

# 2009 Legislative Session

## **New Laws passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor 2009**

Senate Bill 248 by Sens. Ford and Sweeden and Reps. Sears and Fields Adds Copan and Hulah lakes to the existing list of lakes which allow anglers to enter and wade in the safety zone. Bill would be effective July 1, 2009. Signed by the Governor.

Senate Bill 277 by Sens. Schulz and Gumm and Rep. Armes and Fields. Specifies that paid fishing guides must procure a guide license at a fee of \$200.00 annually. Effective July 1, 2009. Signed by the Governor.

Senate Bill 1031 by Sen. Sparks and Rep. Schwartz. Bill would adjust the fee for annual hunting and fishing licenses to include the Fishing and Hunting Legacy Fee that is currently being charged as a separate permit. Bill would be effective immediately upon passage. Signed by the Governor.

Senate Bill 1033 by Sen. Sparks and Rep. Armes, Fields and Sherrer. Bill would make it a felony to wrongfully injure any cervidae upon the premises of a farmed cervidae facility and set penalties of not less than a \$5,000 fine and up to two years imprisonment in the State Penitentiary, or both. Convicted persons shall also be liable for damages of not less than three times nor more than 10 times of the actual detriment. Bill would be effective immediately upon passage. Signed by the Governor.

Senate Bill 1034 by Sen. Sparks and Rep. Schwartz. Bill would establish the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation Consolidation of Licenses, Permits and Fees Task Force. Bill would be effective immediately upon passage. Signed by the Governor.

House Bill 1464 by Reps. Pruett, Dorman and Liebmann and Ellis of the Senate. Establishes a black bear hunting license for \$100 for residents and \$500 for nonresidents and specifies the Wildlife Conservation Commission shall decide the open season, bag limits and territorial limitations for hunting black bear. Bill would be effective immediately upon passage. Signed by the Governor.

House Bill 1465 by Rep. Pruett and Sen. Corn. Expands the harvest season for furbearers through the last day of February. Bill would be effective Nov. 1, 2009. Signed by the Governor.

House Bill 1691 by Rep. Sears and Sen. Ford. Bill provides that falconry licenses from other states would be valid in Oklahoma. Bill would be effective immediately upon passage. Signed by the Governor.

House Bill 1761 by Reps. Enns, and Sherrer and Barrington of the Senate. Specifying that persons qualified to use a crossbow may also use devices that allow conventional bows to be held at full or partial draw. Bill would be effective immediately upon passage. Signed by the Governor.

House Bill 2154 by Reps. Armes and Schulz and Sparks of the Senate. Bill would increase the fine for any person hunting without permission at a facility licensed pursuant to the Oklahoma Farmed Cervidae Act or big game commercial hunting area. Also specifies that the court shall also order restitution for actual damages incurred. Bill would be effective Nov. 1, 2009. Signed by the Governor.

House Bill 2158 by Reps. Armes and Schulz. Authorizing the Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry to issue permits to persons holding a big game commercial hunting area license to engage in the management of depredating animals by use of aircraft without limitation of statewide season, bag limits, or methods of taking. Depredating animals that could be taken would include feral hogs, coyotes, and crossbreeds between coyotes and dogs. Bill would become effective Nov. 1, 2009. Signed by the Governor.

### **Dormant bills for the 2009 Legislative Session**

Senate Bill 53 by Sen. Anderson. Bill would allow any person serving in a branch of the United States Armed Forces to buy an Oklahoma hunting license for \$6 or an Oklahoma fishing license for \$6. Bill would be effective Nov. 1, 2009. Bill goes dormant in the Senate Tourism and Wildlife Committee.

Senate Bill 278 by Sen. Schulz. Allowing the Department of Wildlife to issue permits to persons holding a big game commercial hunting area license to engage in the management of depredating animals by use of aircraft without limitation of statewide season, bag limits, or methods of taking. Depredating animals that could be taken would include feral hogs, bobcats, red fox, coyotes, and crossbreeds between coyotes and dogs. Bill would become effective Nov. 1, 2009. Title struck and passed the Senate Tourism and Wildlife Committee. Bill goes dormant awaiting action by the full Senate.

Senate Bill 245 by Sen. Gumm. Would allow any person holding a nonambulatory motor vehicle hunting permit to be able to hunt on any Department of Wildlife managed lands

authorized for hunting. Bill would be effective Nov. 1, 2009. Bill goes dormant in the Senate Tourism and Wildlife Committee.

Senate Bill 450 by Sens. Corn and Ellis and Rep. Brannon. Establishes a black bear hunting license for \$100 for residents and \$500 for nonresidents and specifies the Wildlife Conservation Commission shall decide the open season, bag limits and territorial limitations for hunting black bear. Bill would be effective immediately upon passage. Passed by the Senate 37-7. Title stricken and passed by the House Wildlife Committee. Bill goes dormant awaiting action by the full House.

Senate Bill 625 by Sens. Sparks. Shell bill relating to the Wildlife Department. Bill would be effective Nov. 1, 2009. Bill goes dormant in the Senate Rules Committee.

Senate Bill 626 by Sens. Sparks. Shell bill relating to the Wildlife Department. Bill would be effective Nov. 1, 2009. Bill goes dormant in the Senate Rules Committee.

Senate Bill 627 by Sens. Sparks. Shell bill relating to the Wildlife Department. Bill would be effective Nov. 1, 2009. Bill goes dormant in the Senate Rules Committee.

Senate Bill 628 by Sens. Sparks. Shell bill relating to the Wildlife Department. Bill would be effective Nov. 1, 2009. Bill goes dormant in the Senate Rules Committee.

Senate Bill 629 by Sens. Sparks. Shell bill relating to the Wildlife Department. Bill would be effective Nov. 1, 2009. Bill goes dormant in the Senate Rules Committee.

Senate Bill 651 by Sen. Ivester. Bill would remove the prohibition against hunting with a firearm that is equipped with a silencer. Bill would be effective Nov. 1, 2009. Bill goes dormant in the Senate Tourism and Wildlife Committee.

Senate Bill 776 by Sen. Schulz. Shell bill relating to noncommercial wildlife breeder's license. Bill would be effective Nov. 1, 2009. Bill goes dormant in the Senate Rules Committee.

Senate Bill 777 by Sen. Schulz. Shell bill relating to noncommercial wildlife breeder's license. Bill would be effective Nov. 1, 2009. Bill goes dormant in the Senate Rules Committee.

Senate Bill 779 by Sen. Schulz. Shell bill relating to noncommercial wildlife breeder's license. Bill would be effective Nov. 1, 2009. Bill goes dormant in the Senate Rules Committee.

Senate Bill 861 by Sen. Schulz. Bill would increase fines and provide for a one-year forfeiture of hunting or fishing licenses for persons found guilty of trespass. Bill would be effective Nov. 1, 2009. Title stricken and passed by the Senate Tourism and Wildlife Committee. Bill goes dormant awaiting action by the full Senate.

Senate Bill 1032 by Sen. Sparks. Bill would create an Oklahoma Native Lifetime License for persons born in Oklahoma but who no longer live in the state. Would set the fees at \$500 for fishing, \$1,800 for hunting and \$2,000 for a combination hunting and fishing. Bill would be effective Nov. 1, 2009. Bill goes dormant in the Senate Tourism and Wildlife Committee.

Senate Bill 1035 by Sen. Sparks and Rep. Armes. Increases the fine for trespassing and provides for actual damages. Bill would be effective Nov. 1, 2009. Bill goes dormant in the conference committee.

Senate Bill 1058 by Sen. Sparks. Setting the fee at \$5 for tags for animals taken at commercial hunting areas if the animal is to be donated to the Hunters Against Hunger Program. Bill would be effective Nov. 1, 2009. Bill goes dormant in the Senate Tourism and Wildlife Committee.

House Bill 1356 by Rep. Auffet. Bill would allow grab hooks and snagging to take fish in waters declared open to taking of those fish with gigs. Bill would be effective immediately upon passage. Bill goes dormant in the House Wildlife Committee.

House Bill 1358 by Rep. Sherrer. Bill would allow anyone eight years of age or older to purchase an apprentice-designated hunting license. Would also require all persons under 12 years of age hunting big game to be accompanied by a licensed hunter 21 years of age or older who is hunter education certified or exempt. Bill would be effective immediately upon passage. Pre-filed House bill. Bill goes dormant awaiting action by the full house.

House Bill 1429 by Rep. Lamons. Bill would make hunting and fishing without permission a felony and increase the fine to not less than \$500 and not more than \$5,000 or imprisonment in the custody of the Department of Corrections for a term of not less than two years, or both. Bill would be effective Nov. 1, 2009. Pre-filed House bill.

House Bill 1889 by Rep. Richardson. Would establish Oklahoma as a member of the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact and designate procedures implementation in Oklahoma. Bill would be effective Nov. 1, 2009. Pre-filed House bill.

House Bill 1890 by Reps. Richardson, Roan, Walker and Barrington and Inman and Smithson of the Senate. Adjusting senior citizen lifetime hunting and fishing licenses to include all annual licenses and special season permits for a one-time fee of \$25. Bill would be effective immediately. Passed by the House 91-2. Title stricken and passed by the Senate 46-0. House rejects Senate amendments. Bill now goes to conference.

House Bill 1891 by Rep. Richardson. Bill would adjust the fee and license structure for non-resident deer licenses. Bill would be effective immediately. Pre-filed House bill.

House Bill 2007 by Rep. Blackwell. Specifying that antelope may only be hunted from Sept 1 through 30, and that only bow hunting is allowed. Bill would be effective Nov. 1, 2009. Pre-filed House bill.

House Bill 2100 by Rep. Enns. Shell bill called the Oklahoma Game and Fish Act of 2009. Bill would be effective Nov. 1, 2009. Pre-filed House bill