

AGENDA
Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission
Regular Meeting

Public Meeting: **Tuesday, September 8th, 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 – Bill Dinkines
4. Pledge of Allegiance – Bill Dinkines
5. Introduction of Guests – Tammy St. Yves
6. Presentation of Awards – Wade Free

Joe Alexander, Washington County Game Warden Supervisor – 20 Years
Bill Dinkines, Chief of Wildlife Division – 35 Years

7. Recognition of employees who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to Oklahoma's wildlife and fisheries resources. – Director, Wade Free
8. Recognition of the 2026 Landowner of the Year, Troy Lotspeich – Bill Dinkines, Chief of Wildlife Division and Brett Cooper, Private Lands Biologist
9. New World Screwworm (NWS) Update and Presentation – Bill Dinkines, Chief of Wildlife Division and Joey McAllister, Programs Supervisor.
10. Recognition of the winner of the Conservation Change Agent Award from the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies. – Director, Wade Free and Kelly Adams, Communication and Education Supervisor.
11. Consideration and possible action on minutes from the August 3rd, 2026, regular Commission meeting.
12. 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 Rodefeld, Assistant Director

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13. Presentation of July 31st, 2026, Financial Reports and consideration discussion, and possible action on miscellaneous donations. – Andrea Crews, Chief of Administration Division
14. **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 Garfield and Okfuskee 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.
15. **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.
 - a. Vote to Enter Executive Session
 - 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.
16. 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.
17. Announce October 5th, 2026, Commission meeting will be held in Oklahoma City.
18. Adjourn

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