife Rules**

**Subchapter 3. Hunting on Corps of Engineers Land**

800:25-3-2. Areas open to archery equipment and shotguns with pellets only [AMENDED]

**Subchapter 7. General Hunting Seasons**

**Part 1. General Provisions**

800:25-7-3. General provisions [AMENDED]

**Part 5. Upland Game**

800:25-7-15. Wild turkey – Fall; dates, limits and open areas [AMENDED]

800:25-7-20. Squirrel (fox and gray) [AMENDED]

**Part 7. Falconry**

800:25-7-29. License requirements [AMENDED]

**Part 3. Deer**

800: 25-7-51. Deer – archery [AMENDED]

800:25-7-54. Legal firearms and archery specifications [AMENDED]

**Part 15. Furbearers**

800:25-7-61. Bag limits [AMENDED]

**Part 19. Season on Areas Owned or Managed by the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service**

800:25-7-81. Altus-Lugert WMA [AMENDED]

800:25-7-81.2. Arbuckle Springs WMA [NEW]

800:25-7-86.1. Camp Gruber Maneuver Training Center (CGMTC) [AMENDED]

800:25-7-94.4. Deep Fork NWR [AMENDED]

800:25-7-102.1.1. Grady County WMA [AMENDED]

800:25-7-115. Kaw WMA [AMENDED]

800:25-7-118. Little River NWR [AMENDED]

800:25-7-131. Optima NWR [AMENDED]

800:25-7-133.2. Ozark Plateau NWR [AMENDED]

800:25-7-134. Packsaddle WMA [AMENDED]

800:25-7-139. Salt Plains NWR [AMENDED]

800:25-7-141. Schultz WMA [AMENDED]

800:25-7-142. Sequoyah NWR [AMENDED]

800:25-7-142.1. Shorb WMA [AMENDED]

800:25-7-151.1. Tishomingo NWR [AMENDED]

800:25-7-153. Washita NWR [AMENDED]

800:25-7-154.1. Wichita Mountains NWR [AMENDED]

**Subchapter 21. Oklahoma Waterfowl Stamp Design Competition [REVOKED]**

800:25-21-1. Purpose [REVOKED]

800:25-21-2. Contest rules for Oklahoma Waterfowl Stamp Design Competition [REVOKED]

The proposed rule amendments are to open spring turkey season on Waurika Lake Corps of Engineers non-licensed land; increase legal shot size for general hunting (i.e. predator hunting) from BB to #4 buckshot; open more counties to fall turkey hunting; raise the bag limits on squirrel; clarify Oklahoma Waterfowl Stamp (License), Federal Duck Stamp and HIP permit required for falconers hunting migratory birds and waterfowl in Oklahoma; remove requirements for 100 lb draw and the 14 inch minimum bolt length on crossbows; remove 7 round maximum restrict on clips or magazines for all .22 centerfire caliber firearms; remove daily and season bag limit on raccoon; allow muzzleloader and archery hunting during deer gun season on Altus-Lugert WMA; establish hunting seasons on the new Arbuckle Springs WMA (currently in effect under emergency rule); correct the name on the Camp Gruber Training Center and remove paragraph regarding access outside the designated hunting season to match the wording in the MOU; align rules on National Wildlife Refuges with federal regulations and allow them to be enforced by state Wildlife Department personnel; clarify all seasons are closed during controlled deer muzzleloader and deer gun hunts on Grady County WMA; open trapping to statewide methods on part of Kaw WMA; open rail and gallinule season on Packsaddle WMA; change spring turkey shooting hours to close at 7 p.m. daily on Schultz and Shorb WMA's; eliminate Duck Stamp Art contest and collector stamp. Staff recommends withdrawal of the hunting season changes on Ozark Plateau NWR because of Interior Department Secretarial Order 3356 and recent discussions with U.S. Fish & Wildlife refuge personnel to allow more opportunities on all federal property. The proposed language allowing federal regulations to be enforced by state wildlife personnel should remain intact.

14. Consideration and Vote to Approve, Amend, Reject or Take Other Action on Permanent Rules – Alan Peoples, Chief of Wildlife Division

**Title 800. Department of Wildlife Conservation**

**Chapter 30. Department of Wildlife Lands Management**

**Subchapter 1. Use of Department Managed Lands**

800:30-1-4. Camping [AMENDED]

800:30-1-5. Vehicles [AMENDED]

800:30-1-20. Restricted public use areas [AMENDED]

**Subchapter 9. Private Land Access Through Department Owned or Managed Lands  
[NEW]**

800:30-9-1. Purpose [NEW]

800:30-9-2. General provisions [NEW]

800:30-9-3. Non-Commercial Activity [NEW]

800:30-9-4. Commercial Activity [NEW]

800:30-9-5. Road development [NEW]

800:30-9-6. Road maintenance [NEW]

800:30-9-7. Damage and use charges [NEW]

These rules will establish hunter and fishermen camping in designated areas for the new Arbuckle Springs WMA (currently in effect under emergency rule) and Beaver River – McFarland Unit; close Mountain Park WDU, Waurika WDU and Walker Creek WDU to all air driven water craft; and establish restricted use period for October 1 – February 15 for non-hunting/non-fishing activities on the new Arbuckle Springs WMA (currently in effect under emergency rule) and Beaver River – McFarland Unit. Due to a large volume of comments received on the new proposed rules in Title 800, Chapter 30, Subchapter 9. Private Land Access Through Department Owned or Managed Lands, staff recommends withdrawing this proposal to facilitate working with stakeholders to develop more clear language aimed at accomplishing the original intent.

15. New Business – Discussion of any matter not known about or which could not have been reasonably foreseen 24 hours prior to the scheduled meeting.
16. Announce the Date for the Regular Commission Meeting on Monday, March 5, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
17. Adjourn

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