

AGENDA
Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission
Regular Meeting

Public Meeting: **Monday, August 3rd, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.**
Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation
1801 N. Lincoln Blvd. – Oklahoma Room
Oklahoma City, OK 73105

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The Commission may vote to authorize public comment on any agenda item requesting a rule change. The Chair may announce a time limit to apply to public comment.

1. Call to Order – Chairman Dillingham
2. Roll Call – Tammy St. Yves
3. Invocation – Richard Snow
4. Pledge of Allegiance – Richard Snow
5. Introduction of Guests – Tammy St. Yves
6. Presentation of Awards – Wade Free

 Tony Crawford, Wildlife Technician – 25 Years
 Lt. James Edwards Jr., Beckham County Game Warden – 25 Years
7. Presentation, consideration, discussion and possible action on a donation of \$50,000 from Pheasants Forever/Quail Forever. The funds will be put towards the recent land acquisition at Drummond Flats Wildlife Management Area - Bill Dinkines, Chief of Wildlife Division, and Laura McIver, Oklahoma and Southern Kansas Regional Representative Pheasants Forever/Quail Forever.
8. Presentation on the USDA Feral Swine Eradication and Control Pilot Program (FSCP) in Oklahoma – Bill Dinkines, Chief of Wildlife Division and Justin Cooper, Oklahoma State Director of USDA APHIS Wildlife Services.
9. Recognition of the 2025 Wildlife Division Technician of the Year, Aaron Dossey, and the Biologist of the Year, Jay Rouk – Bill Dinkines, Chief of Wildlife Division.
10. Recognition of Ethan Lovelace as the recipient of the 2025 Fisheries Division Professional of the Year award – Ken Cunningham, Chief of Fisheries Division.

11. Presentation of the Shikar-Safari Club International Game Warden of the Year Award to Jaylen Flynn – Nathan Erdman, Chief of Law Enforcement Division and Shikar-Safari Club International.
12. Recognition of Jeff Pennington as the recipient of the 2026 ODWC Spirit Award – Wade Free, Director.
13. Consideration and possible action on the minutes from June 22nd, 2026, regular Commission meeting.
14. Director's Report
 - a. Calendar Items – discussion of upcoming department calendar items.
 - b. Agency Update – an update on current activity within each division.
 - c. Oklahoma Legislative Update – Nel Rodefald, Assistant Director
15. Presentation of June 30th, 2026, Financial Reports and consideration, discussion, and possible action on miscellaneous donations. – Andrea Crews, Chief of Administration Division.
16. **POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE SESSION** pursuant to Title 25 O.S. § 307(B)(3) for the discussion of the appraisal and/or purchase of certain real properties located in Creek, Okmulgee and Love Counties; with any action thereon to take place through discussion, consideration, and vote in Open Session – Bill Dinkines, Chief of Wildlife Division.
 - a. Vote to Enter Executive Session
 - b. Executive Session pursuant to 25 O.S. § 307(B)(3).
 - c. Vote to Exit Executive Session
 - d. Possible discussion and action on items discussed in Executive Session.
17. **POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE SESSION** pursuant to Title 25 O.S. § 307(B)(4) for the purpose of confidential communications between the Commission and outside counsel Leonard, Long & Cassil, PLLC concerning (1) *Cherokee Nation, et al v. Free, et al.*, Case No. 25-cv-00630-CVE-JFJ (Northern Dist. Okla.), (2) *Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation et al. v. Drummond*, Case No. CV-2026-1045 (District Court Okla. County), (3) *Muscogee (Creek) Nation v. Free et al.*, Case No. 26-cv-00003-CVE-JFJ (Northern Dist. Okla.), (4) *Janus v. ODWC*, CJ-2018-6438 (District Court Okla. County) and related appeals, (5) *Nelson v. Oklahoma ex rel. ODWC*, CV-2024-1369 (District Court Okla. County), and (6) *Palmer v. Hooks*, Case No. CV-26-26 (District Court of Choctaw County) where the Commission, with the advice of its attorney, has determined that disclosure of information related to the claim(s) or action(s) will seriously impair the ability of the Commission to conduct litigation in the public interest, provided that any action taken shall be in open session.
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 - b. Executive Session pursuant to 25 O.S. § 307(B)(4).
 - c. Vote to Exit Executive Session
 - d. Possible discussion and action on items discussed in Executive Session.

18. New Business – This business, in accordance with Oklahoma Statutes, Title 25, § 311(A)(9) and (10) is limited to any matter not known about or which could have not been reasonably foreseen prior to the time of posting of this agenda.
19. Announce the September 8th, 2026, Commission meeting is the Tuesday after Labor Day in OKC.
20. Adjourn

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