

CHAPTER 25. WILDLIFE RULES

SUBCHAPTER 3. HUNTING ON CORPS OF ENGINEERS LANDS

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

The following Corps of Engineers areas are open to archery equipment and shotguns with pellets only:

- (1) Canton Lake: A 80-acre unit above Highway 58A in the Sandy Cove Area.
- (2) Keystone Lake:
 - (A) A 460-acre unit including land north and south of the Cowskin North Recreation Area.
 - (B) A 200-acre unit on the west side of the north end of the Highway 64 bridge.
 - (C) A 530-acre unit north of the New Mannford Ramp area.
 - (D) A 480-acre unit east of the Cimarron Park area.
 - (E) A 100-acre unit north and south of the Pawnee Cove Access Point.
 - (F) A 200-acre unit in the Old Mannford Ramp area.
 - (G) A 280-acre unit on the south side of the road ending at Washington Irving North.
 - (H) A 120-acre unit west and south of the Sinnett Cemetery and south of the old Keystone road.
 - (I) A 200-acre unit south of Highway 51 on Bakers Branch.
 - (J) A 135-acre area on the west side of Walnut Creek (old Walnut Creek #3).
- (3) Hugo Lake: Except, archery only during all deer seasons.
 - (A) A 2,373-acre unit in the Kiamichi Park Area. Open for hunting for all species that can be legally taken during legal open seasons by archery equipment and shotgun with pellets, except closed until the Monday after the first full weekend in October and closed the first Monday through Sunday in December. ~~the first Tuesday through Sunday in October and the first Tuesday through Sunday in December.~~
 - (B) A 478-acre unit in the Wilson Point Area.
 - (C) A 481-acre unit in the Virgil Point Area.
 - (D) A 280-acre unit in the Sawyer Bluff Area.
 - (E) A 60-acre unit in the Rattan Landing Area.
 - (F) A 500-acre unit in the embankment area above Hugo Dam.
 - (G) A 475-acre unit lying South of the physical creek of Salt Creek on Hugo Lake.
- (4) Tenkiller Ferry Lake: A 110-acre unit north of the asphalt road and east of Highway 10A.
- (5) Copan Lake: Except, archery equipment only during all deer seasons.
 - (A) A 650-acre unit below the dam.
 - (B) A 100-acre unit east and southeast of Copan Point Park.
 - (C) Three islands north of Washington Cove Park.
- (6) Fort Gibson Lake:
 - (A) A 300-acre unit on the north side of North Bay.
 - (B) A 800-acre unit on the south side of the Chouteau Creek, starting at Highway 69 and running east and south to Highway 33.
 - (C) A 320-acre unit across the lake from the Chouteau Bend Recreation Area.
 - (D) A 480-acre unit on the west side of Mallard Bay.
 - (E) A 103 -acre unit in Section 13 of the Blue Bill Point housing addition.
 - (F) A 160-acre unit west of the town of Murphy.
 - (G) A 650-acre unit on Pryor Creek beginning on the east side of Highway 69 in Sections 29, 30 & 31.
 - (H) A 190-acre unit in the south ½ of Section 12, north of the Blue Bill Recreation Area.
 - (I) A 120-acre unit west of the town of Hulbert.
 - (J) A 515-acre unit on the south side of Mallard Bay.
 - (K) A 488-acre unit on the south side of Whitehorn Cove Concession.
- (7) Sardis:
 - (A) A 950-acre unit in the Potato Hills Area.
 - (B) A 100-acre unit in the Sardis Cove Area.
- (8) Webbers Falls Lock and Dam 16:
 - (A) A 37-acre unit on the peninsula north of the lock and dam.
 - (B) A 150-acre unit in the Hopewell Park Area.
 - (C) A 150-acre unit in the Brewer's Bend Area only open for hunting 1 December through 28 February.
 - (D) A 50-acre unit south of the Spaniard Creek Area.
 - (E) A 60-acre unit off Lock View access road and south of the project office.

- (F) A 750-acre unit North of Three Forks Harbor to Grand River Bridge.
- (G) A 265-acre unit from Grand River Bridge to Highway 16 Bridge near Okay.
- (H) A 62.9-acre unit between Highway 16 and the Muskogee Turnpike.
- (9) Lake Texoma:
- (A) A 380-acre unit below Denison Dam.
- (B) A 160-acre unit in the Willow Springs Area.
- (C) A 100-acre unit in the Buncombe Creek West Area
- (D) A 110-acre unit on the Limestone Creek Area.
- (E) A 250-acre unit on the Treasure Island, North Island Group.
- (F) A 512-acre unit in the McLaughlin Creek Southwest Area.
- (G) A 1,100-acre unit in the Washita Point Area.
- (H) A 300-acre unit south of the Butcher Pen Area.
- (I) A 800-acre unit on either side of Highway 70 on the east side of the lake.
- (J) A 650-acre unit in the Lakeside West and South Area.
- (K) A 420-acre unit in the Lebanon Area.
- (L) A 226-acre unit on the west side of Wilson Creek.
- (M) A 130-acre unit in the Caney Creek Area.
- (O) A 170-acre unit in the Oakview North Area.
- (P) A 115-acre unit in the North Platter Flats Area.
- (Q) A 95-acre unit in the Newberry Creek South Area.
- (R) A 220-acre unit in the June Hill Area.
- (10) Kaw Lake:
- (A) A 280-acre unit in the Traders Bend Area.
- (B) A 320-acre unit in the Sarge Creek Cove Area.
- (C) A 220-acre unit in the Burbank Landing Area.
- (D) A 110-acre unit between Sandy Park Swim Beach and Osage Cove.
- (E) A 100-acre unit in the Bear Creek Cove, open for hunting only from 15 September through 15 February.
- (F) A 186-acre unit south of Camp McFadden and north of a housing addition.
- (11) Eufaula Lake:
- (A) Open for archery equipment 1 October through 28 February and open for shotguns with pellets from 1 November through 28 February.
- (i) A 165 -acre unit in the Highway 31 Landing Area.
- (ii) A 128 -acre unit in Holiday Cove Recreation Area.
- (iii) A 200-acre unit in Hickory Point Recreation Area.
- (iv) A 90 -acre unit in the Gentry Creek Recreation Area.
- (B) Open for hunting for all species that can be legally taken during legal open seasons by archery equipment and shotguns with pellets.
- (i) A 275-acre unit known as Duchess Creek Island.
- (ii) A 47-acre unit in Juniper Park.
- (iii) A 99-acre unit in the Coal Creek area.
- (iv) A 69-acre unit southwest of the city of Crowder.
- (v) A 116-acre unit east of the city of Crowder.
- (vi) A 95-acre unit in the Rock Creek Heights area.
- (vii) A 63-acre unit around Highway 9 Marina.
- (viii) A 411-acre unit in the area of Highway 9A.
- (ix) A 247-acre unit known as Bunny Creek.
- (x) A 251-acre unit in Sandy Bass Bay.
- (xi) A 32-acre unit in Dam Site area.
- (xii) A 95-acre unit below Eufaula Dam, north of the river
- (C) Open for hunting for all species that can be legally taken during legal open seasons by archery equipment and shotguns with pellets, except for the 4th weekend in November through the 2nd weekend of December ~~2nd Friday through Monday in December~~: A 395-acre unit in the Brooken Cove Recreational Area.
- (D) Open for hunting for all species that can be legally taken during legal open seasons by archery equipment and shotguns with pellets only, except closed the 3rd Friday of October through the 1st weekend of November: A 533-acre unit in the Gaines Creek Recreational Area.

(12) Chouteau Lock and Dam 17: All lands beginning from the MK&T Railroad below Chouteau Lock and Dam 17 and continuing upstream to Newt Graham Lock and Dam 18, except that Pecan Park is open to hunting with archery equipment only and the Chouteau Lock and Dam 17 has a 600 yard "No Hunting" buffer area around both the lock and dam, and that Coal Creek Access Point and Afton Landing Park are closed to all hunting.

(13) Hulah Lake:

(A) A 200-acre unit in the Turkey Creek Point Area.

(B) A 60-acre unit below Hulah Dam.

(C) A 375-acre unit in the Caney Bend Area.

(14) Wister Lake: A 400-acre unit east of the uncontrolled spillway and Glendale Dike.

(15) Oologah Lake:

(A) A 80-acre unit on the east side of Blue Creek Park.

(B) A 180 acre-unit on the south side of Spencer Creek Park.

(C) A 120-acre unit east of Double Creek Park.

(16) Waurika Lake: All lands presently designated as open to public hunting, except fall turkey hunting is archery only.

(17) Newt Graham Lock and Dam 18: All lands beginning from Newt Graham Lock and Dam 18 and continuing upstream to Interstate 44, except that the Newt Graham Lock and Dam 18 has a 600 yard 'No Hunting' buffer area around it, and that Bluegill Access Point, Highway 33 Access Point and Bluff Landing Public Use Area are closed to all hunting.

(18) Pine Creek Lake: Except, archery only during all deer seasons.

(A) A 280-acre unit below Pine Creek Dam.

~~(B) A 225-acre unit within Little River Park open November 1 – January 15.~~

~~(C)~~(B) A 190-acre unit within Pine Creek Cove open November 1 – January 15.

~~(D)~~(C) A 530-acre unit upstream and downstream of the dike, SW of Pine Creek Cove.

~~(E)~~(D) A 500-acre unit north of Little River Park and South of the old highway.

~~(F)~~(E) A 345-acre unit within Little River Park open November 1 – January 15 except closed the 2nd Tuesday – Sunday in November.

~~(G) A 200-acre unit North of Highway 3 and South of the old highway except closed from the 2nd Tuesday – Sunday in November.~~

800:25-3-3. Areas open to archery equipment only

The following Corps of Engineers areas are open to archery equipment only:

(1) Birch Lake: A 450-acre unit in the Birch cove, Outlet Park and Twin cove areas.

(2) Kaw Lake:

(A) A 400-acre unit in the Washunga Bay Area.

(B) A 600-acre unit in the McFadden Cove Area and below the dam embankment access road.

(C) A 236-acre unit in the Osage Cove Area open from 1 December to 31 December.

(D) A 60-acre unit south of Kaw City and west of Pioneer Park.

(3) Fort Gibson:

(A) A 360-acre unit on the north side of the mouth of North Bay.

(B) A 50-acre unit south of Jackson Bay Area.

(C) A 150-acre area on the northeast end of Ranger Creek.

(D) A 100-acre unit in the Snug Harbor area.

(E) A 320-acre unit on the south side of North Bay.

(F) A 320-acre unit on the north side of Long Bay.

(G) A 70-acre area on the upper end of Pryor Creek adjacent to the east side of Highway 69.

(H) A 36-acre area in Section 6, T16N, R20E.

(I) A 77-acre area on the north shore of Ranger Creek.

(J) A 166-acre area west of Taylor Ferry South Park in Sections 20 & 21, T17N, R19E.

(4) Copan Lake:

(A) A 50-acre unit north of Copan Point Park.

(B) A 50-acre unit north of the Post Oak area.

(C) A 5-acre unit west of Post Oak Park between the old and new Highway 10.

(D) A 340-acre unit north of the Washington Cove Park.

(5) Heyburn Lake: ~~A 120-acre unit on the south side of the Dam Site Area and west of the outlet channel.~~

(A) A 120-acre unit on the south side of the Dam Site Area and west of the outlet channel.

(B) A 103-acre unit West of 285th West Ave to the lake and to the WMA.

(6) Skiatook Lake:

(A) A 138-acre unit in the Osage Park Area.

(B) A 150-acre unit area below Skiatook Dam.

(C) A 120-acre unit in Hominy Landing.

(D) A 45-acre island southeast of the Osage Park Area.

(E) A 23-acre island southeast of the Osage Park Area.

(7) Hulah Lake: A 40-acre unit south of the Hulah State Park office.

~~(8) Pine Creek Lake:~~

~~(A) Open for hunting for all species that can be legally taken during legal open seasons by archery equipment, except for the 2nd Tuesday through Sunday in November; A 200-acre unit north of Highway 3 and south of the old highway.~~

~~(B) A 120-acre unit west of Little River Park.~~

~~(9)(8) Fort Supply:~~

(A) A 183-acre unit in the south portion of Fort Supply Park.

(B) A 46-acre unit in the Project Office Area.

~~(10)(9) Arcadia Conservation Education Area: (Open by ODWC sanctioned controlled hunt through the City of Edmond Game and Fish Commission only.)~~

(A) A 500-acre unit ½ mile North of Memorial Road on Midwest Boulevard

(B) 230-acre unit at Douglas and 150th street.

~~(11)(10) Keystone Lake: A 570-acre area south of the town of Prue (old Walnut Creek #1).~~

~~(12)(11) Lake Texoma:~~

(A) A 610-acre unit in the Burns Run Area

(B) A 550-acre unit in the Alberta Creek Area.

(C) A 60-acre unit in the Colbert Boat Club Area.

(D) A 40-acre unit in the Oak Hills Area.

(E) A 100-acre unit in the Willafa Woods Area.

~~(F) A 50-acre unit in the Buncombe Creek South Area.~~

~~(13)(12) Hugo Lake:~~

(A) A 13 acre unit located across from Wilson Point in Section 18, east of Highway 147.

(B) A 40 acre unit located north of County Road E2040 in Section 6 and east of Highway 147.

SUBCHAPTER 4. HUNTING ON OTHER NON-DEPT. LAND

800:25-4-1. Purpose

This Subchapter provides for certain types of hunting during legal open seasons on lands not owned or managed by ODWC. Designated lands open to hunting but not licensed to the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation are open during the same dates, bag limits, method of harvest, shooting hours and all other general regulations as the designated Department managed lands unless otherwise provided.

800:25-4-2. Areas Open to Archery Equipment and Shotguns with Pellets Only

(1) Atoka Lake: To follow Atoka PHA dates, bag limits, method of harvest, shooting hours and all other general regulations

(A) West side of the lake and south of HWY 43 bridge-4,580 acres.

(B) North of HWY 43-4,351 acres.

(C) East side of Lake -2,318 acres.

(D) South end of Lake, including South gate to North gate, East of lake road closed for hunting- 450 acres.

(E) South of 43 bridge, East side of lake to Lost 43 road closed for hunting - 489 acres.

SUBCHAPTER 5. MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTING SEASON

PART 11. WATERFOWL HUNTING BLINDS

800:25-5-48. Purpose

Waterfowl blinds constructed on Corps of Engineers and Bureau of Reclamation Reservoirs are restricted to daily blinds only, are classified in two categories: Seasonal—blinds which are constructed by a hunter permitted by the Department and at a Department approved designated location and used throughout the current hunting season.

~~Daily blinds~~Daily blinds may be constructed for use on any given day and removed at the end of the day's hunt. Daily blinds would include boat blinds, layout blinds, panel blinds and/or any other blind constructed from natural material that is removed at the end of the day's hunt. ~~This Part establishes the guidelines for blind construction.~~

800:25-5-49. Permits for seasonal or daily blinds [REVOKED]

- ~~(a) Hunters wishing to construct seasonal blinds for waterfowl hunting in Oklahoma must first obtain a permit for construction of said blind from the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation.~~
- ~~(b) No permit is required for daily blinds.~~
- ~~(c) Seasonal or daily blinds may be constructed or used on the following reservoirs: Eufaula, Fort Gibson, W. D. Mayo (Lock and Dam 14) and Webbers Falls.~~
- ~~(d) Daily blinds only may be constructed or used on all other reservoirs open to waterfowl hunting unless specifically prohibited.~~
- ~~(e) Seasonal blind permits will be issued by a drawing for the following reservoirs: Eufaula, Fort Gibson, W. D. Mayo (Lock and Dam 14) and Webbers Falls.~~
- ~~(f) To obtain a seasonal blind permit after the first day of issuance, the biologist or Game Warden for the area of interest should be contacted.~~

800:25-5-50. Drawing process [REVOKED]

- ~~(a) Applicants for seasonal blind permits must be at least 18 years old on the day of the permit issuance and possess all valid hunting licenses, stamps, and permits as required for hunting waterfowl during the waterfowl season, unless exempt.~~
- ~~(b) Anyone wishing to obtain a seasonal blind permit must appear in person at the appropriate drawings.~~
- ~~(c) No person may obtain a seasonal blind permit for more than one reservoir.~~

800:25-5-51. Blind construction [REVOKED]

- ~~(a) Seasonal blinds must be constructed within 25 yards of the location designated by the hunter on the official map approved by the Department. No seasonal blind shall be constructed within 250 yards of another seasonal blind and no daily blind shall be constructed or used within 250 yards of an occupied seasonal blind.~~
- ~~(b) Permit holders must have their permit number and their first and last name conspicuously displayed in the blind, this information must be clearly legible, throughout the waterfowl season.~~
- ~~(c) Seasonal blinds must be constructed as of two (2) weeks before opening day of waterfowl season, otherwise the blind location may be reissued to another licensed hunter on a first come, first serve basis.~~
- ~~(d) All seasonal blinds must be removed by March 15 of each year. Blinds remaining after this date may become the property of the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation.~~
- ~~(e) Seasonal blind permit holders will have priority use on said blind each day until 1/2 hour before official sunrise (legal shooting time). Permit holders claiming priority use before this time must be prepared to furnish identification to ensure priority use. After this time, unoccupied blinds will be available to other hunters.~~
- ~~(f) Blinds must not be locked.~~
- ~~(g) Failure to comply with regulations may result in forfeiture of privilege to obtain a permit for constructing seasonal blinds during the forthcoming year.~~

SUBCHAPTER 7. GENERAL HUNTING SEASONS

PART 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

800:25-7-3. General provisions

- (a) Any person hunting any wildlife in open areas during the youth deer gun, bear muzzleloader, deer muzzleloader, deer gun, holiday antlerless deer gun (in open zones), elk gun (in open counties) or September antelope gun (in open areas) seasons with a shotgun and rifled slug, or any rifle or handgun larger than a .22 caliber long rifle, must possess a valid bear, deer, elk, or antelope license, unless otherwise exempt. Any person hunting feral hogs in open areas during the deer gun, deer primitive, elk, bear or antelope season with a shotgun and rifled slug, or any rifle or handgun larger than a .22 caliber rimfire, must possess a filled or unfilled deer, elk, bear, or antelope license appropriate for that season unless otherwise exempt.
- (b) No person while in the field may possess or attempt to harvest any wildlife, except waterfowl and crane, with shotgun utilizing shot larger than #4 buckshot. Any person hunting any wildlife with an air powered arrow rifle during any open season when rifles are a legal means of take must possess a valid air powered arrow rifle permit.

(c) Any person participating in primitive firearms season, deer gun seasons, elk season, antelope season and bear gun season must conspicuously wear both a head covering and an outer garment above the waistline, both totaling 500 square inches or more of clothing, both consisting of daylight fluorescent orange color totaling not less than 400 square inches [Title 29 O.S., Section 5-205, Part A]. All other hunters, except those hunting waterfowl, dove, crow or crane, or while hunting furbearing animals at night must wear either a head covering or upper garment of fluorescent orange clothing during the deer primitive firearms season, deer gun seasons, elk season, antelope season and bear primitive firearms season, or bear gun season in zones where these seasons are open.

(d) For purposes of pheasant, turkey, deer, elk, bear and antelope regulations, 'final destination' shall be the hunter's residence or place of consumption.

(e) In order to transfer any legally taken wildlife or portions thereof, the person transferring such wildlife must give the transferee written or electronic information containing a statement of transfer, with the names and address of the transferor and transferee, along with the transferor's Department customer identification number, date taken, and the number and type of wildlife. In addition, all wildlife requiring harvest reporting with the Department must include the reported harvest's confirmation number as proof the harvest has been properly reported to the Department. The transferor must not receive any compensation for the transfer. Any wildlife left with a taxidermist or meat processor must include the written information identifying the transferor and harvest, including any reported harvest's confirmation number, if required.

~~No person may possess any game bird, animal or other wildlife, or portions thereof that have been taken by another person, unless such game bird, animal or other wildlife, contain information giving the taker's name, customer identification number, date taken and the number and kind of game bird, animal or wildlife. In addition, information on deer, elk, antelope, bear, and turkey must include the confirmation number as proof that the animal's harvest has been properly reported. The person's name and address receiving said wildlife must also appear on the written information.~~

(f) No person shall concentrate, drive, molest, hunt, take, capture or kill; or attempt to take any wildlife by the aid of any fire or smoke whether man-made or natural.

(g) No person may hunt, chase, capture, shoot at, wound or kill any moose or Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep, except as otherwise provided by statute or Commission rule.

(h) Private landowner regulations regarding any items covered by these rules may be more restrictive, but not less restrictive than these rules.

(i) Dogs may be used in taking all game species in these rules except bear, deer, elk, antelope and turkey.

Exceptions to this rule would be the use of a leashed dog to track downed game after notification to the game warden of location and having no means of take on person while tracking.

(j) Except as otherwise provided for by law or Commission rule, nothing shall prohibit the year-round pursuit of game, which may be lawfully hunted with the use of hunting dogs, for dog training or sport only. However, unless otherwise provided, no person in pursuit of game with hunting dogs outside of the regular harvest season shall have in their possession the means to harvest such game.

(k) Harvest tagging of game - All persons taking a deer, elk, antelope, bear, or turkey must immediately secure their name, customer identification number, date and time of harvest to the carcass.

(l) Harvest reporting of game - All deer, elk, antelope, bear, or turkey taken must be reported by the hunter to the Department within 24 hours of leaving the hunt area. Instructions for reporting of harvest will be provided in the Oklahoma Fishing and Hunting Regulations and on the Department's website. Once reported, a carcass tag or online confirmation number will be issued. This tag or confirmation number must remain with the carcass to its final destination or through processing and/or storage at a commercial processing or storage facility. Evidence of sex must remain naturally attached to the carcass until the harvest has been properly reported.

800:25-7-4. Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV)(Drone) Usage

(a) Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (commonly referred to as UAV or drone): means an aircraft operated without the possibility of direct human intervention from within or on the aircraft.

(b) With vision that is unaided by any device other than corrective lenses, the UAV pilot manipulating the flight control of the UAV must be able to see the unmanned aircraft throughout the entire flight.

(c) Harrassment of Legal Hunters, Anglers, and Trappers - It is unlawful to use any aircraft to create a visual, auditory , or physical stimulus to affect the behavior of a game animal, bird, or fish and/or interfere with another person who is lawfully hunting, fishing, or trapping.

(d) Harassment of wildlife: it is unlawful to fly a UAV in any mannner that causes any wildlife to move from its place of rest or change its direction of travel.

- (e) A UAV can be used to scout on land not owned or managed by ODWC. However, hunting is not allowed on the area flown the same day the aerial scouting occurs.
- (f) Using a drone for hunting, locating wounded or harvested game, or scouting on land owned or managed by ODWC is prohibited.
- (g) When using an unmanned aerial vehicle to attempt to recover wildlife:
- (1) Absolutely no methods or take can be possessed in the field, with exception to constitutional carry.
- (2) The hunter or pilot of the UAV must notify the game warden of location before attempting to retrieve downed animal.
- (3) All UAV recovery flights must be recorded.
- (4) If the animal is found dead the pilot can direct the recovery while the UAV is still airborne.
- (5) If the animal is found to still be alive the UAV will be grounded immediately. Hunting of the wounded animal shall not resume within four (4) hours of the grounding of the UAV, notification of the game warden, and only with legal means of take and during open season.
- (6) The hunter or pilot of the UAV must notify the game warden of the results of the recovery mission as soon as the search is concluded.

PART 5. UPLAND GAME

800:25-7-22. Quail - (bobwhite and scaled)

- (a) **Dates.** Quail hunting season dates shall be ~~November 1 through January 31~~the second Saturday in November through February 15.
- (b) **Bag Limits.** The bag limit for quail hunting (bobwhite and scaled) in Oklahoma shall be 10 daily aggregate, 20 in possession after the first day.
- (c) **Hunting hours:** The hunting hours shall be official sunrise to official sunset.
- (d) **Johnny Houses.** Commercially reared or propagated quail may be released from quail callback pens commonly known as "Johnny Houses" and subsequently recaptured by use of "Call Back Quail," provided said birds are banded prior to release as required under Title 29, Section 5-203, and provided further that said "Johnny Houses" be checked at least once every 24 hours and any wild or unbanded quail be immediately released unharmed into the wild.

800:25-7-22v2. Quail—(bobwhite and scaled)2

- (a) **Dates.** Quail hunting season dates shall be the second Saturday in November through February 15.
- (b) **Bag Limits.** The bag limit for quail hunting (bobwhite and scaled) in Oklahoma shall be 10 daily aggregate, 20 in possession after the first day.
- ~~(c) **Johnny Houses.** Commercially reared or propagated quail may be released from quail callback pens commonly known as "Johnny Houses" and subsequently recaptured by use of "Call Back Quail," provided said birds are banded prior to release as required under Title 29, Section 5-203, and provided further that said "Johnny Houses" be checked at least once every 24 hours and any wild or unbanded quail be immediately released unharmed into the wild.~~

PART 15. FURBEARERS

800:25-7-61. Dates, open areas, bag limits, and legal means of taking

The following dates, open areas, bag limits and legal means of taking apply to furbearers:

- (1) **Dates and legal furbearers.**
- (A) Furbearer Season: The dates for the taking of furbearers shall be the first day of December to the last day of February and those legal furbearers are as follows: Badger, bobcat, gray fox, mink, muskrat, opossum, red fox, river otter and weasel.
- (B) Open year-round: The season for taking raccoon, beaver, striped skunk, nutria and coyote is open year-round. Taking of mountain lion is allowed when the mountain lion is committing or about to commit depredation on any domesticated animal, or when acting in a manner as to constitute an immediate safety hazard. In the event a mountain lion is taken, an ODWC employee must be notified immediately and the intact carcass including the hide must be presented to ODWC within 24 hours for collection of biological information.
- (2) **Open areas.** The following provisions apply to areas which furbearers can be legally taken or are closed to harvest:
- (A) Open statewide. Badger, beaver, bobcat, coyote, gray fox, mink, muskrat, nutria, opossum, raccoon, red fox, river otter, striped skunk and weasel are open to harvest statewide.

- (B) Closed statewide. Ringtail, spotted skunk, and swift fox are closed to harvest statewide.
- (3) **Bag limits.** The following daily and season bag limits apply to the taking of legal furbearers:
- (A) Daily bag limits:
- (i) Bobcat - no bag limit.
 - (ii) Gray fox - 2 per licensee.
 - (iii) Red fox - 1 per licensee.
 - (iv) Badger, beaver, coyote, mink, muskrat, nutria, opossum, raccoon, river otter, striped skunk, and weasel - no daily bag limit.
- (B) Season bag limits:
- (i) Bobcat - 20 per licensee.
 - (ii) Gray fox/Red fox combined - 6 per licensee, no more than 2 may be red fox.
 - (iii) Badger, beaver, coyote, mink, muskrat, nutria, opossum, raccoon, striped skunk and weasel - no bag limit.
 - (iv) River otter - 6 per licensee.
- (4) **Legal means of taking.** The following are the legal trapping devices:
- (A) Box traps and Colony traps.
- (B) Smooth-jawed single-spring OR smooth-jawed double-spring offset no less than 1/8 inch OR smooth-jawed coil-spring offset no less than 1/8 inch foot-hold steel traps with an outer diameter jaw spread of:
- (i) No more than eight (8) inches for land sets.
 - (ii) No more than eight and 1/2 (8.5) inches for water sets.
- (C) Enclosed trigger traps.
- (D) Body-gripping traps for fully submerged sets with no more than twelve (12) inches in diameter on private land only.
- (E) Cable restraint devices made to the following specifications:
- (i) Cable length may not exceed 7 feet.
 - (ii) Cable must be galvanized or stainless braided cable and include swivel.
 - (iii) Cable must be made of multiple strands of wire, with a diameter of 3/32 inches or larger.
 - (iv) Cable restraint must include a breakaway device or be stop-rated at 350 pounds or less.
 - (v) Cable restraint must include a relaxing reverse-bend washer lock with a minimum outside diameter of 1 1/4 inches.
 - (vi) Cable restraint must include cable stops affixed to the cable to ensure that the portion of the cable that makes up the loop may not be longer than 38 inches or less than 8 inches.
 - (vii) Cable restraint must be staked in a manner that does not allow the restraint device to reach any part of a fence, rooted woody vegetation greater than 1/2 inch in diameter, or any other immovable object or stake that could cause entanglement.
 - (viii) It shall be unlawful to use cable restraint devices on Department-owned or managed Wildlife Management Areas.

PART 19. SEASONS ON AREAS OWNED OR MANAGED BY THE OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AND THE U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

800:25-7-105.7. Herron Family WMA

The following hunting and trapping seasons apply to the Herron Family WMA. All hunting and trapping seasons are closed to nonresidents, unless otherwise exempt.

- (1) Quail: Same as statewide season dates, except closed during the first nine days of deer gun season.
- (2) Pheasant: Closed season.
- (3) Prairie Chicken: Closed season.
- (4) Turkey-Fall: Closed Season
- (5) Turkey-Spring: Same as statewide season dates. Bag limit will be determined annually and published in the current Oklahoma Fishing and Hunting Regulations.
- (6) Squirrel: Same as statewide season dates, except closed during first nine days of deer gun season.
- (7) Rabbit: Same as statewide season dates, except closed during first nine days of deer gun season.
- (8) Crow: Same as statewide season dates.
- (9) Dove: Same as statewide season dates.
- (10) Rail and gallinule: Same as statewide season dates.
- (11) Common snipe: Same as statewide season dates, except closed during first nine days of deer gun season.

- (12) Woodcock: Same as statewide season dates, except closed during first nine days of deer gun season.
(13) Deer-archery: Same as statewide season dates.
(14) Deer-primitive firearms: Same as statewide season dates.
(15) Deer-gun: Same as statewide season dates.
(16) Trapping: Same as statewide season dates.
(17) Pursuit with Hounds: Same as statewide season dates, except closed during the first nine days of deer gun season.
(18) Predator/furbearer calling: Same as statewide season dates.
(19) Waterfowl: Same as statewide season dates, except closed during the first nine days of deer gun season.

PART 25. OKLAHOMA LAND ACCESS PROGRAM

800:25-7-181. OLAP walk-in hunting areas, seasons, and equipment restrictions

- (a) Access is allowed for hunting activities only. All other activities are prohibited on OLAP walk-in hunting areas unless stated otherwise in the OLAP map directory and/or on posted signs at the walk-on area.
- (b) The following defines types of OLAP Walk-in Hunting Areas.
- (1) General: Access allowed from September 1 - closing date of spring turkey season. General: Regulations and methods of take consistent with statewide regulations.
- (2) Archery/Shotgun only: Access allowed from September 1 - closing date of spring turkey season. ~~Archery/Shotgun with pellets only.~~ Means of take include: archery, shotgun, legal raptors (following statewide regulations), hand propelled missile or slingshot. Shotgun is restricted to pellets only. Pellet size may not be larger than conventional T (0.200" dia.).
- (3) Controlled Hunt Area: Access granted by permit drawn through the controlled hunt program.
- (4) Limited Access Area: Access granted by daily permit drawn through OLAP daily permit system. Means of take include: archery, shotgun, legal raptors (following statewide regulations) hand propelled missile or slingshot. Shotgun is restricted to pellets only (pellet size may not be larger than conventional T (0.200" dia.))
- (c) Quail: Hunting hours close at 4:30 p.m. daily.
- (d) Pheasant: Hunting hours close at 4:30 p.m. daily.
- (e) Turkey - Spring: Hunting hours close at 7:00 p.m. daily.
- (f) Trapping: Open to water sets, live box traps, and enclosed trigger traps only.

SUBCHAPTER 24. IMPORT OF CERVIDS

800:25-24-3. Requirements

- (a) The following relate to the importation of live cervids into Commercial Hunting areas.
- (1) The import of cervidae for the purpose of deposition in a Commercial Hunting area that are originating in any county or Canadian province where Chronic Wasting Disease exists in free-ranging native herds shall be prohibited, except the State Veterinarian may allow an import from a Canadian province with Chronic Wasting Disease after notification to the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation and based on a review of the following factors:
- (A) distance of the farmed cervidae facility from the Chronic Wasting Disease area,
(B) existence of double fencing between the farmed cervidae facility and free-ranging native herds,
(C) farmed cervidae facility biosecurity measures,
(D) participation of the farmed cervidae facility in any Canadian Chronic Wasting Disease herd certification programs, and
(E) any other relevant factors.
- (2) All other cervidae imports into Commercial Hunting areas shall only be from a source herd that is in a Chronic Wasting Disease surveillance and certification program for a minimum of five (5) years monitored and the program meets the standards of cervidae importation into Oklahoma;
- (3) import of cervidae into Commercial Hunting areas shall be accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection and an approved Cervidae Import Permit; and
- (4) import of cervidae into a Commercial Hunting area shall follow all other disease testing required by the Oklahoma Statutes or rules promulgated by the Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry.
- (b) The following restrictions apply to the statewide importation of cervid carcasses or carcass parts.
- (1) No person shall import, transport, or possess any cervid carcass or part of a cervid carcass from outside the boundaries of Oklahoma. The following items are the only exceptions:
- (A) Antlers or antlers attached to clean skull plate or cleaned skulls (all tissue removed);
(B) Animal quarters containing no spinal materials or meat with all parts of the spinal column removed;

- (C) Cleaned teeth;
 - (D) Finished taxidermy products;
 - (E) Hides or tanned products.
 - (F) Any deceased, intact cervidae in transit into this state to a taxidermist who is in good standing with the Secretary of State. Disposal of out of state carcasses must be in a clay-lined landfill.
- (c) Upon detection and confirmation of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) in a free-ranging cervid(s) inside of Oklahoma or within 5 miles of the state's border, the following restrictions apply to the movement of a cervid carcass and cervid carcass parts from within the boundaries of any area designated a Selective Surveillance Area (SSA) as defined in the ODWC and Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry jointly approved 2019 Chronic Wasting Disease Response Strategy ("CWD Strategy") or the most current CWD Strategy update.
- (1) No person shall transport any cervid carcass or part of a cervid carcass from within an active SSA to outside of an active SSA. The following items are the only exceptions:
- (A) Antlers detached from the skull plate and antlers attached to clean skull plate or cleaned skulls (all tissue removed);
 - (B) Animal quarters containing no spinal materials or meat with all parts of the spinal column removed;
 - (C) Cleaned teeth;
 - (D) Finished taxidermy products;
 - (E) Hides or tanned products.

SUBCHAPTER 26. SCIENTIFIC COLLECTOR PERMITS

PART 1. SCIENTIFIC PURPOSES

800:25-26-3. Use

- (a) A copy of the approved application must be carried with the collector permit when sampling or collecting in the field.
- (b) The permit holder must notify the Law Enforcement Division at least twenty-four hours prior to the time of sampling or collecting in any county. Notification must be made prior to each trip, unless prior arrangements to the contrary have been made with the Game Warden(s) in the counties involved.
- (c) Instructors in charge of educational classes may take classes into the field and allow students to collect in their presence under their permit. If students collect or sample fish or wildlife when the instructor is not present, they must have their own permit. Students collecting or sampling in the field, under the permit of an instructor, and in the presence of an instructor, are not required to have a hunting or fishing license, or individual permit except as provided in (5).
- (d) Except as stipulated in (e), persons who sample or collect fish or wildlife under a scientific collector permit are not required to possess a fishing or hunting license.
- (e) The permit does not authorize the holder to collect game, furbearing, or predatory species with firearms, bows and arrows, or fish with any hook and line method without a valid Oklahoma hunting and/or fishing license. The following species may not be taken under a scientific collector permit: deer, bear, elk, antelope, ~~or~~ wild turkey, quail, pheasant, prairie-chicken, prairie dog, squirrel, rabbit, fox, bobcat, or mountain lion.
- (f) This permit does not authorize sampling or collecting on State or Federal Refuge or Wilderness Areas.
- (g) Only those specific species, areas, and methods approved by the Department will be covered by the permit. Any variations from the above rules must be covered by specific written approval by the Director and said approval shall be attached to and carried with the permit.
- (h) A Scientific Collector's permit shall not be used to collect those species of wildlife for which a statewide closed season has been established by the Oklahoma Wildlife Commission, unless specifically authorized.
- (i) A Federal Permit is required in addition to the state permit, if migratory birds, threatened or endangered species are to be collected.

PART 3. AUTHORIZATION LETTER

800:25-26-6. Application process and reporting

- (a) The Director, acting on behalf of the Commission, may issue a letter of authorization to a government agency or a sub-division of a government agency including municipal, county, state or federal resource management agencies, for the capture, possession, and/or vouchering of fish and wildlife for the purposes of biological monitoring, conservation education, or research ~~funded~~ approved by the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation.
- (b) The following are the procedures for obtaining a letter of authorization:

- (1) A request for a letter of authorization must be sent in writing to the Fisheries Division Chief or Wildlife Division Chief of the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation.
- (2) The request must identify the following:
 - (A) the need for or purpose of the letter of authorization.
 - (B) the name, agency and contact information (phone number, address and email) of one or more primary points of contact to whom the letter of authorization is issued.
 - (C) the species and estimated numbers of individuals for which the applicant seeks authorization to capture, possess or voucher.
 - (D) the geographic area over which the request extends.
 - (E) a list or description of the methods by which fish and wildlife will be captured or taken,
 - (F) the names of all individuals, including the primary point of contact, who are intended to be covered under the letter of authorization.
 - (G) the intended final disposition of the fish and wildlife requested to be collected.
- (3) Once a letter of authorization request is received, ODWC fish and wildlife biologists will conduct an internal review process. Once the request is reviewed and deemed adequate, it will be submitted for the Director's approval and signature and the approved letter of authorization will be sent to the applicant.
- (4) Letters of authorization expire at the end of each calendar year, and a new request must be submitted each year that the applicant requested authorization.
- (5) Within two months of the end of the calendar year, the primary point of contact is responsible for submitting a written report summarizing the activities conducted under the letter of authorization including the geographic locations where fish and wildlife were captured, the species and numbers of individuals captured, and the disposition of those animals or specimens at the end of the year. Failure to provide an annual report in a timely manner could preclude the issuance of letters of authorization in subsequent years.

800:25-26-7. Uses and specifications

- (a) A copy of the letter of authorization must be carried by each authorized individual when active in the field.
- (b) Each letter of authorization will describe the extent of the activities that it covers including the geographic area and the methods of capture or take.
- (c) Letter of authorization may be issued for the capture, possession and vouchering of species that cannot be permitted under a scientific collector's permit including deer, bear, elk, antelope ~~and~~, turkey, quail, pheasant, prairie-chicken, prairie dog, squirrel, rabbit, fox, bobcat, or mountain lion.
- (d) Letters of authorization may be issued to individuals and laboratories within government research institutions and public universities that conduct fish and wildlife research funded by the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation.
- (e) A letter of authorization does not preclude the need for a federal permit. The capture, possession and vouchering of migratory birds and federally-listed threatened or endangered species requires a federal permit unless exempted under an Endangered Species Act Section 4(d) rule.
- (f) A letter of authorization does not preclude the need to obtain permission from landowners to operate on private property, or the need to obtain permission from official area managers when operating on municipal, state or federal lands.

SUBCHAPTER 30. WILDLIFE DEPREDATION ON AGRICULTURAL CROPS

800:25-30-5. DCAP (Damage Control Assistance Permits)

- (a) Achieving an adequate harvest of antlerless ~~deer~~ game species is widely recognized as the most economical, long-term solution to reducing ~~deer~~ agricultural damage. Special antlerless ~~deer~~ permits may be made available to landowners who have documented depredation to agricultural crops (completed complaint and damage investigation procedures). Each permit will allow the holder of an antlerless ~~deer~~ license or lifetime hunting/combination license to harvest one (1) antlerless ~~deer~~ species for which the permits are allocated for on any day during the ~~deer~~ season, given that method of take is currently open. Permits will be issued free of charge based on the acreage, crop planted, and amount of damage sustained. All ~~antlerless deer~~ wildlife harvested must be tagged immediately with the self-locking, numbered tag, and will be considered bonus ~~deer~~. Except for antlerless hunt zone restrictions on the day of harvest, all other regulations pertaining to deer seasons shall apply. Permits may be used only on specific properties for which they are issued.
- (b) All ~~deer~~ wildlife harvested under DCAP must be recorded in the record book provided. Record books and unused tags must be returned to Wildlife Division, Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation, 1801 N. Lincoln Blvd. Oklahoma City, OK 73105 within 10 days following the close of the ~~deer~~ gun season.

